



## **BALLYGUILMORE FOOTPATH SCHEME**

### **PART 8 PROJECT BRIEF**

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Municipal District of Wicklow**

**August 2023**

## Introduction

- Pursuant to the provisions of **Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001** Wicklow County Council has given notice of its intention to carry out works to improve the safety of all road users, particularly the vulnerable road user, along the **Ballyguilemore Road in Wicklow Town between Carrig View and the proposed new St. Patricks GAA pitch at Dunbur Lower**. The scheme will provide new pedestrian facilities as well as road safety improvement works. The scheme includes the following main elements:
  - **A new 1.8m wide footpath along the eastern side of Ballyguilemore Road to extend the existing footpath at Carrig View further south to the new St. Patricks GAA pitch. The new footpath will be approx. 570m in length.**
  - **Removal of existing hedgerow on eastern side of road to improve forward visibility.**
  - **Boundary fencing and new hedgerow to be installed along the eastern boundary of the footpath.**
  - **Existing road to be widened to 5.5m.**
  - **Public lighting to be provided along the extent of the new footpath.**
  
- Where any person, having consulted these documents, considers that the proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment, he or she may, at any time before **12:00 noon on Wednesday 06th September 2023**, apply in accordance with the provisions of Article 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2018, to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have such effects.
  
- Submissions and observations on the proposed development as outlined in the plans and particulars contained herein, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, may be made in writing on or before **12:00 noon on Wednesday 20th September 2023** as follows:
  - (a) In writing to, District Administrator, Wicklow Municipal District, Town Hall, Market Square, Wicklow Town.
  - (b) By email to [WicklowMD@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:WicklowMD@wicklowcoco.ie)
  
- The Chief Executive Officer of Wicklow County Council or Wicklow Municipal District Manager shall, after receipt of written submissions or observations, prepare a written report in relation to the proposed scheme and submit the report to the elected members. The report shall list the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations, summarise the issues raised with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and recommend whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed or with modification.

- Following the consideration of the executive report by the members, the proposed Ballyguilemore Footpath Scheme may be carried out as recommended in the report, unless the members by resolution made not later than 6 weeks after receipt of the report, decide to vary or modify the development, otherwise than as recommended in the manager's report, or decide not to proceed with the development.

### **Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Statement Screening**

In accordance with article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Wicklow County Council has concluded from a preliminary examination pursuant to the provisions of article 120(1)(b)(i) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report is not required.

In accordance with the provisions of article 250 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to 2019, Wicklow County Council has carried out a screening of the proposed development to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge, if the development, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would be likely to have a significant effect on a European site. Accordingly Wicklow County Council has determined that the proposed development would not be likely to have a significant effect on a European site.

### **Architectural Heritage Impact Assessment**

There is a protected structure located towards the northern end of the proposed footpath, namely 'The Cholera House' – Reference W29 on the Wicklow County Council Record of Protected Structures. The Cholera House is located in an agricultural field adjacent to the road, approximately 20 metres from the northern end of the proposed project. The proposed footpath works are to include setting back the roadside boundary by approx 1.5 to 2 metres to enable the construction of the footpath. An Architectural Heritage Impact Report was carried out by IAC to assess the potential impact of the project on the protected structure. A copy of the report is included within the Part VIII documentation for reference. The report outlines mitigation measures to be incorporated during the construction works.

## Planning Context

The Ballyguilemore Footpath Scheme is consistent with the objective of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028 which is:

CPO 12.11 “To improve existing or provide new pedestrian and cycling infrastructure of the highest standards on existing public roads, as funding and site constraints allow.”

The scheme is consistent with the Walking and Cycling objectives set out in the Wicklow Town-Rathnew Development Plan 2013-2019. CW1 states:

“to improve existing or provide new foot and cycleways on existing public roads, as funding allows.”

The scheme is also consistent with the Road objectives set out in the Wicklow Town-Rathnew Development Plan 2013-2019. RP 5 states:

“To facilitate the upgrading of the Greenhills Road to serve future development of zoned lands in this area.

## Development Context

The proposed scheme includes for a new footpath, public lighting, boundary fencing and hedgerow, and road widening works.

Having regards to the nature and scale of the works it was considered that Wicklow County Council should obtain Part VIII approval before proceeding with the scheme. Statutory public consultation will be undertaken in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and regulations under this section.

## Document Register

### Ballyguilemore Footpath Scheme

Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) – Part 8

Document	Issue Date	Scale	Size
Project Brief	09/08/2023	n/a	A4
Copy of advert	09/08/2023	n/a	
Copy of site notice	09/08/2023	n/a	A4
Site Location/site notice location	09/08/2023	1:2500	A3
Ballyguilemore Footpath Design Layout	22/06/2023	1:2000	A3
EIA Screening Report	24/11/2022	n/a	A4
AA Screening Report	24/11/2022	n/a	A4
Architectural Heritage Impact Assessment	07/07/2023	n/a	A4