

Fiddown Village Improvement Works

Scheme Overview

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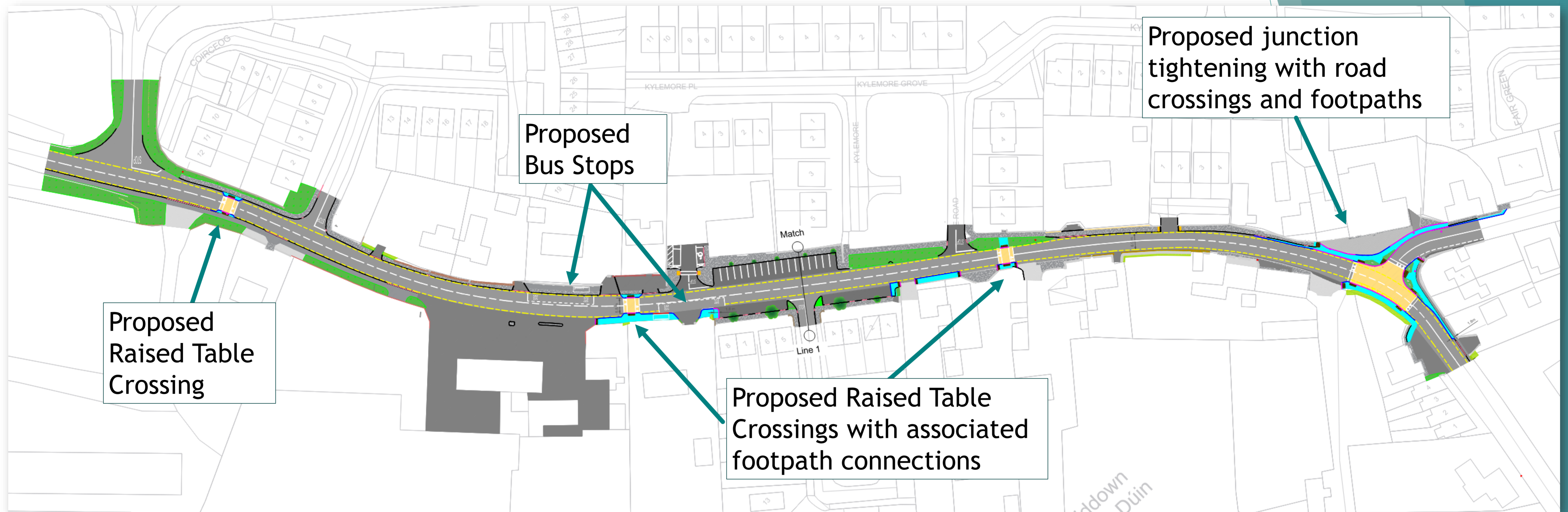


Existing Conditions

- ▶ Village is defined by the R698 regional road along which the core village has developed.
- ▶ The regional road has priority throughout, with multiple local and direct access forming priority junctions.
- ▶ The primary commercial properties in the village are Merry's Garage, the building accommodating the Montessori and Chinese takeaway, and Meade's pub.
- ▶ There are footpaths at various locations, with some uncontrolled crossings across the local roads.
- ▶ The current bus stop location is along a bend in the R698 adjacent to Meade's Pub.
- ▶ The issues are:
 - ▶ Pedestrian facilities are not continuous through the village and there are no crossings provided across the R698.
 - ▶ Bus stop locations are unsafe in terms of advance visibility for vehicles and pedestrian facilities and connectivity.
- ▶ These features inhibit and discourage journeys by foot and by public transport for residents and visitors to Fiddown.



Proposed Improvements



▶ Principal characteristics:

- ▶ Bus Stops Relocated
- ▶ 3 no. raised table pedestrian crossings provided
- ▶ Junction at Meade's Pub tightened. Raised table provided across junction with pedestrian facilities

Bus Stops

- ▶ Bus Stops to be relocated from their current positions along the bend adjacent to Meade's Pub to locations along the straight east of Merry's Garage
- ▶ Bus stop facilities to be provided including kassel kerbs and benches
- ▶ Raised table uncontrolled pedestrian crossing to be provided between bus stops to improve connectivity to the bus stops



