



**Leitrim County Council**

**Part VIII Planning  
Application Report  
for**

**Proposed Footpath & Public Lighting at  
Skreeny, Manorhamilton, Co Leitrim.**

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## **1 Introduction**

Leitrim County Council proposes to construct a new footpath and public lighting on the R282 at Skreeny, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim. The main objective of this proposal is to provide walking infrastructure and enhance the safety of pedestrians from the town centre to Gleann Dara and Skreeny Manor housing developments and a number of detached dwellings along the R282.

### **1.1 Timescale**

It is expected that the project (if approved) will be constructed in Q2 of 2022.

## **2 Principal Features of the Scheme**

The development will consist of the following elements:

### **2.1 Footpath**

The proposed development consists of the following:

- A 2.0m wide footpath along the western edge of the R282 carriageway. This will serve as a continuation of existing footpath to the south and will link same to Gleann Dara and Skreeny Manor housing developments.
- The total length of scheme is 220m.

### **2.2 Public Lighting along Footway**

There are public lighting columns in place from the town centre extending as far as the entrance to Gleann Dara and Skreeny Manor. 4 no. new lighting columns will be installed at the north-west end of the works.

### **2.3 Underground Diversion of Existing Overhead Eir Services**

There are three existing Eir telegraph poles that are currently restricting the proposed route of the new footpath. The most desirable solution is to divert the overhead services to underground ducting / chambers and remove the poles

entirely. This would provide improved safety to pedestrians and enhance the aesthetics of the scheme.

### **3. Leitrim County Development Plan 2015-2021**

The provision of the proposed footpath and cycle track is aligned with the following policy and objectives of the County Development Plan:

- **Policy 46**

*It is the policy of the Council to encourage safe walking and cycling by providing linear parks, footpaths, cycle paths and public lighting in towns and villages.*

- **Objective 39**

*It is an objective of the Council to ensure all towns and villages have adequate footpaths and public lighting.*

### **4 Appropriate Assessment Screening Report**

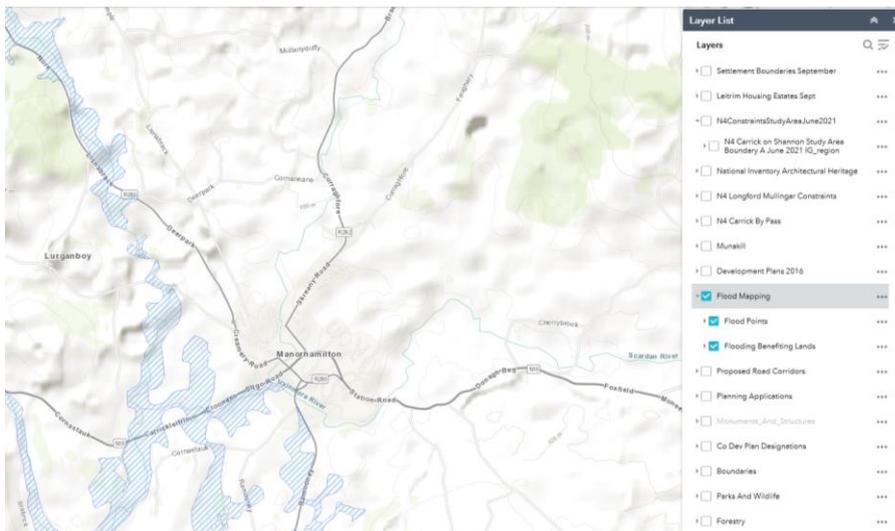
The Appropriate Assessment Screening Report can be found in Appendix B of this report and concludes that the project will have no significant impact on the conservation objectives of designated European sites.

In accordance with Article 120 (3) as amended by SI No 296 of 2018, a person may, within 4 weeks from the date of the site notice (28<sup>th</sup> January 2022) apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment. Such a submission should be addressed to the Secretary, An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

## 5 Flood Risk

As per the Flood Risk Management Guidelines (2009), where flood risk may be an issue for any proposed development, a flood risk assessment (FRA) should be carried out that is appropriate to the scale and nature of the development and the risks arising. An FRA is intended to be sufficiently detailed to quantify the risks and effects of any flooding, necessary mitigation measures, together with recommendations on how to best manage any residual risks.

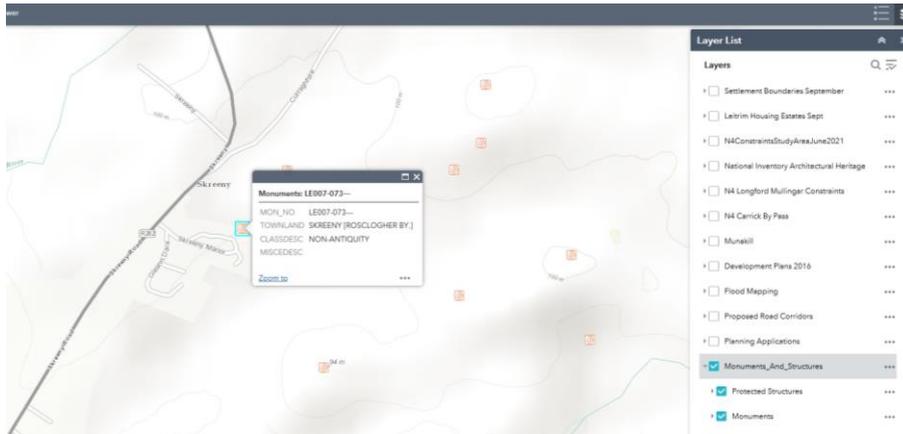
The following extract shows that there are no flood points or benefitting lands in the vicinity of the site and therefore an FRA is not required.



## 6 Archaeology

An initial archaeological screening assessment has been undertaken in order to ascertain the potential impact of the proposed development on the archaeological and historical resource that may exist within the area and identify whether further studies are required in order to define potential impacts.

There are no recorded monuments within the proposed development area. The nearest recorded monument is (LE007-073) located northeast of the site (see below).



Given the low archaeological potential of the proposed development area, no further archaeological assessments or mitigation is deemed to be necessary in association with future development.

## 7 Protected Structures

There are no protected structures in the vicinity of this project. Therefore, the implementation of this project will not have any impact on Protected Structures.

## 8 Conclusion

The proposed works are consistent with proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which it relates.

Leitrim County Council proposes to carry out these works to improve the approaches to the town centre and to encourage people to walk and cycle to their local amenities.