# EIA Screening Report

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# **Executive Summary**

Cork County Council propose to develop pedestrian and cycle facilities along the western extents of Kinsale Town, Co. Cork, including Bandon Road (L3234), Abbey View Road (L3235), Cappagh (L7249) and Roseabbey Park.

This report presents the results of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening assessment. This report is intended to provide the competent authority, Cork County Council, with the information necessary to undertake the EIA screening assessment in respect of the proposed development.

It is objectively concluded that the proposed project is not likely to have significant adverse environmental effects and is not required to undergo EIA.



# 1 Introduction

O'Donnell Environmental Ltd. was commissioned by Cork County Council to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report in relation to the proposed Kinsale Active Travel Scheme, Co. Cork. Additionally, an Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report and Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA) Report were commissioned and are reported separately.

The proposed works extend primarily along buildings and artificial surfaces habitat consisting mostly of roadways bordered by residential and educational land-uses. The southern extent of works is bordered by Commoge Marsh to the west, identified as an area of local biodiversity value, alongside James Fort pNHA (1060) located to the east of Kinsale Town. The low-order stream Knocknabohilly (IE\_SW\_20K190980) travels under the Bandon Road (L3234) at the north of the development, eventually flowing into the Lower Bandon Estuary that borders the south of the development. Treelines and hedgerows are present throughout the scheme alongside lone-standing mature trees. Adjoining land uses include residential, educational and amenity land uses. A number of domestic residences are present along the length of the scheme.

This report has been prepared to inform an opinion as to whether or not the proposed development should be subject to EIA. This report establishes if the proposed project requires EIA mandatorily or as a result of categorisation in a sub-threshold class of development requiring EIA. This report presents information consistent with the requirements of Section 176 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, including the information specified in schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001.

This report provides the competent authority, Cork County Council, with the information necessary to undertake the EIA screening assessment in respect of the proposed development. The final determination as to whether an EIAR is required will be made by Cork County Council, as the competent authority, in its screening assessment.

# 1.1 LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

The EIA Directive 2011/92/EU (as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU) requires assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment. The EIA Directive aims to ensure a high level of protection for the environment and human health. It requires that an assessment of the likely significant effects a project will have on the environment is carried out, where relevant, before development consent is given (OPR, 2021).

The EIA Directive is transposed into Irish legislation by the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

# 1.2 STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY

O'Donnell Environmental Ltd. is an independent environmental consultancy established by Tom O'Donnell BSc (Hons) MSc CEnv MCIEEM in 2019. Since then, O'Donnell Environmental has established itself as a provider of quality, Client-focused ecological and environmental services to public and private sector Clients nationwide. O'Donnell Environmental is a Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) 'Registered Practice' which demonstrates our commitment to high professional standards and accountability.



Tom O'Donnell is a Chartered Environmentalist and a full member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management. He was awarded a BSc in Environmental and Earth System Science [Applied Ecology] in 2007 and an MSc in Ecological Assessment in 2009, both from UCC. Tom has 15 years professional experience in the environmental industry, including working on projects such as windfarms, overhead power lines, roads, cycleways and residential developments. Tom is licensed by NPWS for roost disturbance (Ref: DER/BAT 2023-16) and to capture bats (C25/2023).

Claire McCarthy BSc (Hons) MSc is a Qualifying member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management. She was awarded a BSc in Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences [Zoology] in 2018 and an MSc in Marine Biology in 2022, both from UCC.

Colm Breslin BSc (Hons) is a Qualifying member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management. He was awarded a BSc in Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences [Ecology and Environmental Biology] in 2023 from UCC. Colm has experience in habitat mapping, bat activity surveys and preliminary roost assessments for a variety of windfarm and residential developments. Colm is licenced by NPWS for roost disturbance (Ref: DER/BAT 2024-09) and to capture bats (C03/2024).

# 1.3 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL

The proposed development comprises the provision of linear pedestrian and cycle facilities along Abbey View Road (L3235), Bandon Road (L3234), local road L7249, Roseabbey Park, and Abbey Court located at the western border of Kinsale Town. A site location map is presented in **Figure 1.1**.

