

(A) Project Details

Proposed Carpark at Barrack Lane, Granard, Co. Longford

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Applicant name	Longford County Council																								
Development Location	Cooleeney, Co Longford																								
Site size	0.18 Ha																								
Application accompanied by an EIS (Yes/NO)	No																								
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Description of the project/proposed development

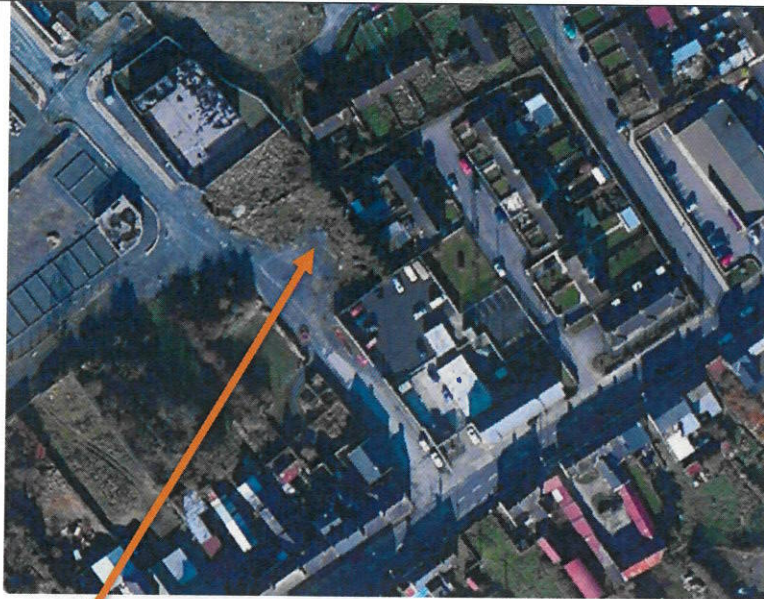
The subject lands are located at Barrack Lane in Granard, Co. Longford. The proposed site area is approximately 0.19 Ha. The site has open access to the public and does not have any building or outbuildings. The site at Barrack Lane is in the ownership of Longford County Council.

The site itself is currently used in an uncontrolled fashion for a turning space for vehicles, with the remaining part of the site overgrown with vegetation.

The site is bounded: to the east by the Residential Estate of Denniston Park; to the North by a commercial unit complex (Eircom Building) and footpath; to the South by the Garda Barracks; and to the East by local road L-51222.

The site is in an ideally suited for a carparking facility due to its central location in the town and its proximity to all amenities. The location of this proposed car park is also in line with Government requirements. The provision of off-street parking will also free up valuable car spaces being use along the Main St. of Granard.

The provision of this facility in Granard will add to the attractiveness of the town as a place to stop and explore what this town has to offer and potentially increase social, recreational and tourist activity.



Location Of Site

Extract from Google Maps – Granard, Co. Longford

Design

Construction to include the following:

1. Installation of 38 No. Carparking spaces
2. Provision of 4 No. Disabled parking bays
3. 4 No. Electric Charging bays,
4. 2 No. Vehicle Charging points,
5. Re-Location of Bottle Bank,
6. Works also to include the Construction of a proposed boundary wall, drainage works, hard and soft landscaping,
7. Provision of ducting to facilitate the Installation of future public lighting and all associated site developments works.
8. Provision of Restrictive Access Barriers.
9. Provision of Footpaths

Also included will be;

- Drainage works including the provision of road gullies
- Pavement construction works
- Access and accommodation works
- Underground ducting for future Streetlighting.
- Traffic Management

Services

All existing main services such as water, storm, Eircom and electricity are available along the existing roads. Proposed connections into existing service.

Overall site area of the proposed scheme
is 0.18 Ha

(B) Identification of Natura 2000 sites which may be impacted by the proposed development		
		Yes/No If answer is yes, identify list name of Natura 2000 site likely to be impacted.
1	<p>Impacts on sites designated for freshwater habitats or species.</p> <p><u>Sites to consider (but not limited to):</u> Lough Ree SAC; Fortwilliam Turlough SAC; Lough Forbes Complex SAC;</p>	<p><i>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include freshwater habitats and/or species, or in the catchment (upstream or downstream) of same?</i></p> <p>NO</p>
2	<p>Impacts on sites designated for wetland habitats - bogs, fens, marshes and heath.</p> <p><u>Sites to consider (but not limited to):</u> Ardagullion Bog SAC; Brown Bog SAC; Clooneen Bog SAC; Derragh Bog SAC; Mount Jessop Bog SAC; Lough Ree SAC; Mount Jessop Bog SAC.</p>	<p><i>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include wetland habitats (bog, marsh, fen or heath), or within 1 km of same?</i></p> <p>NO</p>
3	<p>Impacts on designated terrestrial habitats.</p> <p><u>Sites to consider (but not limited to):</u> Clooneen Bog SAC; Derragh Bog SAC; Lough Forbes Complex SAC; Lough Ree SAC; Mount Jessop Bog SAC.</p>	<p><i>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include woodlands, dunes or grasslands, or within 100m of same?</i></p> <p>NO</p>
4	<p>Impacts on birds in SPAs</p> <p><u>Sites to consider (but not limited to):</u> Ballykenny-Fisherstown Bog SPA; Glen Lough SPA; Lough Kinale and Derragh Lough SPA; Lough Ree SPA</p>	<p><i>Is the development within a Special Protection Area, or within 5 km of same?</i></p> <p>NO</p>
(C) Identification of Potential Impacts on Habitats and Birds		
1	<p>Impacts on designated rivers, streams, lakes and freshwater dependant habitats and species</p> <p>If 'Yes' is recorded in answer to question 1 in Table B, please answer the following.</p>	

