

Annacotty Business Park Transport Survey

2025



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Background & Summary

Over the past several years, Limerick Chamber has actively advocated for the inclusion of Annacotty Business Park into the wider metropolitan bus plan for Limerick.

As part of the Limerick Chamber submission to the Bus Connects Plan for Limerick we highlighted the significance of Annacotty as a major employment hub hosting primarily indigenous Irish businesses. The business park houses 33 companies and employs approximately 3,000 individuals.

As part of the Limerick Chamber submission on the Bus Connects plan (2023), we surveyed the employees of the park to ascertain demand for public and active transport. At the time, the survey showed huge support for public transport options to the park. However, given the time that has elapsed since that survey, we thought it appropriate to undertake a new round of consultation and surveys with both employers and employees of the park to have the most up to date data as possible.

The findings for the 2025 survey, much like the 2023 survey, show huge demand for public transport links to the park with 81% of employees open to using public transport to travel to work.

In a time where the unemployment rate in the Mid-West is 3.4%, quality staff are more difficult to attract and retain, it is ever more important to provide workers with safe, sustainable and reliable options for travelling to work. This is a key concern for businesses in the park, unless employees have access to a car, they are essentially locked out of working in the park due to a lack of other options.

In turn this is stifling the potential growth of businesses in the park.

There is also the climate and sustainability aspect, more and more of Limerick Chamber members wish to positively change their carbon footprint - ensuring that employees have access to public and active transport is a critical element of this.

Included in this report are the findings of the 2025 survey which undoubtedly show that employees want greater access to sustainable modes of transport. This report makes the case, that it does not need to be an all day route, as the majority of employees arrive and leave within two hour window with most employees travelling from within Limerick.



Employee Feedback



Employees, and what would be the ultimate users of the bus service, have been very clear in their support and desire for a bus route serving Annacotty Business Park. Through the "comment section" of our survey, we were able to delve deeper into the public transport issue, beyond solely figures around demand and current transport patterns.

Many employees referenced that if they, or their colleagues, do not have a car, they must alight at a bus stop 3.2 kilometres away and walk upwards of 40-minutes to their work place in the business park. Not only does this significantly increase journey time, but it can be significantly impacted by poor weather.

Of course, there is also the possibility to cycle from that bus stop to work, significantly reducing journey times, however many employees highlighted that they do not / would not feel safe cycling on the R506 to the business park.

Combined with this, employees also highlighted concerns at the level crossing, where there is no footpath (or cycle lane) and employees must walk on a thin margin of road - which presents quite a dangerous element of the journey.

Many employees of the park highlight that the lack of public transport is causing unnecessary cost burdens on employees whereby they must own and run a car to get to work, or in other cases they are locked out of working in the business park because of poor transport options.

Many employees are forward thinking and advocate for the nearby train line to include a stop for the business park, a position that Limerick Chamber would echo.

Furthermore, many employees cite the current car reliance of the business park as a cause for increasing traffic congestion, highlighting that if a bus route was available this would reduce congestion at and surrounding the park.

Ultimately, many employees believe that having a bus route would make travelling to work, easier, safer and cheaper.

“How do you usually travel to work?”



Why do you choose this mode of transport?”

67% Have No Alternative



81% Would consider using public transport if it was available”

74% of Employees travel from LIMERICK



“What type of public and active transport options would you like to see?”



96% want improved bus infrastructure

28% want improved walking infrastructure

29% want improved cycling infrastructure

76% of Employees

Arrive between 7.30am to 9.00am



68% of Employees

Leave between 4:00pm to 6:00pm



**“55% of employees
travel more than 10km
to get to work”**

**“48% of employees take
16 to 30 minutes to
travel to work”**





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