

# R713/R448 Knocktopher to Ballyhale Footpath

## Part 8 of Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As Amended)

Report on the Nature, Extent and Principal Features of the Proposed Development

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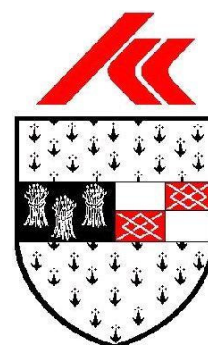
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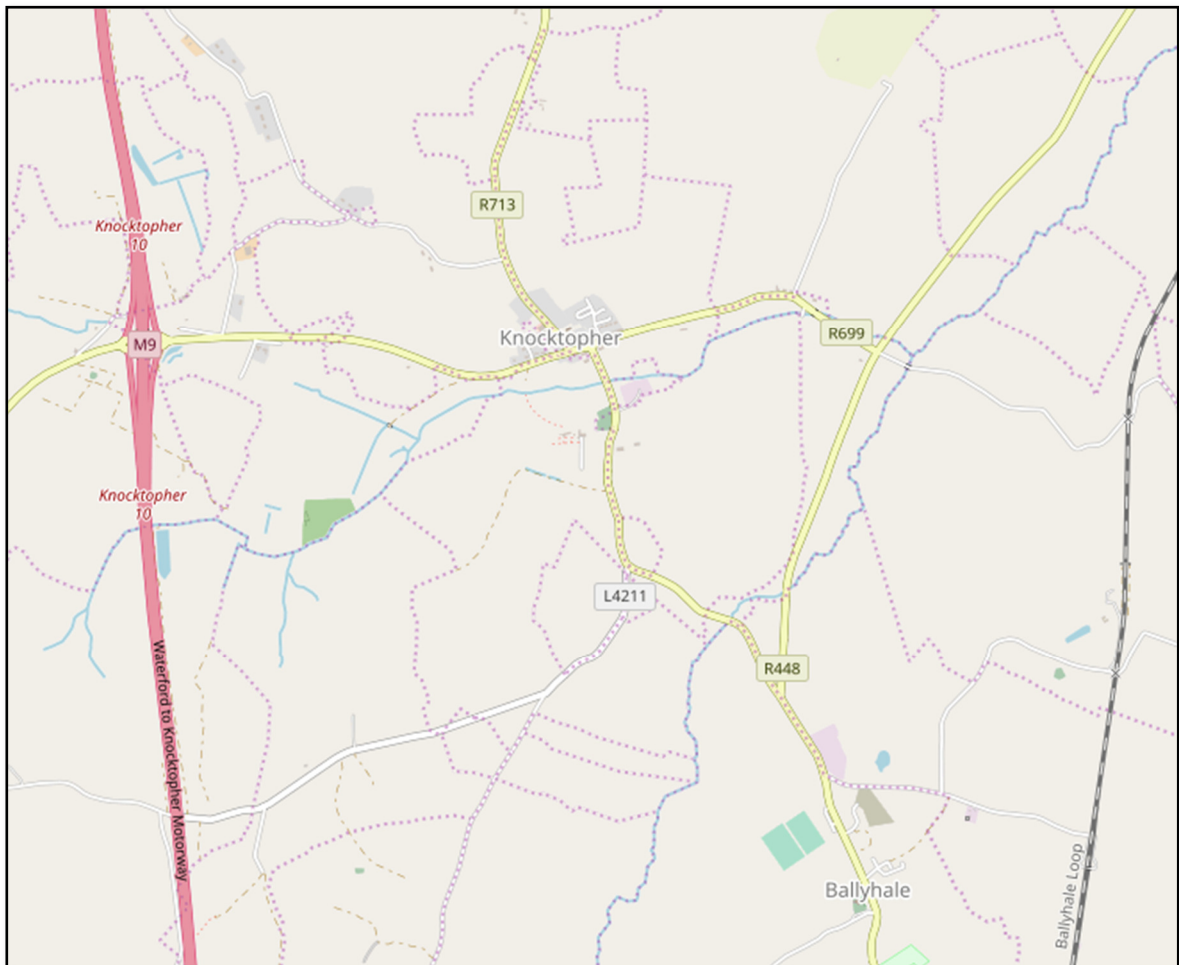
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## 1. INTRODUCTION & NEED FOR SCHEME

The villages of Knocktopher and Ballyhale in south Kilkenny are linked by the R713 Regional Road. However, there is an absence of a continuous pedestrian linkage between the two villages. Presently there are footpaths extending south from Knocktopher and north from Ballyhale. These footpaths were constructed over a number of phases with the most recent in 2010. There is a gap of approximately 858m between the extremities of both these footpaths.