	Does the development involve any of the following:	
1.1	Works within the boundary of a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) excluding small extensions/alterations to existing buildings.	No
1.2	Discharge to surface water or groundwater within 5km of SAC.	No
1.3	Abstraction from surface water or groundwater within 5km of SAC	No
1.4	Removal of topsoil within 500m of watercourses.	No
1.5	Infilling or raising of ground levels within 100m of watercourses.	No
1.6	Construction of drainage ditches within 1km of SAC.	No
1.7	Installation of wastewater treatment systems; percolation areas; septic tanks within 500m of watercourses.	No
1.8	Construction within a floodplain or within an area liable to flood.	No
1.9	Crossing or culverting of rivers or streams within 5km of SAC.	No
1.10	Storage of chemicals, hydrocarbons or organic wastes within 1km of a watercourse.	No
1.11	Development of a large-scale which involves the production of an EIAR.	No
1.12	Development of quarries/mines.	No
1.13	Development of windfarms.	No
1.14	Development of pumped hydro-electric stations.	No
1.15	Construction of roads or other infrastructure on peat habitats within 1km of rivers, streams, lakes and freshwater-dependant habitats.	No
2	Impacts on designated wetlands – bogs, fens, marshes and heath If 'Yes' is recorded in answer to question 2 in Table B, please answer the following. Does the development involve any of the following:	
2.1	Works within the boundary of a Special Area of Conservation (SAC), excluding small extensions/alterations to existing buildings.	No
2.2	Construction of roads or other infrastructure on peat habitats within 1km of bog, marsh, fen or heath habitat within a Natura 2000 site.	No
2.3	Development of a large scale within 1km of bog, marsh, fen or heath habitat within a Natura 2000 site which involves the production of an EIS.	No
3	Impacts on other designated terrestrial habits (woodland, grasslands) If 'Yes' is recorded in answer to question 3 in Table B, please answer the following. Does the development involve any of the following:	
3.1	Works within the boundary of a Special Area of Conservation (SAC).	No
3.2	Development within 200m of Natura 2000 site with woodland, grassland or coastal habitats.	No
3.3	Development of a large scale within 1km of Natura 2000 site with woodland, grassland or coastal habitats which involves the production of an EIS.	No
4	Impacts on birds in SPAs If 'Yes' is recorded in answer to question 4 in Table B, please answer the following. Does the development involve any of the following:	

4.1	Works within the boundary of a Special Protection Area (SPA) excluding small extensions/alterations to existing buildings.	
4.2	Erection of wind turbines within 5km of a SPA.	No
4.3	Proposed discharges directly to SPA.	No
4.4	Development of cycleways or walking routes within 100m of SPA.	No

Conclusion:

If the answer to all of the above is **No**, significant impacts on habitats within Natura 2000 sites can be ruled out.

No further assessment is required in relation to habitats.

If the answer is **Yes**, you will require further information, which should be provided in the form of a Natura Impact Statement which should address the particular issues of concern as identified through the above.

Consideration of potential impacts on protected species within SACs

Currently, one of our Special Areas of Conservation is designated for species as well as for habitats, namely Lough Ree SAC, which includes habitat for otters *Lutra lutra*. Activities could have an impact on this protect species. Please tick if you are concerned that the proposed development could have an impact on these species.

Species	Relevant Site(s)	Activities which could have impacts on species	Possible Impacts Identified Yes/No
Otter	Lough Ree	Activities that interfere with river banks.	No (Site approx. 34 km distant from Lough Ree, or approx. 26Km via flow path)

Conclusion:

If the answer to all of the above is **No**, significant impacts on species can be ruled out.

If the answer is **Yes**, then further information is likely to be required in relation to potential for impact on that particular species.

(D) Summary of Impacts	
Natura 2000 Sites within impact zone	
Qualifying features of Natura 2000 Site (attach site synopsis from National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS))	
(E) Assessment of Likely Significant Effects (from Tables above)	
Describe how the project or plan (alone or in combination) could affect the Natura 2000 site(s).	
If there are potential impacts, explain whether you consider if these are likely to be significant.	

(F) Relevant Advice Received		
Documentation reviewed for making this statement.		
Persons/Bodies consulted with for the making of this statement.		
(G) SCREENING CONCLUSION STATEMENT		
<i>Selected relevant category for project assessed by ticking box.</i>		
1	AA is not required because the project is directly connected with/necessary to the conservation management of the site	
2	No potential significant affects/AA is not required	✓
3	Significant effects are certain, likely or uncertain. Seek a Natura Impact Statement Reject proposal. (Reject if potentially damaging/inappropriate)	
Justify why it falls into relevant category above (based on information in above tables)		
Name:	David Coppinger	
Position:	Senior Executive Engineer, Roads	
Date:	1 st September 2022	

Concluding Statement

The proposed scheme consists primarily of providing off street carparking in the town of Granard to alleviate congestion during peak times.

The proposed work will include connecting into the existing storm water drainage network.

The works will not result in direct or indirect effects on any European sites and there are no hydrological linkages to Natura 2000 sites.

It is noted that;

- The Proposed works are localised and minor in scale.
- The Proposed works will be undertaken using best design practices and construction methodologies, which will include Environmental Management Plans, Spill Response Plans as standard requirements within the construction contract documents.
- The Proposed Scheme is situated approximately 5Km upstream of the European site and is considered sufficiently remote so as not to present any significant effects.

Both in the construction and operational phase of the proposed scheme, it is considered extremely unlikely that an accident or spill event within the boundary of the proposed works would be of sufficient magnitude, duration or extent so as to cause significant adverse effects on these European sites.

Consequently, it is concluded that the Proposed Scheme will not give rise to significant effects, and thus does not require a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.