

LONGFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

**SECTION 179 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000
(as amended)**

**PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (as
amended)**

PROPOSAL TO CARRY OUT A DEVELOPMENT REFERRED TO AS –

**PART 8 – NO. 99 ENNYBEGS CYCLIST AND
PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

**REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SECTION 179 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)**

AND

**PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED)**

To: The Cathaoirleach and Members of Granard Municipal District.

Being satisfied that the requirements of subsections (1) and (2) of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, and Articles 79 to 85 inclusive of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) have been fully complied with in relation to the above proposed development, I have prepared the attached report in accordance with the requirements of subsection (3) of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended and formally submit same to the Cathaoirleach and members of Granard Municipal District for consideration.

1. Introduction / Site Location of the proposed development.
2. The nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof are as set out in Section 2 of the Report.
3. Section 3 of the Report evaluates the consistency of the development with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the development plan.

I am satisfied that all issues have been fully considered in the evaluation and that the proposed development is consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the development plan, for the reasons set out in the report.

4. The persons and bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with the provisions of the above Act and Regulations are listed at Section 4.
5. Nature and extent of proposed development.
6. Section 5 sets out details in relation to Appropriate Assessment.
7. Section 7 sets out the EIA Screening Determination.
8. Sets out the recommendation of the Planning Authority in relation to the proposed development regarding the planning considerations and submissions and observations received.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 179(3)(b)(v) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) I recommend that the proposed development should be proceeded with subject to the conditions listed in Section 6 of the attached report.

Dated this the **15th November 2022**



**John Brannigan,
Director of Services.**

Note:

Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) – Subsection 4 of Section 179.

- (4) (a) The members of the local authority shall, as soon as may be, consider the proposed development and the report of the Chief Executive under subsection (3).
- (b) Following consideration of the Chief Executive's Report under paragraph (a), the proposed development may be carried out as recommended in the Chief Executive's Report, unless the local authority, by resolution, decides to vary or modify the

development, otherwise than as recommended in the Chief Executive's Report, or decides not to proceed with the development.

- (c) A resolution under paragraph (b) must be passed not later than 6 weeks after receipt of the Chief Executive's Report.



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PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

PART 8, No. 99

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1. INTRODUCTION/ SITE LOCATION

Introduction:

Construction of the ‘Ennybegs Pedestrian and Cycle Improvement Scheme’ to include c. 840m long shared pathway, approximately 3m in width, and ancillary site works along the L-1040-0 from St. Teresa’s National School to St. Mary’s Burial Ground at Clontumper/Aghaboy, Ennybeys, County Longford.

Site Location

The site is located along within the hinterland and surroundings to the east of Ennybegs village. The proposed site is c. 840m long and will connect up with existing paths at St Mary’s Burial Ground and St Teresa’s National School.

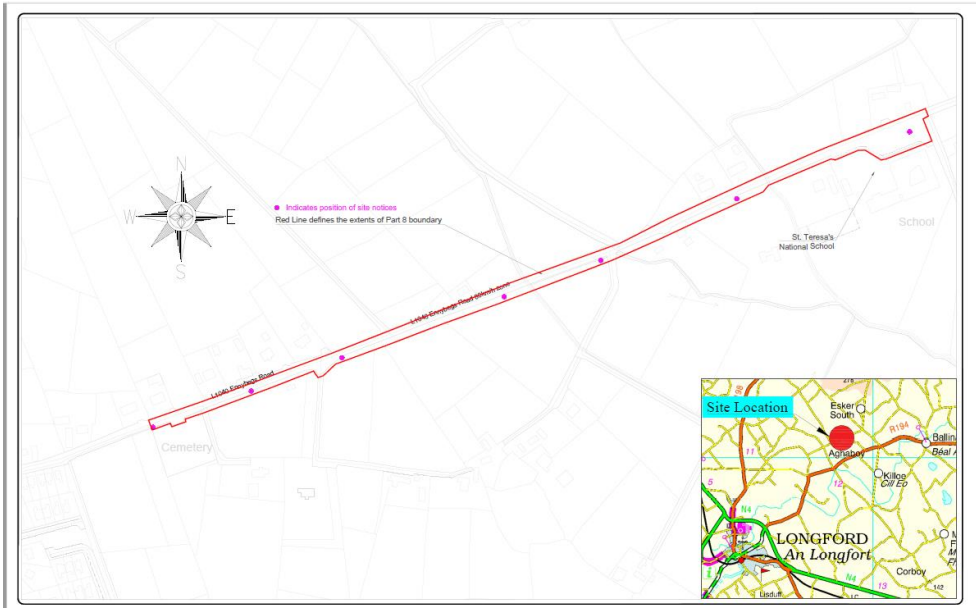


Fig 2: Location of proposed development

2. NATURE AND EXTENT OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Scope of Proposed Works

The development will consist of:

- Removal of existing roadside boundaries to include existing trees and hedgerows to accommodate the provision of a predominantly 3m wide shared bicycle and pedestrian pathway approximately 840m long along the southern side of the L-1040-0.
- Installation of new setback fence-line and / or native hedgerow and tree placement along full length of proposed route.
- Creation of new field entrance and improvement works to existing residential entrances and bridge walling along proposed route.
- Provision of new street lighting, undergrounding of existing overhead services where considered necessary, and all ancillary site works.
- Creation of a school zone in front of St. Teresa's National School.

3. PLANNING CONSIDERATION/EVALUATION

The proposed development was screened for Appropriate Assessment, in which it was noted that at the closest points the proposal is approximately 4km northeast of the Carriglass Demesne pNHA, 10km from Lough Gowna pNHA, 13km from Ardagullion Bog SAC 15km from Ballykenny-Fisherstown Bog SPA. Appropriate Assessment Screening is detailed below in Section 5.

