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Kilkenny County Council
County Hall John Street Kilkenny



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Creating Sustainable Communities and Places

An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902

RE: Application for approval made under Section 177(AE) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended for the N24 CARRICK ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Date: 23rd November 2022

Dear Sir / Madam,

Kilkenny County Council wish to apply for approval under Section 177(AE) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000, as amended to construct the <u>N24 CARRICK ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME</u>.

The proposed N24 Carrick Road Improvement Scheme will consist of the realignment of a 2.2km section of the N24 to remove a series of bends to the west of Mooncoin in Co. Kilkenny. The scheme is surrounded predominantly by agricultural land. Towwnlands affected include Clonmore, Pollrone, Grange and Mooncoin.

The proposed scheme involves:

- Pavement works which will consist of approximately 900m of online realignment and 1300m of offline realignment works.
- Surface water drainage.
- Provision of 2no. attenuation pond, with 2m high palisade fencing, one on the western side of the scheme and other on the eastern.
- Provision of a construction compound at the location of the proposed eastern attenuation pond.
- Proposed realignment of the Skelpstown 16 stream which flows through the site with box culvert for stream crossing.
- Provision of a combined underbridge and cattle underpass.
- Provision of 1.5m footpath underneath the new road at the location of underbridge.
- Provision of a timber post and tension mesh fences along much of the scheme length, as well as
 2.5m wide shared surface/ footpath either side of the carriageway on the eastern side of the
 Scheme.
- Provision of agricultural access tracks and adjacent field access tracks.
- Fencing; safety barriers; kerb line; signage; and all site development and landscaping works.

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared as part of the application for approval in respect of the proposed development.

An EIA Screening determination has been completed by Kilkenny County in support of this application. The EIA Screening determination has been informed by an EIA Screening Report prepared by Ecofact which is included as part of the Plans and Particulars forming this submission.

Kilkenny County Council has concluded that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and a determination has been made that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required.

I enclose herewith the following documentation in accordance with Article 249 of the Planning and Development Regulations, as amended in support of the application.

- (a) 2 hard copies of the plans and particulars of the proposed development.
- (b) 2 hard copies of the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) for the proposed works.
- (c) A soft copy (DVD) of the plans & particulars and the NIS for the proposed development.
- (d) A copy of the newspaper notices published in the Kilkenny People 23rd November 2022 and the Irish Independent, dated 23rd November 2022 under section 177AE(4)(a).
- (e) A copy of the list the prescribed bodies to which notice was sent under section 177AE(4)(b) and a copy of each notice sent.

Register of Particulars:

- 1. Cover Letter to Application to An Bord Pleanala.
- 2. 177AE Planning Application Report: Particulars relating to Construction, Planning & Environment (Barry Transportation 2022)

Containing the following appendices:

- Appendix A: Air Quality and Climate Impact Assessment 2022
- Appendix B: Noise & Vibration Impact Assessment 2021
- Appendix C: Stage 1 Flood Risk Assessment Report 2022
- Appendix D: Maintenance Plan for Surface Water Drainage Infrastructure
- Appendix E: Archaeological, Architectural and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment Report 2022
- Appendix F: Natura Impact Statement Report 2022, Appropriate Assessment Screening
- Report 2022 & Kilkenny County Council Habitats Directive Project Screening Report
- Appendix G: Ecological Impact Assessment Report 2022 & Bat Assessment Report 2022
- Appendix H: Landscape & Visual Drawings
- Appendix I: Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report 2022 & Kilkenny County Council EIA Screening Determination.
- Appendix J: Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (OCEMP) 2022
- Appendix K: Scheme Feasibility & Route Options Report 2019
- Appendix L: Preliminary Design Report 2021
- Appendix M: Planning Application Drawings
- 3. A list of the prescribed bodies to which notice was sent under section 177AE(4)(b) and a copy of each notice sent.
- 4. Newspaper Notices. Published in the Kilkenny People 23rd November 2022 and Irish Independent, dated 23rd November 2022 under section 177AE(4)(a)

The following Prescribed Bodies have been notified with respect to the proposed planning application under Section 177AE (4)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended:

- An Taisce
- Arts Council
- The Commission for the Regulation of Utilities (CRU)
- Failte Ireland
- Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI)
- Irish Water
- Kilkenny County Council

- Department of the Environment, Climate & Communications
- Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport & Media
- The Heritage Council
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)
- Health Service Executive
- Southern Regional Assembly

Please note that a simultaneous application for confirmation of Kilkenny County Council CPO No. 5 of 2022 N24 Carrick Road Improvement Scheme (Clonmore to Mooncoin) has also been submitted to An Bord Pleanála.

Yours faithfully,

Tim Butler,

Director of Services,

Kilkenny County Council.

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