The proposed scheme involves the following elements (DBFL, 2024):

<u>Section 1</u> - Abbey View Road / Compass Quay (spans from the junction with the R606 and Abbey View Road,) as far northward as the mini-roundabout):

- Junction tightening at R606 / Abbey View Road junction to reduce turning speeds. Widening of existing footpath on Abbey View Road.
- Provision of segregated cycle lanes commencing just north of the bridge, with space reallocated from the carriageway and verges to provide dedicated, safe cycle tracks between Cammogue Marsh, the residential developments along Abbey View Road and the two schools.
- Signalised toucan crossing just north of the bridge on Abbey View Road.
- Improvements to local junctions in line with DMURS, including at-grade pedestrian priority crossings over entrances, and junction tightening.
- Realignment of existing informal crossing by Kinsale Community College just north of the junction with the Sáile Sports and Community Centre.
- Raised table junction at Roseabbey Park / Abbey View Road to slow down vehicular traffic and improve pedestrian crossings.
- Incorporate grasscrete, tree planting, rain gardens and landscaping as per accompanying Drawings.

<u>Section 2</u> - Abbeylands (continues northward from the mini-roundabout to the non-signalised junction with Bandon Road):

• Retrofit the existing mini-roundabout to a compact design in line with DMURS and the Cycle Design Manual to improve safety, accessibility and comfort for all.



- Introduction of a 30kph speed limit zone between the new crossing at Kinsale Community School and the junction with Abbey View Road / Bandon, extending to Roseabbey Park and Abbey View residential streets.
- Development of a Quietway route running in parallel via quiet residential streets (Abbey Court and Abbey View) to boost cyclist and pedestrian permeability between Abbey View Road and Bandon Road. There is an existing path that will be formalised including widening the path, wayfinding signage, and removing kissing gate and fencing between Abbey Court and Abbey View. Supplementary lighting may be required to improve the safety and accessibility in terms of passive surveillance, lighting, and general visibility.
- Access control to the Quietway to ensure safety for all road users.
- Incorporate landscaping as per accompanying Drawings.

Section 3 - S. Bandon Road (continues westward along Bandon Road up to the junction with Cappagh):

- Provision of a shared pedestrian and cycle path on the northern side of the road.
- Provision of a new footpath between the junction with Abbey View Road and entrance to the Quietway. Continuing north from the Quietway, a segregated cycle lane, flush with the carriageway, is proposed.
- Improvements to all local junctions in line with DMURS and the Cycle Design Manual including local junction tightening and pedestrian priority crossings.
- Development of a complementary Quietway route running in parallel via quiet residential streets (Abbey Court and Abbey View) as detailed in Section 2 above, including a toucan crossing at the entrance on Bandon Road.
- Incorporate landscaping as per accompanying Drawings.

<u>Section 4</u> - N. Bandon Road (continues westward along Bandon Road as far as the entrance to the proposed new Kinsale GAA Grounds):

- Continuation of the shared pedestrian and cycle path northward, varying between 3m-4m with a 0.5m grass verge buffer.
- Raised table toucan crossing at Bandon Road / Cappagh junction (to Gaelscoil).
- Improvements to local junctions in line with DMURS and Cycle Design Manual, including atgrade pedestrian priority crossings over entrances to development, and reduced corner radii.
- Gateway Treatment from the existing GAA Grounds to calm vehicular traffic and indicate to motorists they are approaching the edge of Kinsale Town, including an extension of the 50kph limit.
- Incorporate landscaping as per accompanying Drawings.

# Section 5 - Cappagh

Provision of a shared pedestrian and cycle path on the southern side of the road, between the junction with Bandon Road, as far as the Gaelscoil.

# Section 6 - Roseabbey Park

- Provision of a raised table junction at Roseabbey Park / Abbey View Road to slow down vehicular traffic and improve pedestrian crossings.
- Reallocation of space for a shared pedestrian and cycle path on the western end between junction with Abbey View Road and entrance to Scoil Naomh Eltin.
- Extension of footpath and additional pedestrian crossing at eastern end of Roseabbey Park to improve pedestrian comfort and safety.



• Additional public realm improvements in line with the Safe Routes to School design guidance, such as rain gardens.

Surface water runoff within the bounds of public roadways currently is collected by a series of roadside drains associated with the municipal drainage network. This runoff feeds into the stormwater network which flows south along the L3235 via a series of gravity and private pressurised mains before discharging into the Lower Bandon Estuary (see **Appendix C**). The remaining surface water outside the bounds of this network discharges largely to ground. Portions of surface water likely flows overland into the Knocknabohilly Stream at the north, and Commoge Marsh and Lower Bandon Estuary to the south.