Raised Table Crossings

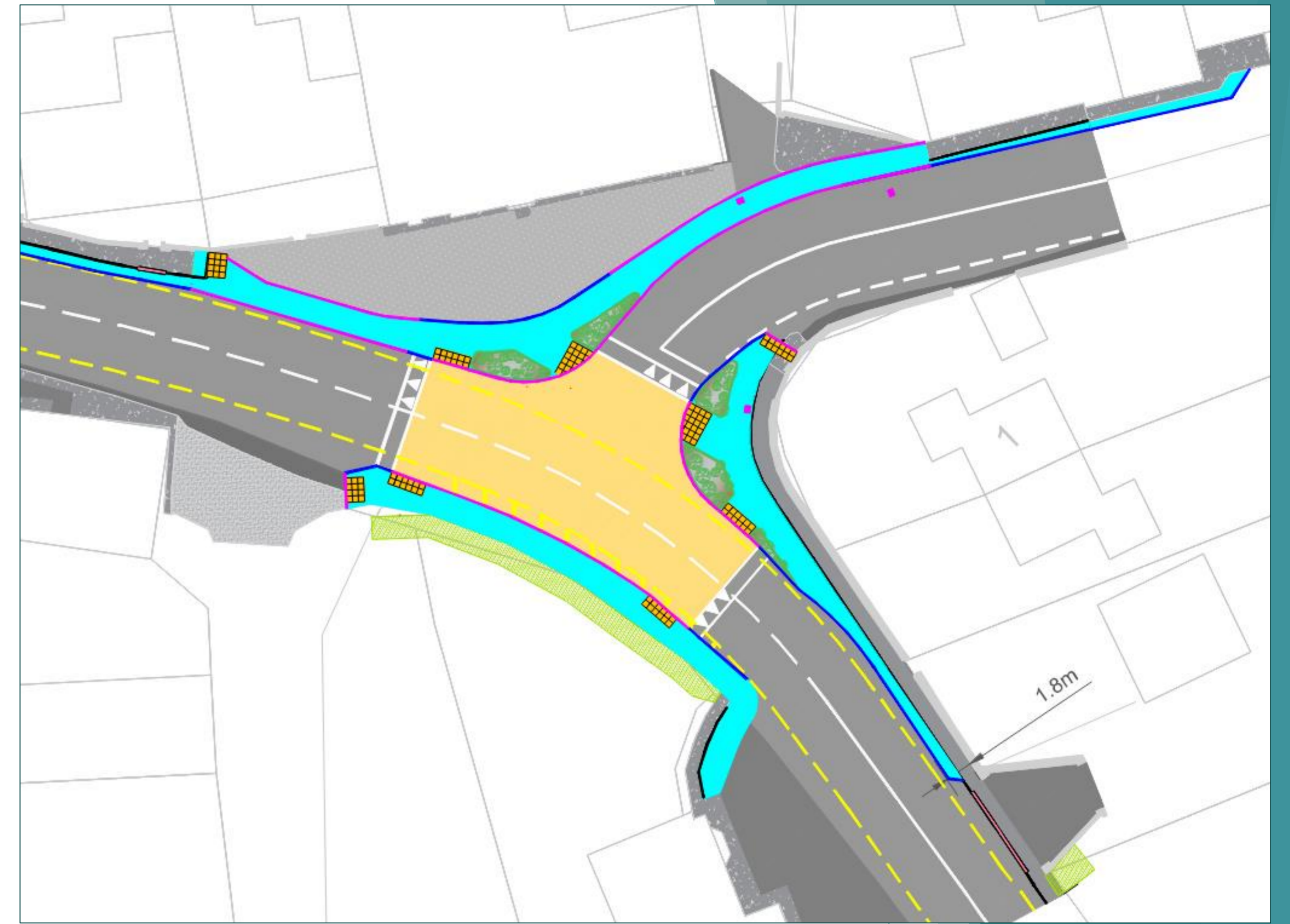


- ▶ 3 No. crossings to be provided
- ▶ Western Crossing provides access to the footpath along the R698, linking Fiddown to Piltown.
- ▶ Central Crossing provides access across the commercial area, the service station and the proposed bus stops.
- ▶ Eastern Crossing links residents to the North and South, providing access to the inner facilities of Fiddown (the Pub and postbox)



Junction Tightening

- ▶ Tightening of junction to reduce vehicular speeds through the junction and to improve pedestrian facility by reduction of crossing distances.
- ▶ Provides full pedestrian connectivity through the junction, linking in with existing footpaths, where present.
- ▶ Comprehensive informal crossing provision including tactile paving at designated crossing locations
- ▶ Promotes biodiversity via incorporation of SuDS elements while accommodating public realm drainage



Scheme Benefits

- ▶ Access – Improved permeability and connectivity both within the village and externally via access to bus stops and existing footpath link to Piltown
- ▶ Safety – Improved safety for all road users via:
 - ❑ traffic calming effects of raised table junction and crossing locations,
 - ❑ provision of continuous pedestrian route through the village including improved and additional pedestrian facilities,
 - ❑ junction modification reducing turning speeds and pedestrian crossing distances
 - ❑ formalised and accessible bus stop facilities
- ▶ Public Realm – raises profile of VRU's via traffic calming measures and improved pedestrian facilities, thereby enhancing the public realm through the village. Incorporation of SuDS measures adds to improved aesthetic at key location