**Figure 1.1 - Location Map**

Completing this section of footpath has been a long-term aspiration of the local community in both Ballyhale and Knocktopher and the elected members of County Kilkenny. In addition, it will provide for a safe pedestrian connection between both villages.

The overall objectives of the project are:

- Improve the pedestrian environment;
- Maximise accessibility and connectivity;
- Enhance road safety for all road users.

## 2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposal is to provide an approximate 858m long new continuous 1.2-1.8m wide bituminous footway along the northern verge of the R713 from Ballyhale Secondary School to the R713/R448 Junction Ballyhale. The existing road crosses the River Barrow and River Nore SAC (002162) and the proposed scheme will not have an environmental impact on same. In accordance with the requirements of Article 120(1)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) a preliminary examination (i.e. Appropriate Assessment Screening) has been made of the nature, size and location of the proposed development. This preliminary examination has concluded that there is no likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and a determination has been made that further Appropriate Assessment or Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required. It is intended that the existing bridge shall be utilised to accommodate the proposed footpath. Some narrowing of the regional road in the vicinity of this existing bridge and other pinch points will be required. The minimum roadway width shall be 5.5m and the minimum footpath width shall be 1.2m.

It is intended that ducting to facilitate public lighting along the proposed footpath shall also be provided as part of the footway construction although the timing for the installation of public lighting columns may not immediately follow as part of the footpath construction.

Where kerbing is proposed any existing drainage connections and outfalls to be used where practical. No new or additional drainage outfalls are proposed.

Replacement fencing over approximately 297m is required where the existing road boundary or associated hedgerow is affected by the provision of the footpath, infiltration soakaway trench and localised road widening.

The overall proposed layout of the footpath is presented on Drawing 19101-01-0002 & 003 Rev A –Proposed Site Layout Plan appended to this report in Appendix A.

The proposed works include:

- Minor site clearance in the form of minor clearance of existing hedgerows and fence clearance in addition to hedgerow breasting;
- Approx. 297m of timber post and tension mesh fencing;
- Installing of kerbing and the provision of tactile paved dropped crossing;
- Construction of a new 858m long 1.2-1.8m wide bituminous footpath
- Soft landscaping in the form of verge reinstatement;
- Public lighting including ducting, chambers and columns;
- Associated roadmarkings including school bus and car setdown area, signage, surface water drainage including an infiltration soakaway and potential protection/diversion of existing utilities.

The scheme has been designed in accordance the DTTaS Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets.

### 3. PLANNING CONTEXT

In the regional and local context, The Kilkenny County Development Plan 2014 to 2020 and the expired Ballyhale 2004 and Knockopther 2004 Local Area Plans contains a number of specific objectives directly relevant to the project:

- The Kilkenny County Development Plan 2014 to 2020, Objective 11.1.1 Cycling and Walking - *'Providing a network of safe, well-lit and convenient footpaths and cycleways within new residential areas with links to schools, local neighbourhood centres, public transport stops and workplaces will encourage walking and cycling.'*
- Ballyhale and Knockopther 2004 Local Area Plans - *'To provide quality lighting and footpaths throughout the village that will secure the safe movement of pedestrians, cyclists and drivers alike'*
- Ballyhale and Knockopther 2004 Local Area Plans - *'To examine the provision of a safe pedestrian and cycleway linkage between Ballyhale and Knocktopher.'*
- It is the policy of the Council to strengthen public infrastructure linkages between local villages within the county.
- It is the policy of the Council to promote and encourage more sustainable modes of transport such as walking and cycling.
- It is also the policy of the Council to promote and encourage better social integration in and between rural communities.

As noted above and in the County Development Plan the cited Ballyhale and Knockopther Local Area Plans are now expired. Both the villages of Ballyhale and Knockopther are now identified as smaller settlements in the current County Development Plan and covered exclusively by the objectives and policies of the overarching Kilkenny County Development Plan 2014 to 2020.

This project supports the objectives and policies of the Kilkenny County Development Plan.

#### 4. CONSTRUCTION MITIGATION MEASURES

The objective of construction mitigation is to minimise the scale, severity and duration of temporary disruption that might arise during the construction of the works.

A *Construction Management Plan* will be compiled by the appointed construction contractor and reviewed / agreed by the Planning Authority. Specific items that would be addressed include:

- The overall construction period of the works;
- Time restrictions on construction activities;
- A *Temporary Traffic Management Plan*, showing:
  - construction stages for individual works areas;
  - traffic diversion arrangements and any lane closures or road closures necessary for the works;
  - specific arrangements for the management of construction traffic;
  - the location of the construction works compound;
- Specific arrangements for the management of construction noise and dust;
- Information dissemination arrangements, specifically in respect of businesses and residents, to inform them in relation to all aspects of the works;
- Specific measures for environmental protection, archaeology and the built heritage, detailing the procedures required to manage their monitoring and protection during the course of the construction works.