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# 1.3.1 Do Nothing Scenario

If the proposed development does not proceed, the 'do nothing' scenario is that the existing environment within the site boundary is likely to remain as described herein in the short term. Human activity associated with tourism and public use of roadways and pedestrian paths would continue. Existing surface water drainage patterns would continue as occurs currently.

# 1.4 METHODOLOGY

This Appropriate Assessment was informed by desk-based and site-based assessments. This EIA Screening Report follows guidelines and template formats provided by Office of Planning Regulator (OPR) (OPR, 2021).

# 1.4.1 Desk Study

A desk study was carried out to collate relevant available information including the following:

- National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) (online).
- National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC) (online).
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website.

# 1.4.2 Site Visit

This assessment is informed by site visits carried out by Tom O'Donnell BSc (Hons) MSc CEnv MCIEEM, Colm Breslin BSc (Hons) of O'Donnell Environmental and Cian O'Ceallaigh BSc (Hons) MSc of O'Ceallaigh Ecology on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023. The entirety of the existing road network within the footprint of the proposed development and its immediate environs were assessed (see **Appendix A**). Any possible source-receptor pathways identified during the desk study were surveyed. Surface expressions of invasive alien plant species were identified and recorded within and immediately adjacent to the development footprint. Brief point counts of bird species were carried out overlooking Commoge Marsh in order to identify any Annex species.







# 2 EIA Screening

An EIA screening exercise is provided below, which is intended to inform a decision by Cork County Council. The EIA screening template provided by the Office of Planning Regulator in July 2021 is adopted.

# 2.1 ESTABLISHING IF THE PROPOSAL IS A SUB-THRESHOLD DEVELOPMENT

Establishing if the proposal is a 'sub-threshold development':							
Was a Screening Determination carried							
out under Section 176A-C?							
	oes the development comprise a project listed in Sch ations 2001 (as amended)?	nedule 5, <b>Part 1</b> , of the Planning					
Yes, specify class _	Yes, specify class EIA is mandatory						
		No Screening required					
☑ No		Proceed to Part B					
B. Schedule 5 Part 2 - I and Development Regula	hedule 5, <b>Part 2</b> , of the Planning he thresholds?						
□ No, the developmen	No Screening required						
<ul> <li>Yes the project is list threshold, specify class</li> </ul>	EIA is mandatory						
[specify class & three	shold here]	No Screening required					
Yes the project is of	a type listed <b>but</b> is sub-threshold:	Proceed to Part C					
10. Infrastructure Proje	ects						
C. If Yes, has Schedule	C. If Yes, has Schedule 7A information/screening report been submitted?						
Yes, Schedule 7A in the applicant	formation/screening report has been submitted by	Screening Determination required					
<ul> <li>No, Schedule 7A info by the applicant</li> </ul>							



# 2.2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Preliminary Examination	:					
		Comment		Yes/No/ Uncertain:		
Nature of the development: Is the nature of the propo exceptional in the context environment? Will the development result in any significant waste, or re emissions or pollutants?	esed development of the existing the production of	with pred bordered b footpaths. to include				
Size of the development: Is the size of the propose exceptional in the context environment?		to be except semi-urbart developmet footprints	the development is not considered btional in the context of the existing a environment. The proposed nt is utilising existing roadway and there will be no significant of impermeable surfaces.	No.		
Are there cumulative considerations having regard to other existing and/or permitted projects?		No.				
<b>Location:</b> Is the proposed development located on, in, adjoining or does it have the potential to impact on an ecologically sensitive site or location? <sup>1</sup>		Commoge Estuary wh boundary l ecologically to be impa developme	No.			
Does the proposed development have the potential to affect other significant environmental sensitivities in the area?		The nearest significant environmental sensitivity is Sovereign Islands SPA with a considerable separation distance of 6km southeast and is located offshore. This site is buffered by marine habitats with considerable absorption capacity. Charles Fort pNHA is the most proximal national site.				
Preliminary Examination	Conclusion:					
Based on a preliminary (Tick as appropriate)	examination of	the natur	e, size or location of the	development.		
$\checkmark$						
There is <b>no real likelihood</b> of significant effects on the environment.	There is <b>real like</b> significant effec environme	ts on the	There is <b>significant and rea</b> regarding the likelihood of signific the environment.			
EIAR is not required.	An <b>EIAR is re</b>	quired.				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sensitive locations or features includes European sites, NHA/pNHA, Designated Nature Reserves, land designated as a refuge for flora and fauna, and any other ecological site which is the objective of a CDP/LAP (including draft plans).



