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1. BACKGROUND

The National Transport Authority (NTA) Investment Programme was introduced in 2021 and is one of a series of national and local support measures designed to increase the number of walking and cycling networks so that walking, cycling and public transport will account for 50% of all journeys made by 2030.

It is proposed to upgrade the public realm of Daingean under the National Transport Authority (NTA) Investment as per scope of works listed within Section 4 below.

2. PLANNING

In accordance with the Planning Development Act 2000 (As amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As amended) Offaly County Council has to inform and consult the public, relevant authorities and the elected members of the planning authority of the proposed Daingean Active Travel Scheme.

As prescribed in the regulations Offaly County Council has placed a site notice at the works and advertised in two local newspapers.

Offaly County Council has prepared an EIA Screening Report in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). On the basis of this Screening Report, Offaly County Council has completed EIA screening and has determined that there is no likelihood of significant effects on the environment. (Article 120 of Planning and Development Regulations, amended 2018) Accordingly, it has been determined that EIA is not required in respect of this proposed development. Any person may, within 4 weeks beginning on **9th January 2025**, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

An Appropriate Assessment screening has been carried out by Offaly County Council and it has been determined that there would likely to be no significant impact on European sites from the proposed development.

Plans and particulars of the proposed Daingean Active Travel Scheme are available for inspection or purchase during public opening hours at the offices of Offaly County Council, Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, County Offaly (R35 F893) and the offices of Edenderry Municipal District, Edenderry Town Hall, O'Connell Square, Edenderry, County Offaly, (R45 K766), for a period of four weeks ending **13th February 2025**.

Submissions or observations in respect of the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development is situated, maybe submitted in writing within an envelope marked "**Daingean Active Travel Scheme Part 8 Submission**" to "**Barry Lennon, Acting Director of Services, Transport and Active Travel, Offaly County Council, Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, County Offaly (R35 F893)**" before **12.00 noon on 28th February 2025**.

The drawings and particulars of the proposed development are also available to view online at: <https://www.offaly.ie>

3. LOCATION

Daingean is located in the eastern part of Offaly on the R402, approximately equidistant from Tullamore and Edenderry. It is approximately 18km east of Tullamore and approximately 19km west of Edenderry. The town is situated on the Grand Canal and the Philipstown River and sits on the edge of the vast area of peatlands that forms the Bog of Allen. Due to its strategic location, the village experiences high volumes of traffic. The proposed works conform to the objectives set out in The Daingean Village Plan.

4. SCOPE OF WORKS

This projects, includes the following non exhaustive list of works:

- Traffic Calming measures to the Edenderry Road (Regional Road R402) from the Edenderry approach including the reduction of road width to 6.5m wide, Installation of a raised table at the Edenderry Road (R402)/Circular Road (L-10142-2) Junction and Edenderry Road (R402) /Croghan Road (L-1019-1) Junction.
- Junction Tightening Works, Installation of a raised table and the installation of two new pedestrian crossings at Edenderry Road (R402)/Croghan Road (L-1019-1) Junction on pedestrian desire lines to improve pedestrian safety.
- Removal of on-street parking on the inside of bend at Edenderry Road (R402)/Croghan Road (L-1019-1) Junction to improve road safety and to provide required sightlines at proposed new pedestrian crossings.
- Restricting the Goal Lane (L-10142-1) to One-Way vehicular traffic (Eastbound Only) to accommodate parking.
- Installation of Give Take Traffic Calming Works on the existing Molesworth Street Bridge to accommodate new greenway pedestrian/bicycle crossing and junction improvements.
- Installation of new and upgraded footpaths on Main Street/Edenderry Road (R402) and Croghan Road (L-1017-1/L-1019-1) to Green lane (L-1017-3) Junction.
- Upgrade of two number existing pedestrian crossings on the Croghan Road (L-1017-1).
- Improvements to Junctions throughout the scheme.
- Improvements and upgrades to the existing Public Lighting Infrastructure within the extents of scheme.
- Improvements to the Surface Water Drainage infrastructure within the extents of scheme.
- Relocation of existing Disability Parking Spaces and the provision of additional Age Friendly parking.
- Relocation of services including ESB/Eir Poles to accommodate footpath works.
- Installation of Belisha Beacons at pedestrian crossing, Signage and Road Lining throughout the scheme to improve pedestrian/bicycle and vehicular safety.
- Road Re-surfacing Works.
- Tree Removal and Planting Works to accommodate footpath works.

- Land acquisition to accommodate new footpath improvement works.
- Including all associated works.

The Daingean Village Plan is contained within in the Offaly County Development Plan 2021-2027. The Daingean Village Plan outlines a number of Settlement Objectives as follows:

“TCO-04 Further improve the public realm, which includes streets, footpaths, parks, squares, bridges and public buildings and facilities, to provide Daingean with an enhanced sense of identity”.

“TCO-06 Facilitate the provision of gateway features on the key approaches into the town”.

“TCO-07 Maintain and enhance accessibility to and within the town centre in respect of pedestrian and cycle access, public transport and car parking, with particular regard to the needs and access for people with disabilities”.

“The Council will endeavour to make provision for walkers and cyclists in Daingean, forming an integrated, safe, convenient, direct and comfortable network of routes”.

“It is the Council’s intention to achieve a high level of permeability for walking and cycling in Daingean town centre, through new build and retro-fitting, to create an accessible, attractive, vibrant and safe place to live, work and engage in community life”.

The proposed works conform to the objectives set out in the Daingean Village Plan/County Development Plan 2021-2027.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The main environmental impacts to be considered are as follows:

Noise

There will be an increase in noise pollution for the duration of the construction works. On completion of the works the noise levels will revert to existing levels.

Visual

There will be an impact on the village visually for the duration of the construction of the Daingean Active Travel Scheme. On completion of the works listed above under section 4, there will be a visual enhancement to the appearance of the Daingean village.

Natura 2000 Sites

See attached Appropriate Assessment Screening Report for Part 8 Application.

6. DRAWINGS PROVIDED

OY/24/000X/001 - Cover Sheet

OY/24/000X/002 - Schedule of Drawings

OY/24/000X/003 - Site Location Map

OY/24/000X/004 - Proposed Works R402 – (Chainage 0 – 310m) &
L-10142 (Surfacing Works)

OY/24/000X/005 - Proposed Works L-1019 – (Chainage 0 – 350m)

OY/24/000X/006 - Proposed Works L-1019– (Chainage 350 – 700m)

OY/24/000X/007 - Proposed Works L-1017 – (Chainage 700 – 900m)

OY/24/000X/008 - Proposed Works L-1017 – (Chainage 900 – 1200m)

OY/24/000X/009 - Proposed Works L-1017 – (Chainage 1200 – 1355m)