

# Completion of the Boyne Valley-LakeLands greenway moves a step closer

WORKS began last week on the latest stretch of the Boyne Valley to LakeLands Greenway between Nobber and Kingscourt, a distance of 11km.  
David Civil Engineering from Navan was awarded the contract and will carry out the works in stages starting with the section between Nobber and Kilmalnahwood, as far as the bridge over the River Dee.  
Cllr Eugene Cassidy welcomed the commencement of works



The railway gate at the crossing in Kilmalnahwood.

saying: "Today we move one step closer to the completion of the Boyne Valley-LakeLands greenway. Another milestone along the way and a very important milestone. We will be opening up the area that passes by the beautiful Whitewood lake, Meath's biggest lake. We will be connecting Kilmalnahwood to the greenway and moving on towards Kingscourt."  
He explained that further down the line, negotiations are ongoing

between Meath County Council and Gyproc for the best solutions for the greenway along Gyproc's property. Cllr Cassidy also added that Meath County Council are in constant contact with Cavan County Council who will be connecting the greenway in to Dún Na Ri Forest Park.  
"This park will be a fantastic start/end to the greenway and people should not underestimate the impact Dún Na Ri will have on the overall experience of the Boyne

Valley-LakeLands greenway."  
Meanwhile, tenders for the stretch between Castlelow and Wilkinstown closed last week and will now be assessed. Work on the 4km section is expected to start in the new year and be completed by next summer.  
Three sections of the greenway have been completed to date linking Nobber and Castlelow as well as a section between Wilkinstown and Gibbstown.

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Cllr Blaine McChiney said that it was very worrying that €29m of the council's €55m budget on housing was going towards payments.  
It was also worrying that so many landlords were exiting the housing system. A new model of housing was needed, independent Cllr Alan Lavey said the increase in expenditure had to be welcomed but increased by 92 per cent and the rate base had increased at something like the same rate. "That is a stunning performance. There were also bad times but this council weathered the storm. The council had a debt balance of €10m not that many years ago. That was eliminated through proper management".  
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**Notice of Proposed Development**

**Planning Notice – Part 8**

Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 - 2022, Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 - 2022.

The proposed works will be carried out within an area which is currently undergoing public realm redevelopment permitted under Planning Ref PB/17004.  
The proposed works will be carried out within existing public area boundaries.  
The proposed development shall include:  
The construction of a Kiosk Building to a revised design and layout from that previously permitted under Planning Ref PB/17004, which shall incorporate a commercial food and beverage counter, a tourist information stand and bus driver rest and welfare facilities.  
All associated service connections, alterations to adjacent paved surfaces to facilitate access to the proposed building.  
The proposed works above will take place in the townland of Abbeyland South in Navan, Co Meath. In accordance with Article 81(2)(ca) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2022, Meath County Council has concluded from a screening determination under Article 120(1B)(b)(i) that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.  
Any person may, within 4 weeks from the date of this notice, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.  
The plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection and/or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, from 5 December 2022 to 12 January 2023 during opening hours only, at the office of the local authority as follows:  
Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, Co Meath, G15 Y291 (Inspection and Purchase) and on the Meath County Council website [www.meath.ie](http://www.meath.ie) and on the Meath County Council website [www.meath.ie/planning/meshthco.coe](http://www.meath.ie/planning/meshthco.coe) or before 5pm on 26 January 2023.  
[www.meath.ie](http://www.meath.ie) or [cassidy.meath.ie](http://cassidy.meath.ie) or [planning@meathco.ie](mailto:planning@meathco.ie) on or before 5pm on 26 January 2023.

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Dated: Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
Signed on behalf of the Council: Francis Regan, Acting Administrative Officer

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**Of:** 2 Windtown Crescent, Navan, County Meath

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