	Request the applicant to submit the <b>Information</b> <b>specified in Schedule 7A</b> for the purposes of a screening determination.
	Proceed to Screening Determination.

# 2.3 SCREENING ASSESSMENT

Screening Assessment						
Does the application include information specified in Schedule 7A?	Yes	EIA Screening Report submitted.				
Other relevant information submitted:	Yes	AA Screening and Ecological Impact Assessment Reports accompany the Part 8 planning process.				
Does the application include a NIS and/or other reports to enable AA screening?	Yes	AA Screening Report and Ecological Impact Assessment Reports submitted.				
Is an IED/IPC/Waste Licence or Waste Water Discharge Authorisation (or review of licence/ authorisation) required from the EPA for the subject development?		No				
If <b>YES</b> has the EPA been consulted?		n/a				
Have any other relevant <sup>2</sup> assessments of the effects on the environment been carried out pursuant to other relevant Directives – for example SEA or AA?		n/a				
Characteristics of proposed develop decommissioning):	nent (including d	emolition, construction, operation, or				
<ul> <li>(a) The size and design of the whole of the proposed development (including any demolition works):</li> </ul>	The project extend roadway.	ds along approximately 3.28km of existing				
(b) Other existing or permitted projects (including under other legislation that is subject to EIA) that could give rise to cumulative effects:	s the potential to cause environmental impacts that could be					
(c) Use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity:	No significant natural resources will be used. Minor amounts of water and fuel will be used to clean and fuel machinery respectively during construction.					
Will construction or the operation of the proposal use natural resources such as land, soil, water, materials or energy,						

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 2}$  Relevant assessments are those which have a significant bearing on the project.



especially any resources which are non- renewable or are in short supply?	
<ul> <li>(d) Production of waste:</li> <li>Will the proposal produce solid wastes during construction, operation, or decommissioning?</li> </ul>	No significant waste streams will be generated as proposed works involve earthworks and ground-breaking that is confined to a limited area. Standard control measures will be in place to ensure edible wastes are disposed of properly.
(e) Pollution and nuisances: Will the proposal release pollutants to ground or surface water, or air (including noise and vibrations) or water, or lead to exceeding environmental standards set out in other Directives?	There exists potential for noise and dust pollution during the construction phase. The operational phase will see no significant pollution or disturbances that do not already exist in the current semi-urban environment. Surface water currently discharges into the Lower Bandon Estuary via a series of municipal storm drains. Standard control measures are in place to intercept potential contaminated surface water as a result of construction prior to entry into the storm water network (CIRIA, 2001). No foul water discharge is associated with the proposed development. Temporary welfare facilities not associated with municipal foul water networks will be provided during the construction phase and will be regularly maintained.
(f) Major accidents and disasters: In accordance with scientific knowledge, is there a risk of major accidents and/or disasters which are relevant to the project, including those caused by climate change?	No. There is no significant potential for the proposed development to give rise to significant adverse effects on the environment due to accidents and/or disasters. This applies to accidents/disasters arising from external factors as well as accidents arising from the development.
(g) Risks to human health, for example due to water contamination or air pollution:	No.
Location of proposed development:	
(a) Generally describe the location of the site and its surroundings:	The proposed development is located along the western extent of Kinsale Town and is largely confined to the footprint of existing public roadways. The surrounding environs are largely characterised by artificial surfaces from private residential and educational land-uses. Amenity grassland, treelines and hedgerows are present throughout the scheme alongside lone- standing mature trees. The site is bordered to the north by the low-order Knocknabohilly stream and to the south by Commoge Marsh and Lower Bandon Estuary, of which have been identified as local ecologically sensitive receptors.
<ul> <li>(b) Is the project located within, close to or has it the potential to impact on any site specified in Article 103(3)(a)(v) of the Regulations: <ul> <li>European site</li> <li>NHA/pNHA</li> <li>Designated Nature Reserve</li> <li>Designated refuge for flora or fauna</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	No. The nearest Natura 2000 site is located 6km southeast and is separated by marine environments with significant assimilation capacity. Remaining Natura 2000 sites within a 15km radius are additionally separated by buffering marine environments at further distance. There are no other important designated sites with significant connectivity pathways to the proposed project site See accompanying AA Screening Report.
	Charles Fort pNHA is the only nationally designated site within



