



**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 N77 BALLYRAGGET VILLAGE TO BALLYNASLEE ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Date: 3rd December 2020

Dear Sir / Madam,

Kilkenny County Council wish to apply for approval under Section 177(AE) of the Planning and Development Acts, as amended to construct the N77 Ballyragget Village to Ballynaslee Road Improvement Scheme.

The proposed development is the N77 Ballyragget Village to Ballynaslee Road Improvement Scheme, located to the north of Ballyragget Village in County Kilkenny within the townlands of Ballyconra and Ballynaslee. The proposed development will consist of the realignment of a 2.44km section of the N77 to remove a bend immediately to the north of the Glanbia plant at Ballyragget, County Kilkenny. The proposed development will commence c. 250m south of the Glanbia plant at Ballyragget and extend northwards to tie in to the recently completed N77 Ballynaslee Realignment Scheme. The works will consist of 1740m of online realignment and 700m of off-line realignment works, with associated drainage, including attenuation pond and swales; 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 Atkins Ireland which is included as part of the Plans and Particulars forming this submission.

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 2nd December 2020 and the Irish Independent, dated 3rd December 2020 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 Pleanála.
2. Natura Impact Statement" (Ecofact, 2020)
3. Planning, Construction and Environmental Report (Atkins, 2020);
4. Kilkenny County Council Habitats Directive Project Screening Report.
5. Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report (Ecofact, 2019);
6. Kilkenny County Council EIA Screening Statement.
7. Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report (Atkins, 2020);
8. Route Options Report (THRDO, 2020);
9. Project Appraisal Plan (THRDO, 2020);
10. Preliminary Design Report (THRDO, 2020);
11. Flood Risk Assessment (Atkins, 2020);
12. A list of the prescribed bodies to which notice was sent under section 177AE(4)(b) and a copy of each notice sent.
13. Newspaper Notices. Published in the Kilkenny People 2nd December 2020 and Irish Independent, dated 3rd December 2020 under section 177AE(4)(a)
14. Drawings.

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
- Minister for Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht
- National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)
- The Heritage Council
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)
- Health Service Executive

Please note that a simultaneous application for confirmation of **Kilkenny County Council CPO No. 1 of 2020 N77 Ballyragget to Ballynaslee Road Improvement Scheme (Ballyconra to Ballynaslee)** has also been submitted to An Bord Pleanála.

Yours faithfully,



Tim Butler,
Director of Services,
Kilkenny County Council.