

Appendix D: Site Photos

Section 1: Blessington

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| One of two small Marshes on existing Greenway | Mixed woodland habitat types |
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| Himalayan Knotweed (<i>Persicaria wallichii</i>) Near Baltyboys Bridge | Tight footpath Blessington Side of Baltyboys Bridge |
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Section: Blessington

Red Squirrel Feeding



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Section: Blessington

Car park, amenity area and grassland verge.



Derelict building with bat potential



Section: Blessington

Specimen tree and Rookery



Sandcliff bank, where a Sand Martin colony exists.
Colony to be avoided.



Section: Blessington

Buddleia patches exist locally along pedestrian route



Mature Scots pine forest with existing walkway.
Retain trees where possible.



Section: Blessington

Specimen trees present, as route exits Scots pine area. Care should be taken to ensure roots are protected from works.

Route runs parallel to trees with high bat potential.



Section: Blessington

Buddleia patches exist locally along pedestrian route. This section is managed by the Native Woodland Trust.

Wetland managed by Native Woodland Trust is adjacent to route (parallel to N81). This is not foreseen to be impacted.



Section: Blessington

Partial path exists, parralel to wetland area,on section of planned route.



Route to pass through area of dense mature woodland. Care should be taken to retain specimen trees.



Section: Blessington

Tunnel from Russborough House to proposed route.

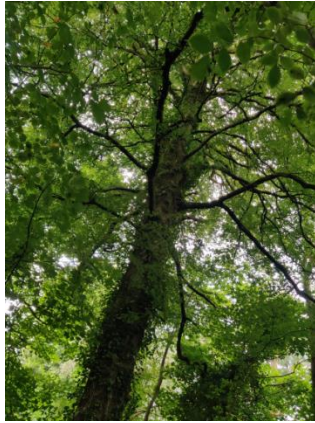


Wetland area at Russborough (near arch entrance)

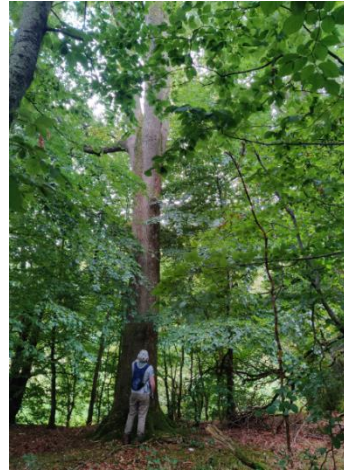


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Common frog identified on lake shore



Route runs along edge of conifer plantation. Tree clearance required in places. Clearance to be supervised as mammal presence is likely.



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Row of sycamore along woodland edge to be retained if possible



Giant Knotweed stand. (in relatively close proximity to parking area at Russelstown)



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Treated Japanese Knotweed stand adjacent to lake (in relatively close proximity to parking area at Russelstown)



Route loops towards N81, and through forest area where local dense Laurel growth occurs. This loop goes back in the direction of Rossborough.



Section: Blessington





Route passes through larch area



Mature deciduous tree line and earthen bank will be passed. Trees should be retained where possible. The route then connects to an existing path



Section 2: Baltyboys

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| Car park and adjacent mature trees to north of route | Existing trail through Willows close to start of route |
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| Section: Baltyboys | |
| Mixed broadleaved woodland on slope | Fallow grassland with bracken scrub in background |
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Section: Baltyboys

Mixed Willow-dominated broadleaved woodland



Mixture of calcareous grassland and recolonising bare ground adjacent shoreline



Section: Baltyboys

Patchy woodland of mixed character



Iris and Willow in wet woodland area



Section: Baltyboys

Edge of Larch plantation



One of several grassy clearings in this route section



Section: Baltyboys

Active outlier badger sett



Path leading to Blessington Sailing Club



Section: Baltyboys

Scots Pine plantation to south of sailing club



Open character of mixed woodland



Section: Baltyboys

Wet grassland where stream deposits to reservoir



Wet grassland and Willow-dominated treeline



Section: Baltyboys

Watercourse as it deposits to reservoir close to north of route



Calcareous grassland toward end of route



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Amenity area adjacent car park


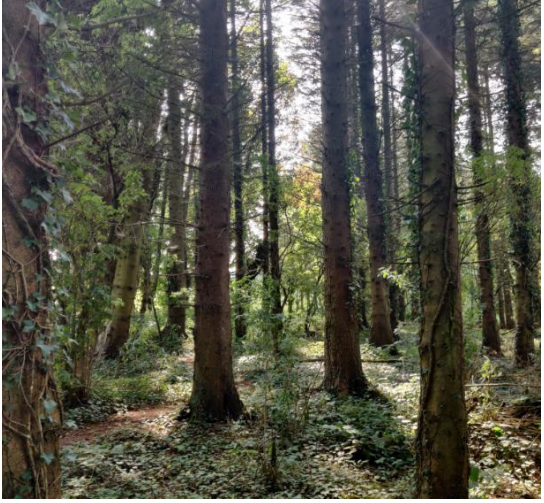


Fallow grassland at end of route at Vallemount Bridge



Section 3: Tulfarris

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| Existing laneway bordered by hedge/tree line. | Derelict house off lane, with bat roost potential. |
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| Route passes through plantation. Plantation bordered by some specimen deciduous trees along plantation edge. | Route passes through plantation. Plantation bordered by some specimen deciduous trees along plantation edge. |
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Section: Tulfarris

Deciduous treeline edge, which is planted along proposed route.



