

Report on Part 8: Fountainstown Looped Walking Trail

Location and Nature of Development

Cork County Council proposes to construct a “Fountainstown Looped Walking Trail” which comprises a 3.5km looped walk including 730m of concrete footpath and the R612 and suitable signage on the L6512, L6513 and L6515.



The proposal to provide information signage along the walking trail route on L6512, L6513 and L6515 local roads and to construct a new footpath for approximately 730 meters on the west side of the R612 at Fountainstown which involves the following works:

- Excavating 2m width of the existing verge.
- Placing and compacting circa 75mm depth of clean washed stone.
- Shutter the back of the footpath with timber.
- Constructing the 100mm depth concrete footpath at the road edge.
- Installing tactile paving at the proposed pedestrian crossings.
- Installing signage and lining along the proposed footpath.
- Provisions for biodiversity and landscaping.
- All ancillary works required to deliver the proposed upgrade works.

The works will be carried out on the land owned by Cork County Council.

Policy

The subject lands are within a High Value Landscape and part is located within the development boundary of Crosshaven and Bays (zoned Existing Residential/Mixed Residential and Other Uses - Crosshaven and Bays).

The subject lands are on a designated Scenic Route (Roads between Crosshaven and Myrtleville, Church Bay, Camden, Weavers Point and Fountainstown).

The County Development Plan 2022 promotes active travel, sustainable transport infrastructure that strengthens the connections between rural and urban areas, supports demand management measures to reduce car travel and promote best practice mobility management and travel planning via sustainable transport modes and promotes road safety measures including traffic calming, road signage and parking. Objective TM 12-2 Active Travel in Section 12-2-1 states:

“Development should incorporate the retention of existing routes and linkages which contribute to permeability of an area, particularly those providing access to key services, facilities and public transport infrastructure. Loss of existing links shall not occur if their loss results in more circuitous trips.

Walkability and accessibility by walking mode will be a central objective in the planning and design of all new transport infrastructure and public transport services.

Public realm upgrades will be promoted to enhance walking and cycling provision in settlements.

Deliver settlements that offer a broad range of services as well as diverse and higher density, residential development to support walking and cycling.”

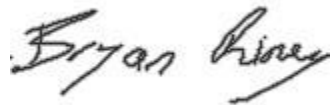
Environmental Assessments

An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and Determination has been provided and concludes that the proposed development, individually or in-combination with other plans or projects would not be likely to have a significant effect on conservation interests of the above listed European sites or any other European site. An Appropriate Assessment is therefore not required.

An EIS assessment is provided in Appendix A of this report. It concludes that no screening is required.

Conclusion

The proposed development is considered to be in accordance with the policies and objectives as set out in the Development Plan

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Bryan Riney
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Appendix A: EIS Assessment

Establishing if the proposal is a <i>'sub-threshold development'</i> :	
Planning Register Reference:	None provided.
Development Summary:	<p>The proposal to provide information signage along the walking trail route on L6512, L6513 and L6515 local roads and to construct a new footpath for approximately 730 meters on the west side of the R612 at Fountainstown which involves the following works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excavating 2m width of the existing verge. Placing and compacting circa 75mm depth of clean washed stone. Shutter the back of the footpath with timber. Constructing the 100mm depth concrete footpath at the road edge. Installing tactile paving at the proposed pedestrian crossings. Installing signage and lining along the proposed footpath. Provisions for biodiversity and landscaping. All ancillary works required to deliver the proposed upgrade works. <p>The works will be carried out on the land owned by Cork County Council.</p>
Was a Screening Determination carried out under Section 176A-C?	No, Proceed to Part A
A. Schedule 5 Part 1 - Does the development comprise a project listed in Schedule 5, Part 1 , of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)?	
No	Proceed to Part B
B. Schedule 5 Part 2 - Does the development comprise a project listed in Schedule 5, Part 2 , of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and does it meet/exceed the thresholds?	
No, the development is not a project listed in Schedule 5, Part 2	No Screening required