is an objective of a development plan/ local area plan/ draft plan or variation of a plan.	
(c) Are there any other areas on or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology e.g. wetlands, watercourses or other waterbodies (including riparian areas and river mouths), the coastal zone and the marine environment, mountains, forests or woodlands, that could be affected by the project?	Yes. Commoge Marsh is a tidally-influenced coastal lagoon at the south of the proposed development which harbours multiple roosting bird species of Annex status and of conservation concern. The Lower Bandon Estuary is a tidal habitat bordering the southern extents which similarly displays forging bird species of Annex status and of conservation concern. These species include but are not limited to Curlew, Lapwing, Redshank and Oystercatcher. Knocknabohilly Stream borders the northern extents and presents a locally sensitive freshwater and riparian receptor.
(d) Is the proposal likely to be highly visible to many people? Are there any areas or features of high landscape or scenic value on or around the location, or are there any routes or facilities that are used by the public for recreation or other facilities which could be affected by the proposal?	Yes. The proposed cycleway and pedestrian upgrades are within the footprint of a busy public roadway. The surrounding landscape such as Commoge Marsh and Lower Bandon Estuary would be considered of high landscape value. However, the proposed development is limited in scale and extent and would not negatively impact the surrounding landscape value. Aside from temporary construction phase disturbances, the project aims to upgrade existing routes for active travel users.
(e) Are there any areas or features of historic or cultural importance on or around the location that could be affected by the project?	No. There exists no features of historic or cultural importance within or around the proposed development. However, the aforementioned Commoge Marsh may be considered culturally important in a local context but is not likely to be culturally affected.
(f) Are there areas within or around the location which are densely populated or built-up, or occupied by sensitive land uses e.g. hospitals, schools, places of worship, community facilities that could be affected by the proposal?	Yes. The proposed development is contained within the footprint of an existing road network, of which is bordered by educational (Kinsale Community School, Saint Eltins Primary School) and private medical facilities (Haven Bay). The remaining adjoining land-uses comprise mainly private residential dwellings. There exists potential for temporary negative impacts as a result of noise and dust pollution for these sensitive land-uses.
(g) Are there any areas within or around the location which contain important, high quality or scarce resources e.g. groundwater, surface waters, forestry, agriculture, fisheries, tourism, minerals, that could be affected by the proposal?	No. The bedrock underlying the site is classified as "Locally Important Aquifer – Bedrock which is Moderately Productive only in Local Zones". The groundwater vulnerability is "Not at risk" and in "Good" status according to the Water Framework Directive 2016-2021.
(h) Are there any areas within or around the location which are already subject to pollution or environmental damage, and where there has already been a failure in environmental standards that could be affected by the proposal e.g. the status of water bodies under the Water Framework Directive?	No. Kinsale WWTP has been operating outside its capacity and in breach of its environmental standards for multiple years, with discharge values exceeding the limits outlined in the WFD. However, the proposed development will result in no additional loading on Kinsale WWTP as all surface water will be intercepted by existing municipal storm water networks.
<ul> <li>(i) Is the site located in an area susceptible to subsidence, landslides, erosion, or flooding which could cause the proposal to present environmental problems?</li> </ul>	No.
(j) Are there any additional considerations that are specific to this location?	No.



Types and characteristics of potential impacts:								
If relevant, briefly describe the characteristics of the potential impacts under the headings below.	If relevant, briefly describe any mitigation measures proposed to avoid or prevent a significant effect.	Is this likely to result in significant effects on the environment?						
Population and human health:								
There may be possible short-term nuisances to human beings from noise and dust during the construction phase. Noise and dust or pollution will be subject to standard mitigation measures as per typical construction projects.	Standard control measures will be implemented to control potential dust and noise sources during construction.	No. The impacts from noise and dust will be temporary and are not significant.						
Biodiversity, with particular attention to specie Directive <sup>3</sup> *	es and habitats protected under the	e Habitats Directive and the Birds						
The site does not contain and is not adjacent to any habitats protected under the Habitats Directive. Commoge Marsh and the Lower Bandon Estuary harbour bird species listed as qualifying interests of Sovereign Islands SPA and Courtmacsherry Bay SPA. Both of the above areas are currently subject to visual disturbance at their borders from pedestrians and noise from traffic, of which the occupying Annex species are already habituated to. There exists potential for additional temporary noise, visual and dust disturbances resulting from the construction phase. Other relevant SPAs will not be affected.	Noise and visual screening will be established where proposed works border Commoge Marsh and Lower Bandon Estuary in order to break sightlines and reduce noise spill. Additionally, if night work is necessary during the construction phase, lighting will be strictly cowled and directed away from Commoge Marsh and Lower Bandon Estuary to avoid light spill. Standard control measures will be implemented to control potential dust and noise sources during construction.	No.						
Land, soil, water, air and climate:								
There will be no loss of land as construction will take place in the footprint of existing roadways and footpaths. There will be no significant expansion of impermeable surfaces. Surface water currently is contained by municipal storm water networks which ultimately discharges into the Lower Bandon Estuary.	Standard surface water control measures will be implemented prior to the construction phase to ensure contaminated water is intercepted prior entering the aforementioned storm water network (CIRIA, 2001). Foul water will be avoided by the provision of temporary welfare facilities and will be regularly maintained	No.						
Material assets, cultural heritage and the land	dscape:							
The nature, scale and context of the project is considered to be too small to have	No mitigation measures are currently proposed due to the	No.						