## 5. PART 8 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

This document is a report on the provision of a continuous footpath between the villages of Knocktopher and Ballyhale, Co. Kilkenny and is made available under Article 83 of Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

The principal objectives of Part 8 consultation are to provide the opportunity for stakeholders, statutory bodies and the public to gain an appreciation of the proposals and to submit comments on them.

This report and its associated documentation and drawings can be viewed by the public at the following locations;

Kilkenny County Council  
County Buildings,  
John Street,  
Kilkenny City  
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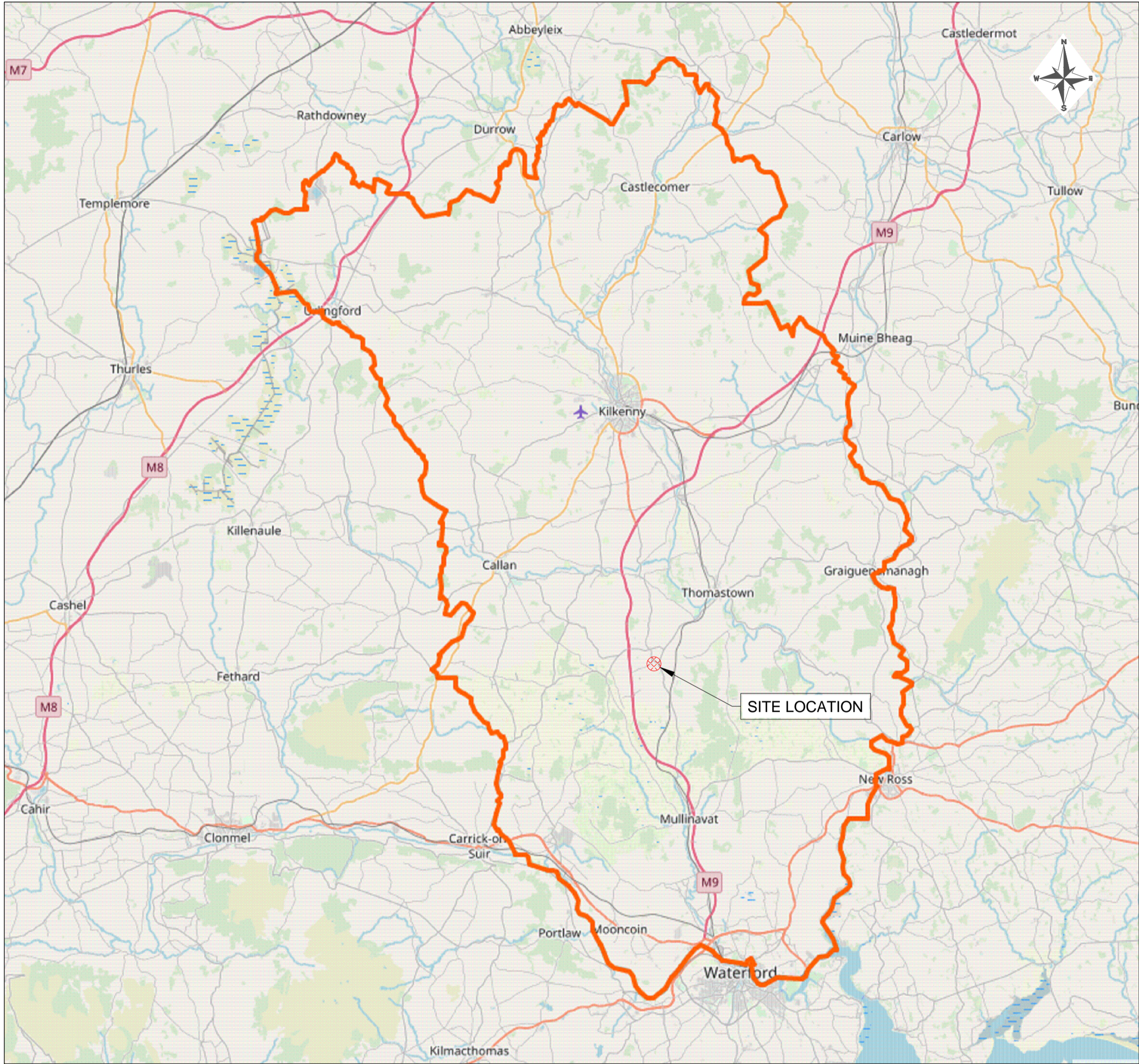
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Callan Area Office,  
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Written submissions and observations on the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area may be made in writing (by post, email or hand delivery), headed "*R713/R448 Knocktopher to Ballyhale Footpath*" and addressed to:

