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1. INTRODUCTION / OBJECTIVES

1.1 Project Background

1.1.1 This report supports the Part VIII planning application for the Greenogue Rural Bus Stops Scheme.

1.1.2 The objectives of the scheme include:

- Provide two new bus stop facilities at the selected location in Greenogue, Ashbourne, County Meath
- Provide new footpath connections and an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing point
- To provide new public lighting at this location
- Comply with environmental requirements

1.2 Description of Scheme

1.2.1 Meath County Council, in conjunction with the National Transport Authority, is advancing works to construct of two new offline bus stops in Greenogue, Ashbourne, Co Meath. The proposed scheme includes for the construction of two new offline bus stops, on either side of the R125 Regional Road, associated interconnecting footpath infrastructure, including an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing, and associated public lighting, drainage, boundary treatments, and surfacing works.

2. DESIGN GUIDANCE

2.1.1 The following design guidance were used in the design of this scheme:

- Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS);
- NTA Guidance on Bus Stop Locations in Rural Areas;
- Guidance on the Use of Tactile Paving Surfaces;
- MCC Public Lighting Technical Specification and Requirements;
- Traffic Signs Manual;
- Greater Dublin Area Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works; and
- TII Publications.

3. PROPOSED SCHEME

3.1 Overall Layout and General Requirements

3.1.1 The proposed scheme includes for the construction of two new offline bus stops, on either side of the R125 Regional Road, associated interconnecting footpath infrastructure, including an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing, and associated public lighting, drainage, boundary treatments, and surfacing works.

3.2 Land Acquisition Requirements

3.2.1 Land is to be acquired on the southern side of the R125 in order to accommodate the scheme.

3.3 Broad Environmental Impacts

- 3.3.1 An AA Screening has been undertaken for the scheme. The location, scale and nature of the works is such that it will not directly or indirectly impact on any of the habitats or species of the Natura sites considered, nor will it contravene their conservation objectives, plans or targets. The development location consists of non-annexed habitat. The proposed development does not require water abstraction or direct discharge to surface water, land or air. No changes to surface water quality (microbiologically, chemically, physically or quantitatively) are anticipated given that there are no direct discharges or abstraction from surface water.
- 3.3.2 An EIA Screening has been undertaken for the scheme. Given the scale and nature of the proposed development the overall risk posed to the environment is considered to be low and there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and an EIA is not required [Article 120(1B)(i)].
- 3.3.3 An Arboricultural Assessment and Impact Report has been undertaken for the scheme.

3.4 Road Safety Audit

- 3.4.1 A Stage 1 Road Safety Audit has been commissioned for the scheme. Any issues arising from this audit will be addressed during the Detailed Design process.

3.5 Construction Methodology

- 3.5.1 All construction activities will be controlled within the construction site. Materials, waste handling and storage will be within confines of the site. Temporary traffic management will be implemented.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 Statutory Bodies

- 4.1.1 As part of the Preliminary Design, regular meetings were held with Meath County Council (the Client). These meetings consisted of progress updates, highlighting any issues that arose and discussing potential solutions or variations to the design. There have been no issues in relation to the works to date. As part of the planning process for this project, the project proposals including scheme drawings will be available for public inspection at the offices of the Meath County Council.

4.2 Affected Landowners

- 4.2.1 Preliminary meetings and discussions have been held between Meath County Council and directly affected landowners.

4.3 Affected Stakeholders

- 4.3.1 Preliminary discussions have taken place with some of the potentially effected stakeholders.