Wetland area adjacent to route.



Section: Tulfarris

Understory layer present. Supervision required during clearance.



Squirrel activity evident in woodland.



Section: Tulfarris

Pine Marten scat observed.

Potential abandoned single badger sett entrance identified.





Section: Tulfarris



Route passes through wet deciduous woodland area dominated by Willow and Elder, with dense understory layer.

Route then moves on towards edge of golf course. Following the course perimeter. The route runs adjacent to hedgerows and treelines until it joins the road entrance to the Tulfarris hotel.



Section 4: Valleymount

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| Pine Martin sighted near the Anna Carney River | Wet Grassland near the in Anna Carney River |
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| Possible Red Squirrel Cashe in a Mature Rowan | Mature Oak beside Badger Sett |
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Section: Valleymount

Scots Pine dominated woodland near the Anna Carney River



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Himalayan Knotweed (*Persicaria wallichii*) Near Baltyboys Bridge



Bramble understory in Scots Pine Woodland



Section: Valleymount

Possible Drey



Tight footpath Blessington Side of Baltyboys Bridge



Section: Valleymount

Dense scrub between Pine plantation and Deciduous woodland along old road



Fly Tipping



Section: Vallemount

Badger Skull



Possible Drey in Sitka Spruce



Section: Vallemount



Wet willow woodland





Tight footpath Blessington Side of Baltyboys Bridge



Section 5: Ballyknockan

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| Area of dense scrub and mature coniferous woodland. | Sandy shoreline with deciduous woodland edge. Woodland edge should be retained. |
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| Deciduous plantations of mixed species and various age classes, interspersed with scrub. | Dry calcareous grassland surrounded by deciduous woodland. |
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Dense scrub (requires clearance under ecological supervision).



Shore line with tree growth.



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Coniferous monoculture.

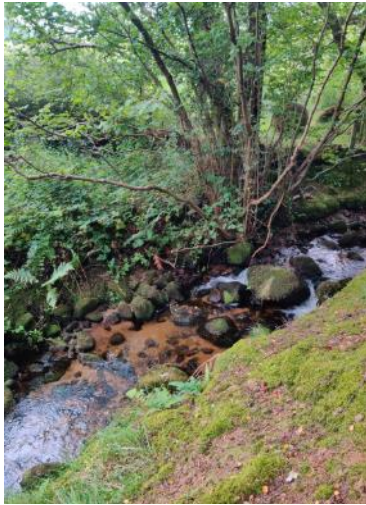


Dense bramble and coniferous borders.



Section: Ballyknockan

Stream crossing.



Pine Marten Scat.



Section: Ballyknockan

Mature trees and complex scrub layer.



Devil's Bit Scabious (*Succisa pratensis*) on ESB owned land adjacent to the route (associated with Marsh fritillary butterfly).



Section: Ballyknockan

Otter spraint on shore.



Stream flowing in to reservoir.



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Scots Pine forest, with interspersed dry grassland.



Conifer plantation with understory later.



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Vast extent of plantation, where significant cffelling is required for route development.

No understory layer in sections of plantation.



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Wet woodland area of conservation value.

Stream with fish potential.



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Dense vegetation to be cleared under supervision.



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Section 6: Lacken

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| Laneway at start of Lacken section with car park shown. | Site of campfire in grassland adjacent car park at start of Lacken route. |
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| Section: Lacken | |
| Dense bracken habitat at south of Lacken route. | Littering from camping activity toward south of Lacken route. |
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Section: **Lacken**

Conifer plantation



Scrub and exposed rock



Section: **Lacken**

Neutral grassland and scrub



Mature Willow – the most common tree species on the south of the Lacken route



Section: **Lacken**

Scrub adjacent shingle habitat



Rock armour (left) extends along much of this route



Section: **Lacken**

Small stream depositing into reservoir



Grassland, scrub and bare ground adjacent the boundary of ESB lands



Section: **Lacken**

Recolonising bare ground behind rock armour allows ample space for Greenway route



Evidence of fox-kill (a gull)



Section: **Lacken**

A weathered Otter spraint on rock armour



Edge of conifer plantation adjacent boundary



Section: **Lacken**

Open nature of Scots Pine plantation canopy allows significant herb layer



Mammal path (likely to be badger) in Scots Pine plantation



Section: **Lacken**

Wet grassland area which will be avoided by route



Fallow grassland toward northern extent of Lacken route