The site is located within the functional area of Longford County Council and lies outside the designated development envelopes as outlined in the Longford County Development Plan (CDP). As such the provisions of the Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027 apply. The relevant policies are detailed as follows:

Policy CPO 6.10:

It will be Council policy to Encourage the development of improved connectivity, provision of services and good quality public realm in urban locations and create an environment for investment in high quality residential development and supporting services and amenities such as schools, shops, recreation areas and open spaces.

It is the County Policy Objective to:

CPO 7.9 Prepare Design Guidelines to provide for improvements in the appearance of streetscapes and for revitalising spaces.

CPO 7.12 Ensure the best quality of design is achieved for all new commercial and residential development, which respects and enhances the specific characteristics of the different towns and villages in the County, by promoting quality urban design that accommodates creative patterns of use having regard to the physical, cultural, and social identities of individual settlements.

CPO 7.14

Apply the following key attributes when considering public realm and public space enhancements:

- Accessible - connected and linked permeable spaces to ensure ease of movement;
- Functional - safe, adaptable and social environments to attract and foster activity;
- Attractive - visually pleasing spaces with high quality design, materials and installations (lighting, furniture and signage) based on a singular common design theme;
- Distinctive - reference to local context and building on the character and identity of place

Transport, Infrastructure, Energy & Communication Policies

CPO 5.3

Provide for alternative forms of transportation and associated infrastructure in order to reduce the dependency on the private car, such as public transport initiatives and infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians.

CPO 5.67

Promote the organisation of traffic in towns and villages to separate motor vehicular, bicycles and pedestrian traffic in accordance with the *“National Manual for the provision of Cycle Facilities in Urban Areas, the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets and The National Cycle Manual”*.

CPO 5.48

Retrospectively provide public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure and facilities in existing development areas to achieve growth in sustainable mobility.

CPO 5.68

Promote walking through the development and expansion of a network of safe walking trails within towns and villages and their environs. Such routes can link with existing walking trails, Sli na Slainte and the Green Infrastructure Network and existing or new public rights of way.

CPO 5.73

Provide for safer routes to schools within the county and promote walking and cycling as suitable modes of transport as part of the Green Schools Programme and other local traffic management improvements.

Upon examination of the proposal in the context of the above policies, it is considered that the proposed development is in keeping with the policies as outlined in the Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027.

The proposed walkway/cycleway is substantially in-keeping with the policies as outlined in the Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027.

4. PUBLIC/ STATUTORY BODIES CONSULTATION, SUBMISSIONS, REPORTS, ETC.

The proposed works were duly and properly notified as required by Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

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Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee, not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Planning Department offices of Longford County Council, Áras an Chontae, Great Water Street, Longford during official public opening hours, excluding weekends and bank holidays from Friday 16th September 2022 up to and including Friday 14th October 2022.

Submissions

None received

Internal Reports

None received

5. S.E.A. AND APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT

The proposed development was screened for Appropriate Assessment, in which it was noted that at the closest points the proposal is approximately 4km northeast of the Carriglass Demesne pNHA, 10km from Lough Gowna pNHA, 13km from Ardagullion Bog SAC 15km from Ballykenny-Fisherstown Bog SPA.

In essence the proposal:

- Does not involve significant excavation or significant removal of tree roots or planting;

- Is not directly connected with, or necessary to the conservation management of the Natura 2000 sites considered in this assessment;
- Is unlikely to indirectly, significantly affect the Qualifying Interests or Conservation Objectives of the Natura 2000 sites considered in this assessment;
- Either alone or in combination with other projects, is not likely to have significant effects on the Natura 2000 sites considered in this assessment in view of their conservation objectives;
- It is possible to conclude that there would be no adverse effects on site integrity resulting from the project and that there would be no significant effects, no potentially significant effects and no uncertain effects if the project were to proceed.

Accordingly, it is considered that there is no requirement to progress to a full Appropriate Assessment in this case.

6. RECOMMENDATION

Having regard to the above-mentioned planning considerations, it is considered that the proposed development would be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. It is therefore recommended that the proposed development now be proceeded with, subject to the attachment of the following conditions:

Roads

1. The following general roads requirements of the shall be complied with in full. Any alterations to the submitted proposals in order to comply with the above requirements shall be submitted to the Planning Authority for file purposes.

a. Footpath / Cycle track adjacent to Roadway: Where the Footpath / Cycle track is to be constructed adjacent to the public road, it shall be separated from the road carriageway by either a level grass verge of appropriate width or kerbing of max 70mm height and 45 degree splay to the vertical face. Where kerbing is used, a minimum carriageway width of 3.25m shall be accommodated and appropriate drainage shall be included.

b. Dropped kerbs to be provided at all crossing points and entrances adjoining the public road.

c. Storm drainage: Existing storm drainage along the existing lane or in the lands adjacent shall not be compromised by the proposed project. The drainage gully frequency shall be in accordance with the 'Recommendations for Site Development Works for Housing Areas'

d. Fencing: Appropriate fencing shall be used to ensure that the private lands are maintained stockproof, and to ensure users of the pathway are protected from hazards.

e. Existing Services: Eir cabinets / chambers are situated in the verge, it is important to liaise with the various utility providers before carrying out the works.

Landscaping

All trees which are removed to facilitate the proposed development shall be replaced with a semi mature tree of the same species. These trees shall be planted prior to completion of the construction phase of the development and their location shall be agreed with the Planning Authority.

The tree removal should only proceed during the period from 1st September to 1st March to avoid unnecessary disturbance to wildlife



08/11/2022

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Senior Planner