 $<sup>^{3}</sup>$  And with particular regard to areas specified in Article 103(3)(a)(v) of the Regulations.



significant impacts on the wider landscape and cultural heritage. No locally important material assets are present in the surrounding area.	lack of potential impacts resulting from the proposed development.			
Cumulative effects:				
No cumulative effects are identified.	N/A	No.		
Transboundary effects:				
The Lower Bandon Estuary and Knocknabohilly Stream located at the south and north of the proposed development respectively provide potential pathways for pollution.	Surface water runoff and sources of contaminants during construction will be addressed via standard surface water control measures (CIRIA, 2001).	No. The residual risk is low once mitigation measures are implemented.		
1. Additional Considerations:				
Further relevant information, if any, relating to how the results of any other relevant assessments of the effects on the environment have been taken into account (e.g. SEA, AA screening, AA):	AA Screening Report, Ecologica	I Impact Assessment Report.		
Determination:				
<b>No real likelihood</b> of significant effects on the environment.	$\checkmark$	EIAR is not required		
<b>Real likelihood</b> of significant effects on the environment.		EIAR is required		

# Main Reasons and Considerations:

This EIA Screening Report has described and considered the nature and scale of the proposed works and the local environmental context in which the proposed works will occur.

Having regard to the criteria in Schedule 7, the information provided in accordance with Schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, it is considered that the proposed development **would not** be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the preparation and submission of an environmental impact report (EIAR) is not therefore required.



# 3 EIA Screening Conclusion

This EIA Screening Report has been carried out based on the best available scientific information and data, an ecological assessments and project details provided by DBFL Consulting Engineers and Cork County Council

This report has described and considered the nature and scale of the proposed works and the local environmental context in which the proposed works will occur.

Having regard to the criteria in Schedule 7, the information provided in accordance with Schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, it is considered that the proposed development **would not** be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the preparation and submission of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is not therefore required.



# 4 References

CIRIA (2001). Control of Water Pollution from Construction Sites, Good Practice Guidelines (CIRIA C532).

Office of Planning Regulator (OPR) (2021). Practice Note PN02 - Environmental Impact Assessment Screening.



# Appendix A – Photographic Record





A1. View overlooking Commoge Marsh at the south of the proposed development.



A2. View looking south along R3235 centrally located within the proposed development.





A3. Looking north along the R3235.



A4. Wet woodland habitat provides a habitat buffer between Commoge Marsh and the R3235.





**A5.** Winter Heliotrope, 'Medium Impact' invasive plant species, locally abundant along an earthen bank to the north.



A6. Japanese Knotweed, 'High Impact' invasive plant species, growing vigorously along Knocknabohilly Stream bordering L3234 (Bandon Road).





