



Leitrim County Council

Part VIII Planning Application Report for

**Active Travel Scheme at Aghamore,
Rooskey, Co Leitrim.
(Cycle lanes, footpaths and public lighting)**

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1 Introduction

Leitrim County Council proposes to construct new footpaths and a two-way cycle track with public lighting on the R371 and L1001 at Aghamore, Rooskey, Co. Leitrim. The main objective of this proposal is to provide walking and cycling infrastructure to link three housing developments to the village centre of Rooskey, to encourage Active Travel and therefore discourage the use of motor vehicles for trips to local amenities.

1.1 Timescale

It is expected that the project (if approved) will be constructed in Q4 of 2022.

2 Principal Features of the Scheme

The development will consist of the following elements:

2.1 Footpaths / Two-way Cycle Track

The proposed development consists of the following:

- An off-road 3.5m wide two-way cycle track alongside a 2m footpath along the western edge of the existing R371(Old N4) carriageway.
- A 2m footpath will be constructed along the west edge of local road L1001. This will serve as a continuation of the footpath adjacent to the above housing developments and will link to the new footpath at R371 (Old N4).
- An off-road 2m footpath will be constructed along the eastern edge of the existing R371 (Old N4) Carriageway.
- The total length of scheme is 642m

2.2 Public Lighting along Footway

Public Lighting is in place from the village centre extending south approx. 400m along proposed scheme. This will be extended along proposed footway to housing developments (7 no. additional Public Lighting columns will be required along the route).

2.3 Pedestrian Crossing

A 2.0m wide uncontrolled pedestrian crossing with level access kerb and buff tactile paving will be constructed across the R371 adjacent to junction with L1001 at south end of the scheme.

A 2.0m wide uncontrolled pedestrian crossing incorporating table-top ramp and buff tactile paving will be constructed across the entrance to Rooskey Lock housing development.

2.4 Drainage

Adequate drainage along new scheme will be provided as required.

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.

- **Objective 113**

It is an objective of the Council to facilitate the provision of cycle lanes along public roads in urban/built up areas and in tourist areas, where appropriate and as funds allow.

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 (15th April 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 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.

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



7 Protected Structures

There are no protected structures in the vicinity of this project. Therefore, the implementation of the 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 village centre and to encourage people to walk and cycle to their local amenities.