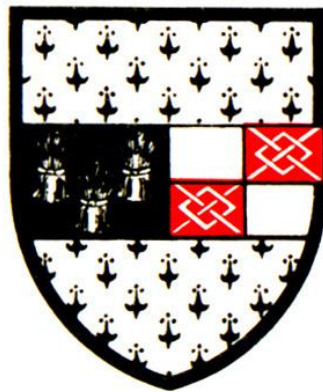


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PART 8 DISPLAY DOCUMENT
EXPLANATORY BOOKLET

Poulanassy Waterfall - Visitor Carpark & Walking
Trail

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1.0 Introduction

This document has been prepared in compliance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2010 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2011.

The background and reason for the scheme in relation to proper planning and sustainable development are set out below and the description of the proposed improvement works associated with this scheme are set out in Section 2.

The objective of the project is to provide dedicated parking facilities thereby removing current on-street parking and thus improving the safety of public road users and to enhance the accessibility to the natural amenity of Poulanassy Waterfall.

The works shall comprise of

- Access from the public road to serve 35no. car-parking bays on a macadam surface,
- Set-back of the existing roadside boundary treatment to provide unobstructed forward visibility for vehicles and public road users accessing and egressing from the new entrance,
- Precast concrete kerbing, drainage gullies and an on-site infiltration area with integrated bypass separator shall be installed as part of the works.
- A min 1.8m permeable hardstanding trail from the carpark to the existing walking trail shall be incorporated with upgrading the existing walking trail (97linm).
- Pruning and clearance of vegetation
- Landscaping and public seating

No public lighting is proposed in this rural area.

Import of granular fill material and regrading will also be required given the existing natural topography of the carpark location.

2.0 Background and Reasons for Scheme

Poulanassy Waterfall is located 1.8km to the west of Mullinavat village in Co. Kilkenny. The waterfall is a popular amenity with locals and tourists, particularly during the summer months. Current facilities are limited to an access track from the Local Primary Road LP-1042 to the waterfall, which is approximately 150m from the public road. There is no dedicated car parking available to visitors in the vicinity, no pedestrian facilities on the LP-1042 and no information about the waterfall available for visitors.

Kilkenny County Council, as the project promoter, proposes to undertake the amenity works in Poulanassy. The purpose of these works is to improve access for locals and visitors to the village. The aims of the project can be summarised as follows:

- Improved safety for road users accessing and egressing to and from the new entrance.
- Improved footway access to Poulanassy Waterfall.

Project Benefits

The proposed works will offer substantial benefits to locals and tourists visiting Poulanassy Waterfall. The benefits resulting from the completion of the project would include;

- Dedicated footways and parking facilities to serve the public visiting Poulanassy Waterfall.
- Improvement works to footway surface finish to Poulanassy Waterfall
- Creating additional spaces for outdoor seating and appropriate street furniture for the enjoyment of locals and visitors.

3.0 Design Criteria

The project is designed in accordance with the County Kilkenny Rural Design Guide. A Preliminary Design has been carried out in accordance with this standard and is included in the appendices of this report.

4.0 Environmental Reports

An Appropriate Assessment (Screening) Report was carried out by SLR Consulting. This report concluded that the project presents no adverse impacts on the conservation objectives of any site designated under the European Habitats Directive.

5.0 Funding

Funding will be required from a number of State Departments and State Agencies. Kilkenny County Council will seek funding from any such sources should a planning consent materialise for this project.

6.0 Programme

Works will be programmed by the appointed contractor. An indicative programme is provided as follows.

- The existing roadside boundary will be removed and temporary fencing will be erected to secure the site.
- Topsoil and soil will be removed and set aside to reach a competent depth for construction.
- Fill material will be imported, laid and compacted to required levels and falls.
- Drainage and kerbing and capping will be installed.
- Walking trail upgrade comprising timber sleepers and compacted stone fill will be completed.
- The car park will be paved followed by lining of the parking bays and access.
- Landscaping will be provided, including topsoiling of green areas, grass seeding and planting, installation of picnic area seating and interpretative signage.
- Installation of new boundary fencing and hedging and removal of existing access will complete the project.
- It is anticipated that the project will take 10 weeks to complete.

7.0 **Public consultation**

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection from **Wednesday 29th January 2020 to Wednesday 26th February 2020 inclusive**, at the following offices:

Planning Section,
Kilkenny County Council,
County Hall,
John Street, Kilkenny City

From 9am to 1pm & 2pm to 4pm
Monday to Friday

Ferrybank Engineering Office,
Kilkenny County Council
Ferrybank Shopping Centre,
Ferrybank,
Co. Kilkenny

From 9am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm
Monday to Friday

Mullinavat Community Centre,
Ballyknockbeg,
Mullinavat,
County Kilkenny

From 9am to 1pm & 2pm to 10pm
Monday to Saturday

Details of the proposed development can be viewed at <https://consult.kilkenny.ie/> and www.kilkennycoco.ie

7.0 **Submissions**

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development will be carried out, may be made online at <https://consult.kilkenny.ie/>, in writing to **Planning Section, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny** or sent to the following email address planning@kilkennycoco.ie

The latest date for receipt of submissions on the above scheme is Wednesday 11th March 2020. Submissions should be clearly marked 'Poulanassy Waterfall Visitor Car Park & Walking Trail'.