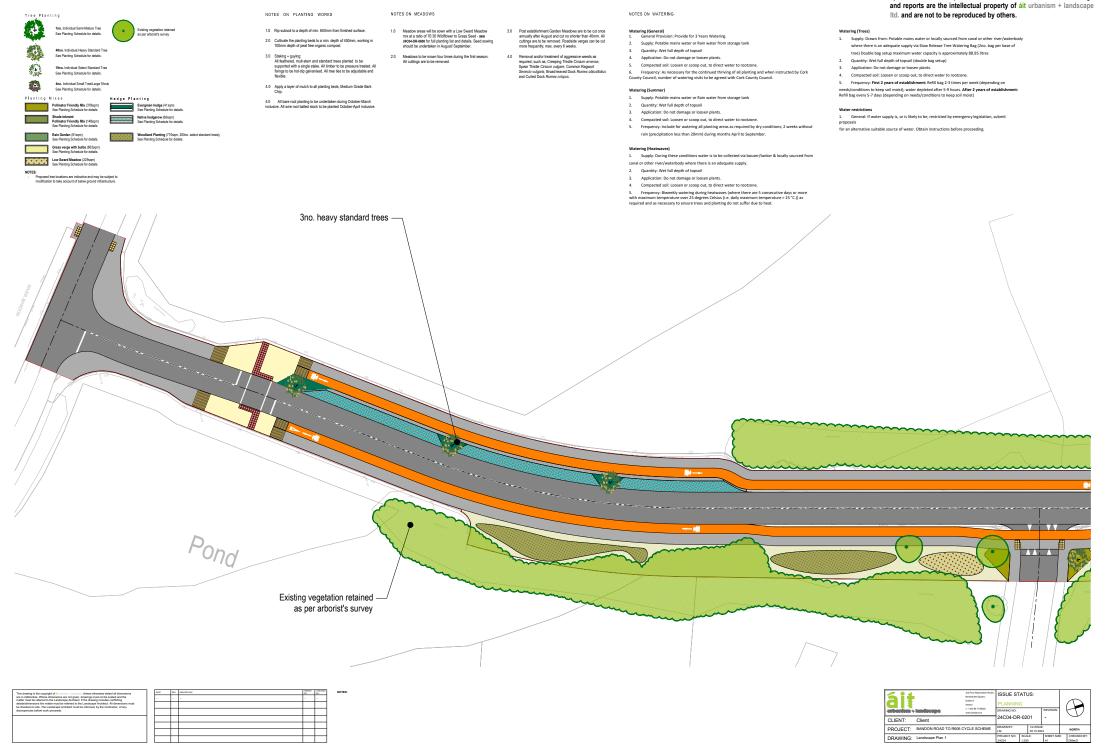
A7. View of Knocknabohilly Stream from L3234 (Bandon Road).



**A8.** Lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*) roosting along central ridge of Commoge Marsh.



# Appendix B -Proposed Layout



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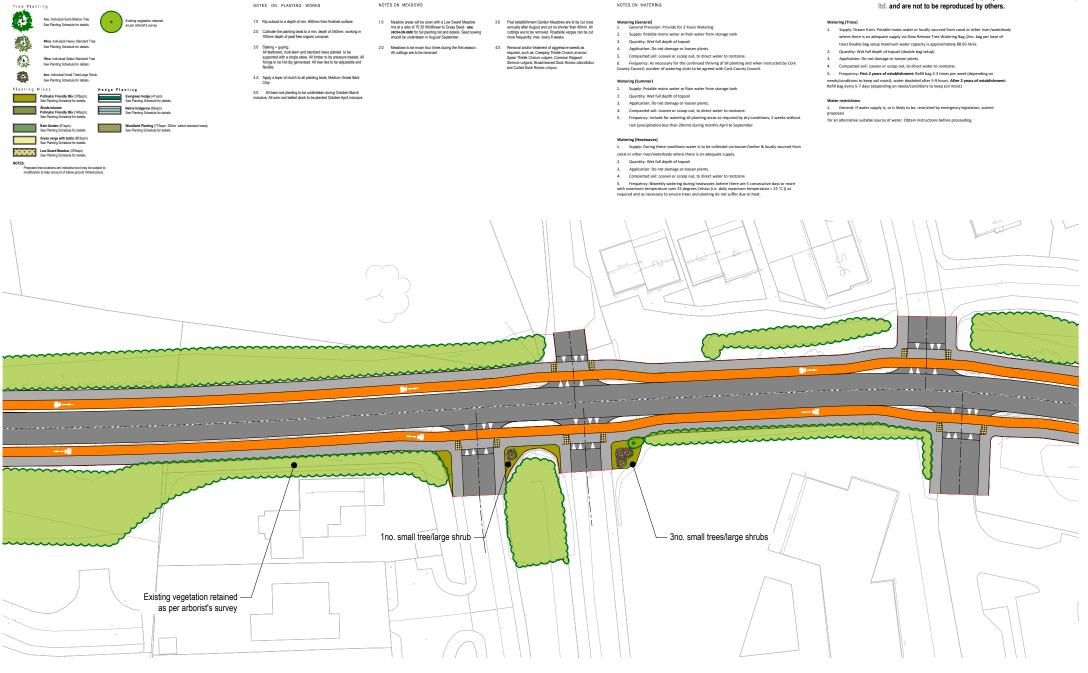


