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Wicklow County Council Compulsory Purchase (Chapel Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Infrastructure Improvement scheme) Order No. 1, 2021

Pursuant to above please find enclosed three hard copies and one digital copy of the following -

- Newspaper Notice
 - o Irish Times, dated 30 June 2021
 - Wicklow People, dated 30 June 2021
- CPO Order signed and sealed
- CPO Maps signed and sealed
- Red boundary drawing showing the locations of the Site Notices (Drg. 190092-2007)
- Site Notice
- Notification letters sent to the landowners

We also attach a brief summary of the project. It should be noted that the Part 8 proposal for this project was adopted by Wicklow County Council on 28 January 2020.

Please acknowledge receipt of this Compulsory Purchase Order and forward number assigned to this application to roadtrans@wicklowcoco.ie

Yours faithfully,

Colm Lavery, Director of Services

Transportation, Water & Emergency Services



Chapel Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Infrastructure Improvement Scheme Project Summary

Background

Greystones in Co. Wicklow is a busy commuter town, in which a significant amount of traffic is travelling from south to north to make its way to Bray and the greater Dublin area on a daily basis. In addition, there is significant residential development accompanied by a growing school going population that is putting pressure on a road network that is currently not suitable and does not cater for a shift to more sustainable and active modes of travel.

Chapel Road between Delgany and Blacklion is one such busy road section that has been under appraisal for some years. At present, the pedestrian and cycle facilities along this road do not form a coherent, attractive or safe experience, in particular, for young children travelling to and from school. St. Laurence's National School is located along this road and the road currently experiences congestion during peak hour periods, particularly during school drop off and collection times.

A number of planning permissions have been granted over the years along this section of road which has brought about the completion of sections of the roadway on foot of developer led construction projects. While this has been welcomed it has resulted in a lack of continuity between each section completed.

The project scope includes for the section of roadway between the Chapel Road and Convent Road Roundabout north to the Blacklion Manor Road (to tie into the Seagreen Housing Development). A section of this route is being delivered by D-RES Properties under the Wicklow County Council Planning Ref 18/678.

This improvement scheme has been proposed for a number of years and is contained within the Greystones Local Area Plan 2013 – 2019. It will benefit all road users and provide for the use of more sustainable modes of travel such as walking and cycling. A realignment and upgrade of the road would also allow for a bypass of St Laurence's National School and provide a local access, leading to reduced congestion and an improvement in vehicular movements.

Scheme Description

The overall proposals comprise of an upgrade and realignment of this section of Chapel Road in order to improve vehicular movement along the road as well as to provide an improvement to the pedestrian and cycling infrastructure and experience. The road will have sufficient width to allow two-way traffic plus off road cycle paths and footpaths on both sides of the carriageway.

The full extents of each section of the proposed scheme are shown on the drawing which accompanies this document.

Project Planning

Wicklow County Council commenced the statutory Part 8 process with the publication of advertisements on 24 October 2020 and the closing date for public submissions was 21 November 2020. The project, together with all public submissions and our comments thereon, was considered at the Council Meeting on 28 January 2020 and the Part 8 proposal was adopted by the County Council.

Land Access

In order to facilitate the commencement of this project and in the interest of expediancy it is proposed to acquire the lands required for the scheme by way of Compulsory Purchase Order.

