

OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL

Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) (S. 179) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

GRAND CANAL GREENWAY SHARED WALKING AND CYCLING ROUTE

Turraun to Shannon Harbour Link

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, notice is hereby given that **Offaly County Council propose to construct a shared walking and cycling greenway route along the towpath of the Grand Canal for a distance of 16.2km. The route of the proposed shared greenway is from Turraun (junction with Offaly Way), to Griffith Bridge, Shannon Harbour. The route tracks the southern towpath all the way to Griffith Bridge, Shannon Harbour.**

The proposal represents an extension to the Grand Canal Greenway, (Phase 1), from Tullamore to Lough Boora Discovery Park via Turraun

The proposed development, which is the subject of this Part 8, will include the following:

1. Improvements to the existing towpath along the Grand Canal through the provision of a suitable surface i.e. Quarry Dust, Surface Dressing or Asphalt (Tarmac) depending on local conditions for pedestrian and cyclists use.
2. Provision of traffic safety measures and signage to facilitate safe pedestrian and cycling crossings at Derry Bridge, Belmont Bridge (Lock 33), Clonony Bridge and Griffith Bridge. (All Protected Structures).
3. Provision of safety railings and chicanes on approach to bridge underpasses, at Gallen Bridge, (Protected Structure) Noggus Bridge, (not on Record of Protected Structures) Judges Bridge (Protected Structure) and L'Estrange Bridge (Protected Structure).
4. Ancillary works

The proposed development is located adjacent to 8 no. protected structures on the Offaly County Record of Protected Structures.

Offaly RPS Ref.	Structure Name	Townland Name
29-002	Griffith Bridge	Shannon Harbour
30-037	Clonony Bridge/34 th Lock	Clonony More
30-027	L'Estrange Bridge	Clonony More
30-019	Belmont Bridge (33 rd Lock)	Ballingowan Glebe
30-036	Judges Bridge	Ballysheil
30-035	Glyn Bridge	Glyn
30-026	Gallen Bridge	Gallen
31-002	Derry Bridge	Derries

3 no. Protected structures are considered to be materially affected by the proposal to develop the route. These are:

Offaly RPS Ref.	Structure Name	Townland Name
30-027	L'Estrange Bridge	Clonony More
30-036	Judges Bridge	Ballysheil
30-026	Gallen Bridge	Gallen

Offaly County Council has prepared an EIA Screening Report in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) within which it has been 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 from the date of this notice, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether this proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

From 14th August 2020 to the 25th of September 2020 (both dates inclusive), all plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection and purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy during normal public opening hours at the following locations;

- Offaly County Council, Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly (R35 F893)
- Birr Municipal District, Birr Civic Offices, Wilmer Rd, Townparks, Birr, Co. Offaly, (R42 KD37).

Please note in the event of Áras an Chontae and/or Birr Civic Offices, being closed to the public due to the ongoing Covid 19 restrictions the plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection or purchase by appointment with Offaly County Council. An appointment for viewing and/or purchase can be arranged by telephone on (057) 9346800 or by email at dmeehan@offalycoco.ie

The drawings and particulars of the proposed development are also available to view online at:

<https://www.offaly.ie/eng/Services/Planning/Public-Consultation/>

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 to

Planning Section, Offaly County Council, Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co Offaly or alternatively, email submissions can be sent to greenwaysubs@offalycoco.ie on or before 25th of September 2020

Submissions should be clearly marked **GREENWAY**

Ann Dillon, Acting Director of Services, Economic Development and Planning. 14th of August 2020