

EIR Request (received 04 February 2024) - Reference: DFI/2024-0052

There are approximately 10,000 cars using this road [Tempo Road, Enniskillen] every day, and this is increasing substantially now that Devenish College has opened (and this will increase even more if this proposal goes ahead). There have been a number of collisions on this particular stretch in the last 5 years (I also want a freedom of information request on the number of collisions between the Cherrymount Roundabout and Killyvilly). Since the opening of the Cherrymount link road in 2013 and the relocation of the South West Acute Hospital the Tempo Road is now more often used for emergency routes between Enniskillen and the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast. There have been 71 deaths on NI roads in 2023 and DFI should be striving to reduce this number and insisting on full road design with no departures from standards. This substandard design should not be accepted under any conditions.

Response (issued 15 February 2024)

Thank you for your e-mail dated 04 February 2024 requesting, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI), the following information held by the Department:

The number of collisions between the Cherrymount Roundabout and Killyvilly in the last 5 years.

In considering your request on behalf of the Department, I have determined that the information requested falls under the aegis of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR), as opposed to Freedom of Information Act 2000. Your request is for information that relates to activities, policies or plans that affect the environment. Section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act specifically excludes from consideration under that Act requests for what is deemed to be environmental information.

A guide explaining the Environmental Information Regulations can be found at:
<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/foi-eir-and-access-to-information/guide-to-the-environmental-information-regulations/>.

In response to your request, I can confirm that the Department for Infrastructure does hold information related to your request and being suitable for disclosure, see response below.

Our records indicate that there have been 7 no. personal injury road traffic collisions (RTCs) recorded on the B80 Tempo Road between the roundabout at the A32 Crannog Way and U9620 Killyvally Road inclusive between 2014 and 2020.

The Department for Infrastructure received information from the PSNI on Road Traffic Collisions involving personal injury for road safety reasons. The Department only receive this information in part and currently only have information at this location to 2020.

Should you require further information on road traffic collisions at this location please could I suggest you contact the PSNI Freedom of Information section.

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