

# PART 8 Planning Application



## Briefing Document

### **Dromahair Greenway Loop:-**

**Proposed construction of a pedestrian bridge, and a footpath, adjacent to the existing bridge over the Edergole River, at the junction between the R287 and the L4252 at Ardakup and Killananima, Dromahair, County Leitrim**

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# 1 Introduction

The Sligo Leitrim Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) was an old rail line that as its name suggests historically ran through Sligo, Leitrim and border towns in Fermanagh. It had a colourful past, privately owned by Lord Tottenham of Glenfarne Hall its first chairman, main contractor and the main financier of the line. It was however never to be profitable. The SLNCR opened to Enniskillen on September 1st 1881 but was to close in 1957.

The SLNCR Dromahair Abbey Loop (See Figure 2) was the first section of a greenway planned and opened by a committee in Dromahair to the public. The Loop, 5 km in length, links the original line at Edergole Cottage, through Bábhún (Bawn), An Chraobh Liath (Creevelea) along the Bonet and into Dromahair itself, and back out to the Railway Station.

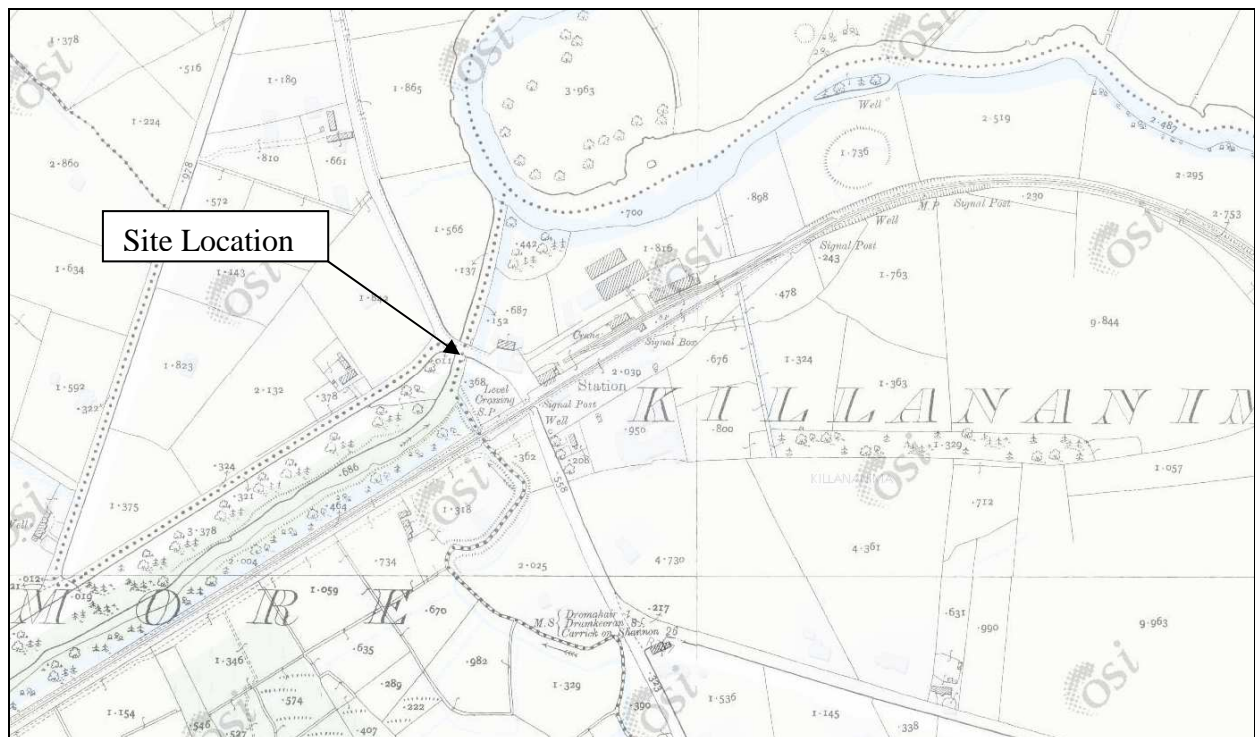
This application outlines proposals for the construction of new footbridge and footpath adjacent to the existing bridge over the Edergole River at the junction between the L4252 and the R287 at Ardakup and Killananima, Dromahair, County Leitrim. The proposal would safely accommodate pedestrian travelling from the village onto the Dromahair Abbey Loop and onto the SLNCR rail trail and vice versa.



*Fig 1: Site Location outside Dromahair*







***Fig 3: Historical Map showing old railway line and station***

The proposed pedestrian bridge and footpath are deemed to require PART 8 consultation. The required documentary requirements for PART 8 consultation will be prepared for Planning Department approval, prior to going on public display.

There are a number of different elements to this design as follows:

## **2 Footbridge**

The proposed indicative footbridge is shown in Drawing No. 203/1592/03. The bridge would be stainless steel with a hardwood deck.

## **3 Footpath**

The proposed footpath is also shown on Drawing No. 203/1592/02. The Council has a land agreement in place with the owner of the adjacent house to the south of the proposed and existing bridge. Proposed works involved the demolition of existing stone wall fronting the dwelling, the construction of a retaining wall and 2.0m wide footpath. Suitable metal railing and entrance gate are proposed for the reconstruction of the dwelling house entrance.

## **4 Public Lighting**

Proposals include for low level lighting at the pedestrian bridge and lighting columns along the proposed footpath. Lighting to be designed by lighting contractor.

## **5 Drainage**

The existing drainage facilities are deemed sufficient to cater for this additional drainage requirement. During construction works, appropriate measures will be taken to prevent any runoff from the site entering Edergole river. If necessary new gullies and pipework will be installed at suitable locations.

## **6 Leitrim County Development Plan 2015-2021**

The provision of the proposed pedestrian bridge and footpath is in compliance with the following policy of the County Development Plan:

### **4.6.3 Walking and Cycling**

#### ***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 29(a)**

*It is an objective of the Council to seek opportunities for the development of suitable walking routes, cycle tracks and bridle paths along redundant railway lines and other suitable locations such as; along waterways and historical access routes.*

## **7 Appendix 1: PART 8 Drawings**

- Drawing No. 203/1592/01 – Location Plan
- Drawing No. 203/1592/02 – Plan & Section of Existing Bridge
- Drawing No. 203/1592/03 – Plan & Section of Proposed Bridge



## 8 Appendix 2: Photo Gallery



*Photo 1: Photo of South elevation of existing bridge*



*Photo 2: Photo of South side of existing bridge*





*Photo 3: Photo of existing bridge looking toward Dromahair*



*Photo 4: Photo from existing bridge towards Drumkeeran*