

Comhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh
Kilkenny County Council

Environmental Impact Assessment Screening



Planning & Development Acts 2000 -2019
Planning & Development Regulations 2001 - 2020

Date: 10th September 2020

Applicant: Roads Design Office, Kilkenny County Council

Subject: Improvement of the N77 route between Ballyraggett and Ballynaslee, Co. Kilkenny.

Kilkenny County Council is applying to An Bord Pleanála for the improvement of the existing N77 route between Ballyraggett and Ballynasleein.

The location of the proposed road improvement works is presented in Figure1 below:

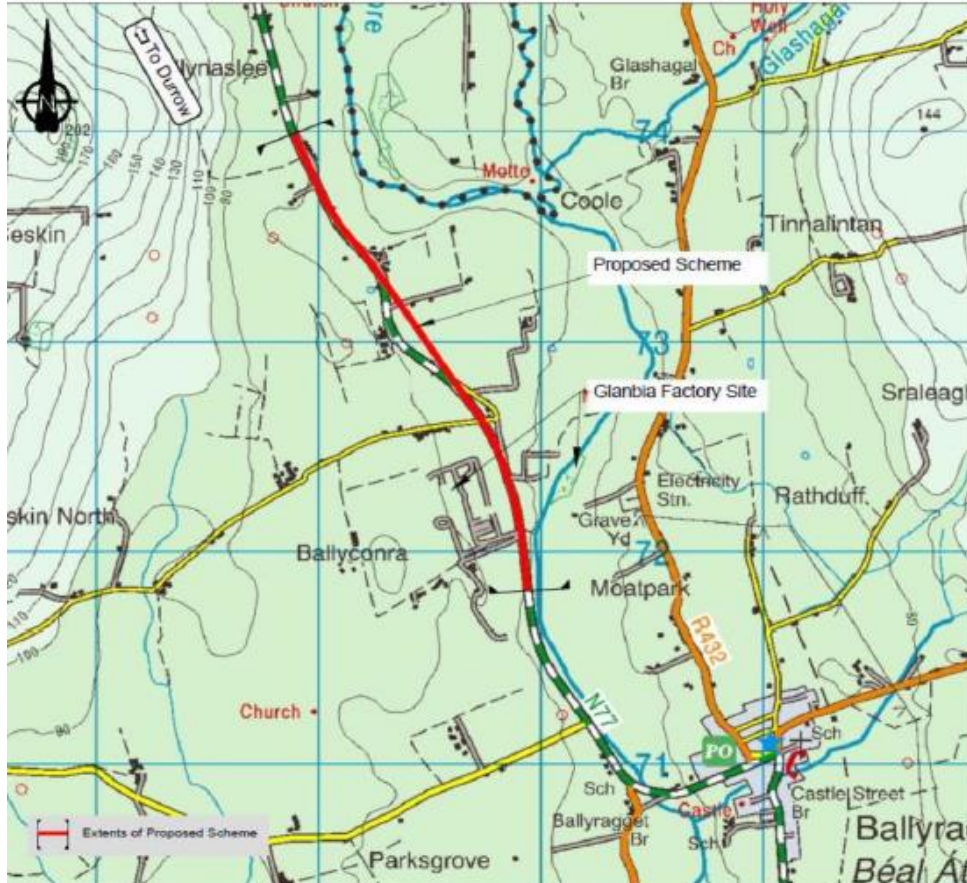


Figure 1

The following considerations have been taken into account in screening the proposed development for Environmental Impact Assessment:

- Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2020, Schedule 5, Part 1 and 2
- European Union (Planning and Development) (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2018 Article 75 which amends Article 120 of the Regulations 2001
- Planning and Development Act 2000 – 2019
- The nature and extent of the proposed development works, and design and mitigation measures proposed.
- The location of the proposed development works, and sensitive receptors in the vicinity of the site.
- Schedules 5, 6 and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2020.
- The ‘N77 Ballyragget Village to Ballynaslee Road Improvement Scheme 177AE Application Report- Particulars Relating to Construction, Planning and Environmental Report’ prepared by Atkins Consultants dated 01/07/2020.
- The ‘N77 Ballyragget Village to Ballynaslee Road Improvement Scheme, Co. Kilkenny, Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report’ prepared by Eco Fact Consultants, dated 24th September 2019.
- The ‘N77 Ballyragget Village to Ballynaslee Road Improvement Scheme, Co. Kilkenny, Natura Impact Statement’ prepared by Eco Fact Consultants, dated 5th June 2020.
- The ‘N77 Ballyragget Village to Ballynaslee Road Improvement Scheme Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report’ prepared by Atkins Consultants dated 05/05/2020.

AA Screening

An Appropriate Assessment Screening report was also carried out by the Planning Authority which concluded that significant impacts on any Natura 2000 site cannot be ruled out; a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment (Natura Impact Statement) has been carried out, and the findings have been considered as part of this assessment.

EIA Conclusion

From assessing the documentation associated with the proposed development, it is considered that the proposed development is significantly below sub threshold Part 2 activities and having regard to the environmental sensitivities of this area and the potential impacts based on the following environmental factors:

- Population and human health
- Biodiversity, with particular attention to special and habitats protected under the Birds and Habitats Directives
- Land, soil, water, air and the landscape
- Climate
- Interaction between above

- Expected effects from relevant major accidents and / or disasters

it is therefore determined that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report is not required for this project.

C. Kelly 10th September 2020

C. Kelly, Executive Planner

Arlene O' Connor 10/10/2020

A. O' Connor, Senior Executive Planner