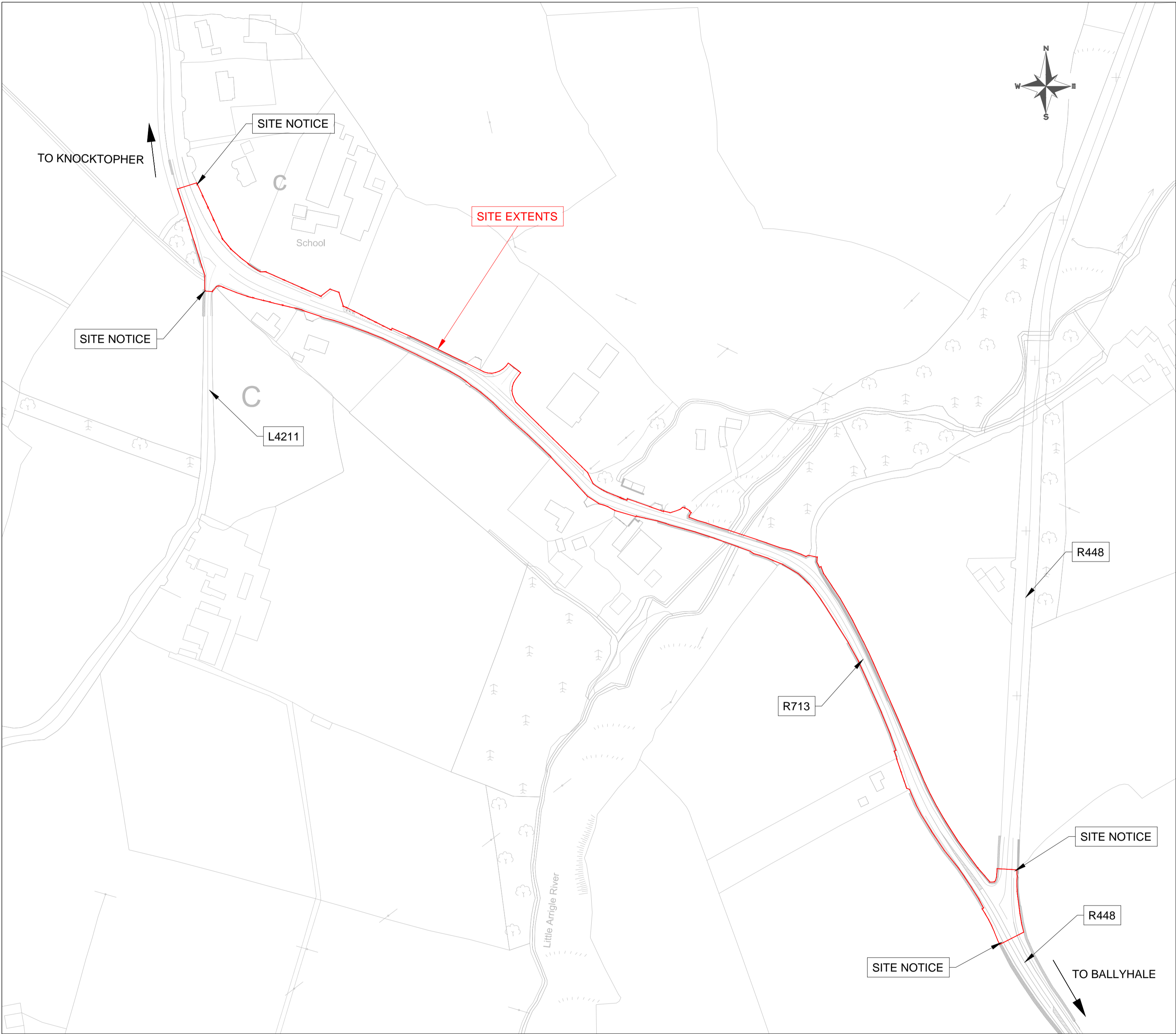
Mr. Tim Butler,  
Director of Services,  
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Latest date for receipt of submissions/observations is Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 4:00pm.

