



Meath County Council

Appropriate Assessment

Determination

From: Paul O'Brien, Executive Engineer

File Reference: P8/

Description of Development: This application relates to the development of a cycle/pedestrian improvement scheme known as Navan Cycle Scheme – R147 Poolboy Bridge to Kells Road Roundabout along the existing road corridor incorporating;

- R147, from its junction with R-161-5 Watergate Street and R-162-169 Flower Hill westwards to the N51 Junction with Beaufort Road and L-8950-0 Abbey Road. Thereon continuing westwards along the N51 to tie-in with the proposed LDR4 road scheme to the east of the existing Kells Road Roundabout.
- The junction of the R147 with R-161-5 Watergate Street and R-162-169 Flower Hill known as Poolboy Bridge.
- The junction of R147 with the N51 Beaufort Road and L-8950-0 Abbey Road known as 'Fire Station Junction'.
- The junction of the N51 and the R-895-2 Canon Row and the Balmoral Industrial Estate.

The proposed works will be carried out within existing roadway boundaries, with some minor relocation/setting back of some private boundaries.

Construction works along the route will involve the following elements;

- Construction of new kerb lines for new footpaths and cycle lanes/tracks
- Provision of new footpaths and/or upgrading of existing surfaces on footpaths
- Provision of controlled crossings points for pedestrians and cyclists
- Provision of segregated cycling facilities
- Provision for shared road space for cycling
- Upgrading of existing signalised junctions to accommodate safe pedestrian and cyclist manoeuvres
- Removal of the existing left-turn-lane on Abbey Road heading west
- The provision of additional landscaping such as trees, shrubbery etc.
- Earthworks / excavations of existing roadways and verges, of existing roadway/footpaths, for service ducts and road crossings, etc.
- All associated civil works with the above i.e., ducting, drainage, concreting, macadam works, tree felling, hedge removal etc
- Provision of retaining features within existing side slopes to provide additional width for pedestrian and cycling facilities
- Setting back of the wall between the N51 and Dean Cogan Place
- Upgrading existing bus stops

Location: The site is located in the townlands of Townparks & Abbeyland South in Navan, Co. Meath. The site is between approximately 340 metres and 790 metres north of Navan town centre along the R147 and the N51.

The Screening for Appropriate Assessment was carried out by Atkins Ireland and their screening conclusion states the following:

'It is concluded by the authors of this report that the proposed 'Navan Cycle Scheme – R147 Poolboy Bridge to Kells Road Roundabout' project, either alone or in-combination with other plans or projects, will not result in likely significant effects on River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC, River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA or any other European site. Thus, it is recommended that it is not necessary for the project to proceed to Appropriate Assessment.'

Having regard to this screening report, it is considered that Meath County Council can determine that the proposed development will not affect the integrity of any designated site.

The Assessment as reported is adopted as the determination of Meath County Council.



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Date: 10th November 2022



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Date: 14/11/2022