



The pedestrian footbridge at Carlow train station makes it impossible for passengers with mobility issues to use the service. Photo: Thomas Nolan

being left stranded on the platform at Carlow train station due to accessibility issues.

A set of steep steps to a footbridge is the only way for people to access platform two at the train station, causing difficulties to those with mobility issues.

Carlow Chamber has called on Irish Rail to take action and improve accessibility at Carlow train station, stating it gave a bad impression of the town and caused embarrassment.

Chamber president Derek Shannon said: "Passengers with mobility issues, one a train which pulls into platform two at the train station in Carlow town cannot often cross the footbridge as

train station.

"We are aware that passengers can contact Irish Rail 24 hours in advance of arriving in Carlow for platform arrangements to be changed or if that is not possible a taxi service can be provided from the next nearest station which is Bagenalstown, a 20 minute drive away. It is unacceptable in 2015 for anyone to worry whether or not the correct arrangements are in place in order that they can leave the train. It creates a bad impression of Carlow and it causes stress and embarrassment to people who are either visiting the county or commuting to work here."

Mr Shannon said Irish Rail was aware of the situation but had done nothing to

prioritised but said there was no funding available.

"We invested significantly in accessibility upgrades at stations across our network for a number of years, with a view to maximising accessibility across the network. However, with our funding dramatically reduced in recent years, we have been unable to progress this work further to the extent we would wish."

Mr Kenny said that Irish Rail had detailed the station requirements to the National Transport Authority (NTA) and added: "In the meantime, we will make arrangements for customers who require assistance for trains to come into the main platform, but obviously advance notice is needed."

Riverside drinking may be banned from the Barrow

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Mullins and Sinnott hinch after by-laws were passed by Carlow Co. Council earlier this summer.

Now there are proposals to extend the by-law to cover other villages, towns or

to Carlow Co. Council about banning the consumption of alcohol. Clif Gladhay agreed that playing bridge did have a problem with people drinking on its river banks, while Cathaoiríeach Denis Foley suggested that smoking in play grounds should be banned, too. Gladhay also suggested that one submission to cover the county could fast-track the process.



Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 as amended

Notice under Regulation 20 of the EPA (Industrial Emissions) (Licensing) Regulations, 2013

O'Toole Composting Limited, located at Ballintrae, Fenagh, County Carlow, National Grid Reference E6754 N7904, Reg No. W0284-01, applied to the Agency for an Industrial Emissions Licence. On the 03/09/2015 the Agency proposed to grant a licence subject to conditions for classes 11.4 and 11.1 of the list Schedule of the EPA Act, 1992 as amended. An objection by any party must state the grounds for objection and be accompanied by the appropriate fee and be received online at www.epa.ie or in the Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use, EPA Headquarters, P.O. Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford, by 5pm on 30/09/2015. Any person making an objection may request an oral hearing of the objection. A request for an oral hearing must be accompanied by the appropriate fee and be received online at www.epa.ie or in writing at the above address by the 30/09/2015. The proposed licence may be inspected at the above address (Tel: 1890 335559 or 053 916060) or obtained from a payment of a fee of €3.80. It is also available to view on the Agency's website www.epa.ie.

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no free zone. He suggested that representatives from different areas should join forces and submit a proposal together.



An outright ban on drinking alcohol alongside the River Barrow was discussed by councillors at their meeting last week. Photo: Michael O'Rourke

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