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1. BACKGROUND

As part of 2024 NTA Funding Allocations Offaly County Council have received an allocation of €0.5 million under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme. The provision of bus stops in the village of Tubber, Co. Offaly were identified. In consultation between Offaly County Council and the National Transport Authority. This scheme was proposed as part of the Cooperation Agreement relating to the Construction, Installation and Maintenance of Bus Stops between Offaly County Council and National Transport Authority.

It is proposed to upgrade links for public transport in Tubber Co. Offaly in-line with the National Transport Authority (NTA) Bus Stop Enhancement Programme as per scope of works listed in section 4 of this document.

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 National Transport Authority (NTA) Bus Stop Enhancement Programme works.

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

Plans and particulars of the proposed Tubber Bus Stop & Upgrade Pedestrian Crossing Scheme are available for inspection or purchase from the **05th of September, 2024** 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 Tullamore Municipal District, Acres Hall, Cormac Street, Tullamore, County Offaly (R35 WV59), & will also be available to view online at www.offaly.ie (See 'Online Services>Public Consultations link on the home page) for a period of four weeks ending **03rd of October, 2024**.

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 may be made in writing or by email as follows:

The Director of Services for Roads, Water & Environment, Offaly County Council, Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, or by emailing activetravel@offalycoco.ie on or before **12.00 noon 17th of October, 2024**.

Submissions should be headed "**Tubber Bus Stop**" Please make your submission by one medium only, i.e. in writing or by email.

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 **05th of September 2024**, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

3. LOCATION

Tubber Bus Stop & Upgrade Pedestrian Crossing Scheme is located, just off the R420 (formerly the N80), 1.5km south east of Junction 6 on the M6 motorway and 18km northwest of Tullamore. The centre of this Sráid consists of a traditional type arrangement, with the Church (St. Mary's Church) being the focal point. Due to its strategic location, the village experiences high volumes of passing traffic. The proposed works conform to the objectives set out in The Offaly County Development Plan 2021 – 2027: Tober Sráid Plan; Infrastructure and Public Realm.

4. SCOPE OF WORKS

The proposed works will include the following:

- Removal of paths/Construction of footpaths.
- Upgrade Pedestrian Crossing on R420.
- Installation of two No. Bus Stops including Shelters/Waiting Area.
- Installation of associated Drainage Works.
- Installation of associated Road Markings.
- Including all associated Accommodation Works.

The Tober Sráid Plan is contained within in the Offaly County Development Plan 2021-2027. The Tober Sráid Plan outlines in Settlement Objectives; Infrastructure and Public Realm; a strategic aim for the further improvement of the existing road network, and improvements / extensions of public lighting and footpaths and provision of a bus shelter on the R420 which may develop during the plan period.

The proposed works 'Tubber Bus Stop / Upgrade Pedestrian Crossing Scheme' conform to the objectives set out in the Tober Sráid 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 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 works. On completion of the works the National Transport Authority (NTA) Bus Stop Enhancement Programme works listed above will visually enhance the appearance of the Tubber village.

Natura 2000 Sites

See attached Appropriate Assessment Screening Report for the Part VIII Application.

6. DRAWING PROVIDED

Drawing Title	Drawing Number
General Arrangement Layout	OY/24/002/R420/001