

**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. 103**

**ROAD REALIGNMENT ON L1105 AT DRUMANURE  
Co. LONGFORD**

**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)**

**MARCH 2023**

**To: The Cathaoirleach and Members of Longford County Council.**

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 Longford County Council 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

  
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**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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## 1. INTRODUCTION/ SITE LOCATION

The proposal site, which measures approximately 1.067ha in area, is located within the townland of Drumanure, approximately 3km north west of Abbeyshrule. The proposal site extends over a distance of approximately 242 m in length.

## 2. NATURE AND EXTENT OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The proposed development provides for the following:

1. The realignment of a section of local road 242m in length, 5.5m wide with 2m grass verges, drainage works, pavement construction, road markings and signage
2. Construction of new fences between the agricultural land and the new access road
3. Ancillary works

Also included will be Drainage works including the provision of road gullies, pavement construction works, access and accommodation works, traffic management and construction of new fences.

The purpose of the scheme is to improve safety for road users on the L1105 by realigning the road to remove a dangerous bend.

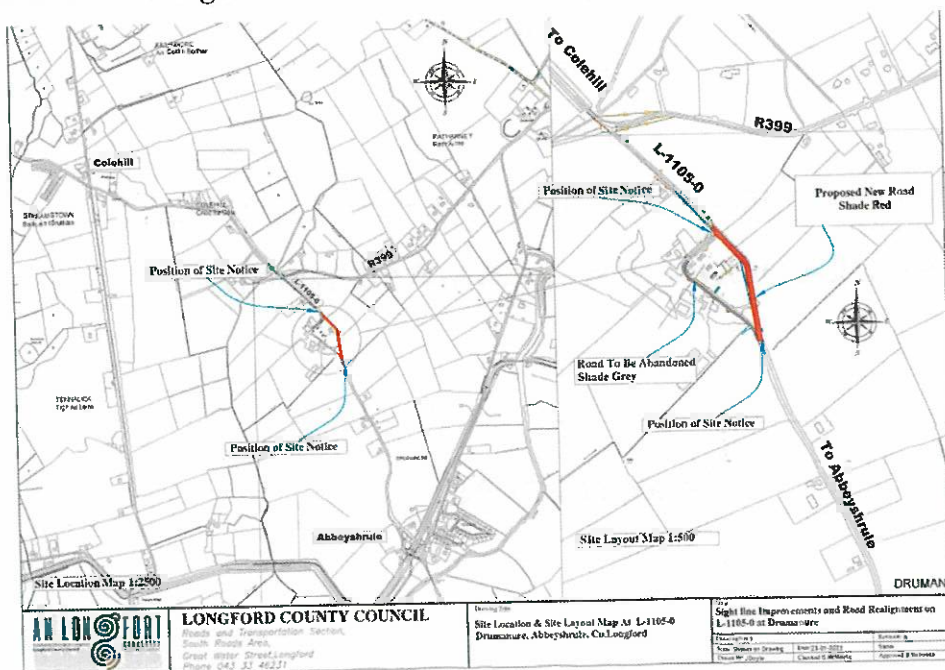


Figure 1: Site Location of Proposed Works (marked in red)