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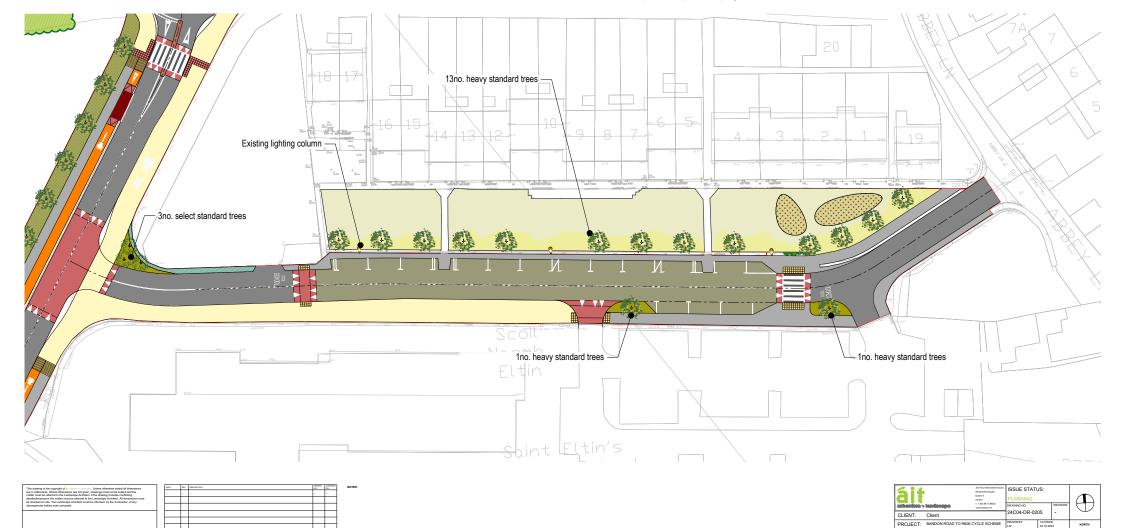
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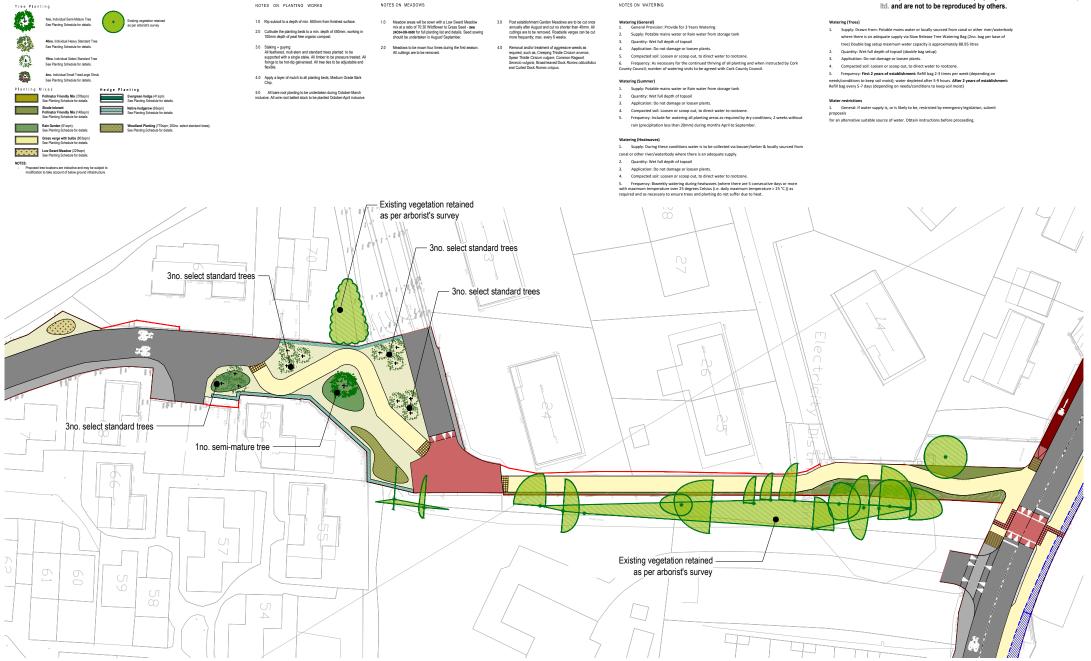
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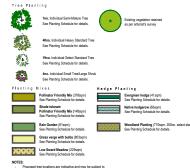
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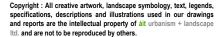
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