## **APPENDIX A - DRAWINGS**



SITE LOCATION  
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LOCATION MAP  
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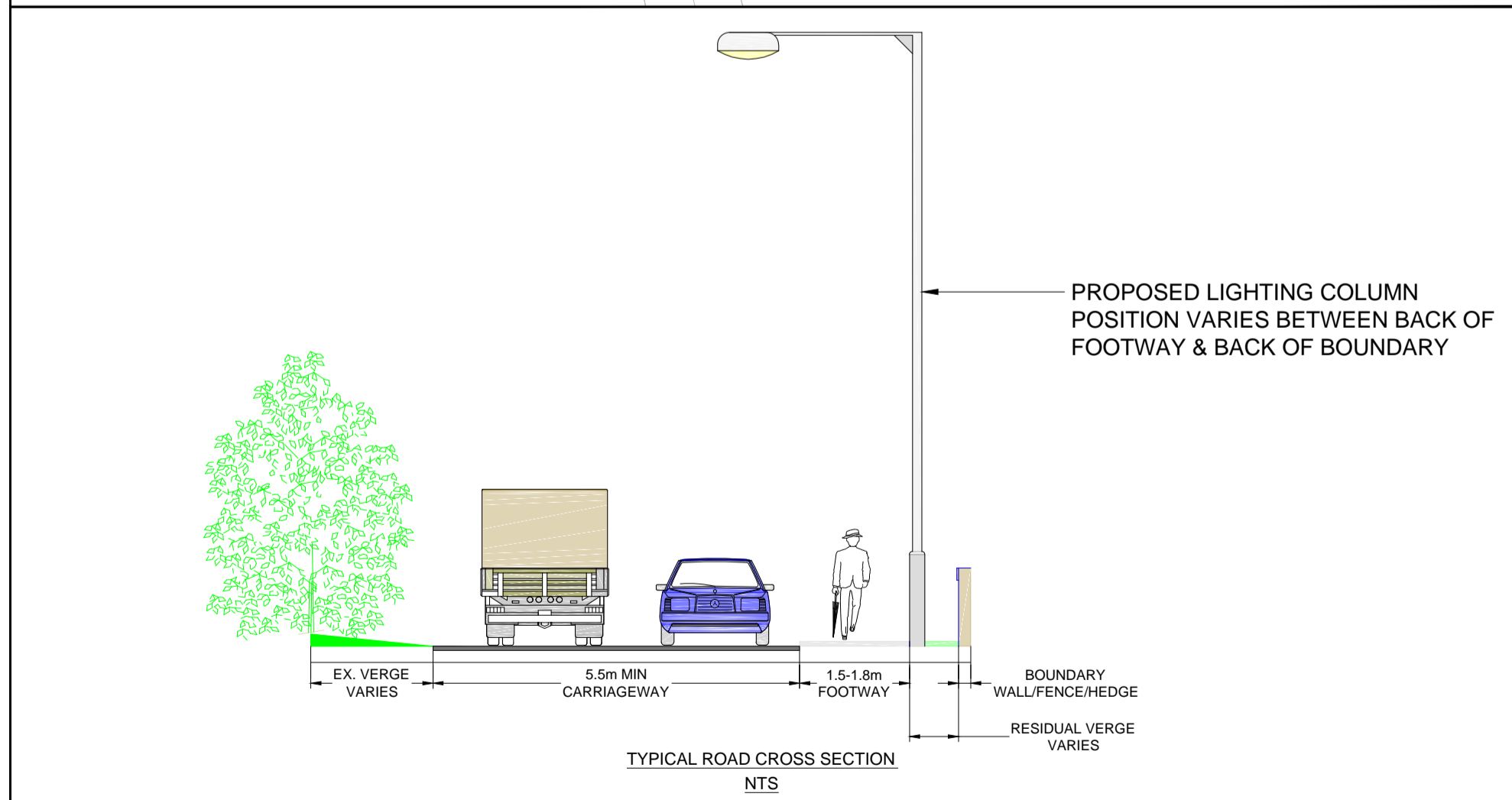
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--- COMBINED DRAINAGE KERB

--- PROPOSED CARRIAGEWAY

--- PROPOSED BITUMINOUS FOOTWAY

--- EXISTING FIELD ACCESS

--- EXISTING PROPERTY ACCESS

--- PROPOSED GRASS VERGE

--- 0.6-0.8m HIGH PEDESTRIAN GUARDRAIL

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0-125mm INSITU CONCRETE KERB TO TII CC-SCD-01102 & 01103

Ex.PLC EXISTING PUBLIC LIGHTING COLUMN

Pr. PLC PROPOSED PUBLIC LIGHTING COLUMN

1 x 100mm DIA. UPVC PUBLIC LIGHTING DUCT

1.7m x 0.6m x 221m INFILTRATION TRENCH SOAKAWAY

PRECAST CONCRETE GULLY TO TII CC-SCD-00510

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