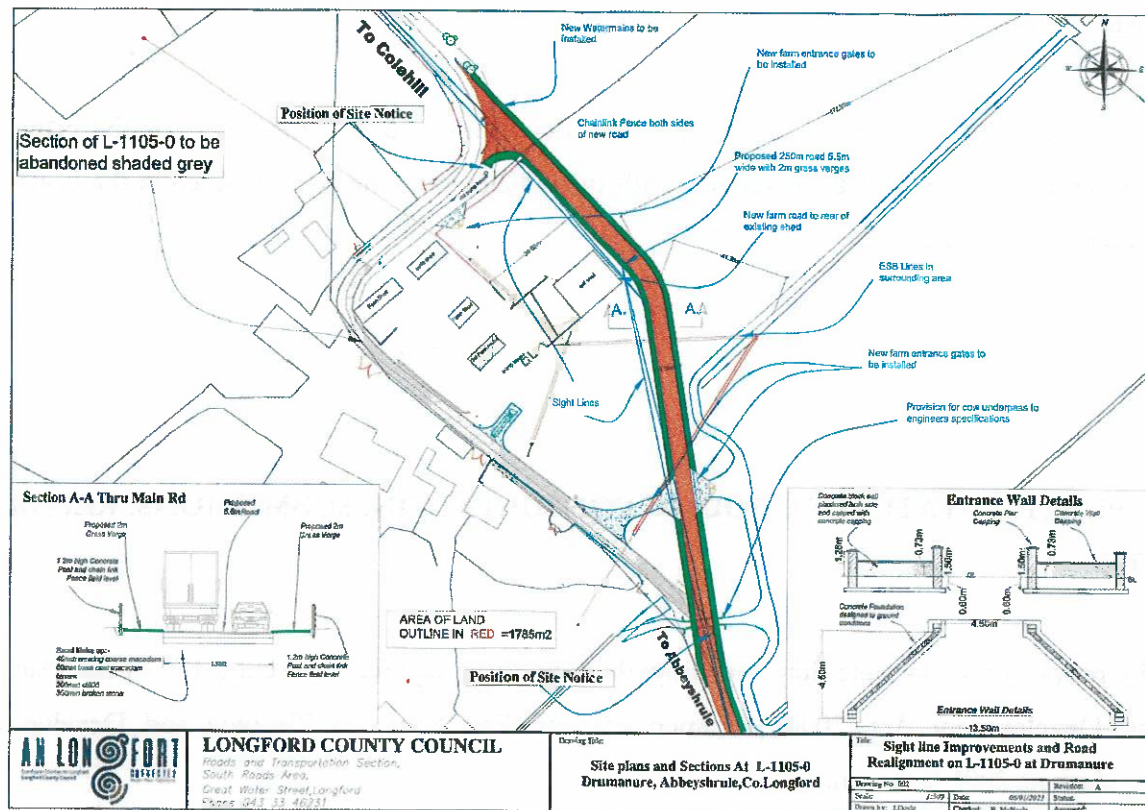


Figure 2: Site Layout of Proposed Works (marked in red)

### 3. PLANNING CONSIDERATION/ EVALUATION

The site is located within the functional area of Longford County Council and lies along the existing L1105. As such the provisions of the Longford County Development Plan 2021 – 2027 apply.

The proposed development is seen to be in keeping with a number of key policies and objectives presented in the Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027. The following policies and objectives are seen to be particularly relevant in the context of the proposed development:

**CPO 5.21** Facilitate essential safety improvements on regional and local roads in order to enhance the efficiency and capacity of the regional and local road network.

**CPO 5.24** Ensure that streets and roads within the county are designed to balance the needs of place and movement, to provide a safe traffic calmed street environment in accordance with the principles set out in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (2020), while meeting the

needs of all road users.

Having regard to the nature of the proposed development it is considered that the proposed development is substantially in keeping with the policies and objectives 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).

The plans and particulars for the proposed realignment of the L1105 c. 242m in length between within the townland of Drumanure, Co. Longford were made available for public inspection at the offices of Longford County Council, Áras and Chontae, Great Water Street, Longford during official opening hours, excluding weekends and bank holidays, from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 up to and including Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, were invited to be made in writing to the Planning Section, Longford County Council, Áras an Chontae, Great Water Street, Longford, Co. Longford to arrive not later than 4pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

##### **4.1 Submissions**

Three submissions have been received in response to the invitation to make submissions on the proposed development. The following provides as summary of the issues raised in the submissions received in respect of the proposed development:

**Uisce Eireann – received 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Request for the design team to liaise with Uisce Eireann regarding existing water services infrastructure in the vicinity of the works.

#### Response

This liaison will be carried out prior to and during construction. All existing infrastructure should be identified and marked before work commences to prevent them from being covered over. All water infrastructure to be reinstated in accordance with Uisce Eireann standards.

#### **4.2 Internal Reports**

**Roads Design Section** – No report received at time of writing.

**Environment Section** – No report received at time of writing.

**Heritage Officer** – No report received at time of writing.

**Chief Fire Officer** – No report received at time of writing.

### **5. APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT**

The proposed development was the subject of a Stage 1 Appropriate Assessment Screening, in which it was noted that the nearest Natura 2000 site is Glen Lough Special Protection Area (SPA Site Code: 004045) and Lough Iron Special Protection Area (SPA Site Code: 004046), which are located approximately 8.4km and 10.9km respectively from the subject site at its closest point.

Given the nature and extent of the proposed development, as well as its location, it is not considered that the development would result in any significant impacts on the Natura 2000 network. Having reviewed the qualifying interests (habitats and species related interests) of the Natura 2000 sites closest to the proposed development, it is considered that there are no likely adverse impacts arising from the proposed development on the integrity of the Natura 2000 network. Accordingly, it is considered that there is no requirement to progress to a full Appropriate Assessment in this case.

### **6. EIA SCREENING**

There is no specific requirement to conduct an EIA or EIA Screening of the proposed development.

## 7. RECOMMENDATION

Having regard to the above mentioned planning considerations and to the submissions and observations received, 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 condition:

1. The Council shall liaise with Uisce Eireann regarding existing water services infrastructure in the vicinity of the proposal prior to and during construction to ensure that the integrity of Uisce Eireann's infrastructure shall be protected both during and after the completion of the works relating to this proposal. All development shall be carried out in compliance with Uisce Eireann's Standard codes and practices.

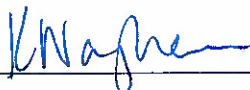
**Reason:** To ensure adequate provision of water and wastewater services

2. 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.

**Reason** In the interests of visual amenity and biodiversity.

3. Any alteration required for the proposed development to meet the necessary guidelines shall be submitted to the Planning Authority for record purposes

**Reason:** In the interest of proper planning and sustainable development

  
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**Executive Planner**