

St Paul's Roundabout to Ballykeeffe Roundabout Active Travel Scheme Section 38 Application

Environmental Report Update

Limerick City & County Council submitted a Part 8 application entitled the St Paul's Roundabout to Ballykeeffe Roundabout Active Travel Scheme on 27th September 2023. The application included for development works on the R526 St. Nessans Road commencing to the south of St. Paul's Roundabout and extending to the north of Ballykeeffe Roundabout, Dooradoyle, Limerick. The Part 8 application was subsequently approved with amendments.

In support of the above Part 8 application, Minogue Environmental Consultants Ltd. prepared the following documentation :

- Appropriate Assessment Screening Report;
- Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report;
- Bat Roost Potential of Vegetation within the Scheme;
- Biodiversity Plan.

Limerick City & County Council now propose to submit a Section 38 application which will alter aspects of the detail of the St Paul's Roundabout to Ballykeeffe Roundabout Active Travel Scheme. The Section 38 application arrangement is shown on the following layout drawings:

- 120022-221 Layout Plan Sheet 1 of 2
- 120022-222 Layout Plan Sheet 2 of 2
- 120022-223 St. Pauls Roundabout Layout Plan
- 120022-224 Ballykeeffe Roundabout Layout Plan

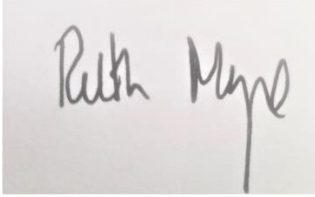
The amendments to the original Part 8 submission reflected in the above drawings for this Section 38 application are as follows :

- Omission of two-way cycle track from Russell Court to Ballykeeffe Estate on the west side of the R526;
- Omission of shared street arrangement through Ballykeeffe Estate;
- Provision of two-way cycle track from Ballykeeffe Roundabout to St. Pauls Church on the east side of the R526;
- Linkage of the two-way cycle track to the crossing on the R926 at Crescent Shopping Centre;
- Re-location of the existing pedestrian crossing on Father Russell Road.

The amendments in this Section 38 application to the original Part 8 submission do not affect the Appropriate Assessment (AA) Stage I Screening Report and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report prepared in May 2023 and the further Environmental Reports submitted as part of the original Part 8 Planning Application. This is due to the minor nature, extent and scale of proposed amendments that do not, in and of themselves give rise to likely significant environmental effects as detailed in the EIA Screening Report. The amendments are not alone or in combination with other plans and projects, likely to have significant effects on Natura 2000 sites in view of their conservation objectives.

In this regard the findings of the original Screening Reports and the recommendations included in the Environmental Reports prepared for the St Paul's Roundabout to Ballykeeffe Roundabout Active Travel Scheme are unchanged.

Signed :

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Minogue Environmental Consulting Ltd
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