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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Students Council of Doora N.S. We are a rural school on the outskirts of Ennis with 97 pupils.

Due to the current road layout, it is exceptionally dangerous for the students to walk, cycle or scoot to school, especially during silage season. With this in mind, we asked the students of our school the following question on the 18/11/2022:

“If the road to school was made safer, would you walk, scoot or cycle to school more often?”


71 out of 93 children present voted ‘yes’. Please note that 8 children are on the school transport scheme & cannot walk, cycle or scoot to school. A small number of children living opposite the school currently walk to school and refrained from answering the question.

The building a footpath from the church to school would solve the problem of the road being too busy and dangerous to walk, cycle or scoot on. Some of the key benefits of having a footpath along the road to Doora School are:

- It would make the road safer, encouraging more people to walk, cycle or scoot
- It would be a lot better for the environment. Children could be dropped at the church and walk with family or friends, reducing the need for 55+ cars to travel to the school daily
- It would be a brilliant way to get exercise before school, thus helping to keep us fit and healthy
- We would be more focussed for our lessons in the morning, something that is proven in numerous educational articles

With the above in mind, we the students of Doora NS, wish to support the forthcoming submission being made by the Ennis Municipal District to the NTA. Our lives and the health and wellbeing of the entire school community are at stake.

Kind regards


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Chairperson, Doora NS SC