



COMHAIRLE CATHRACH CHORCAI
CORK CITY COUNCIL

Ballyvolane Strategic Transport Corridor Scheme– North Ring Road to Mervue

Part 8 Planning Notice Under Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As Amended)

Pursuant to the requirements of Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), notice is hereby given that Cork City Council intends to carry out the Ballyvolane Strategic Transport Corridor Scheme– North Ring Road to Mervue in the interest of the safety and convenience of road users.

The proposed development consists of:

- Widening and realigning the existing R614 Ballyhooly Road from North Ring Road to Mervue for the provision of bus lanes, continuous footpaths and cycle facilities.
- Widening of the Glen River Bridge and lengthening of the culvert.
- Widening and realigning the existing Ballyvolane Road from the Banduff Road/ Rathcooney Road junction through Ballyvolane Cross (Fox & Hounds junction) to the North Ring Road junction at Clonard to facilitate pedestrian improvements and implementation of cycle facilities.
- The upgrade of two existing signal-controlled junctions at North Ring Road/Ballyhooly Road Crossroads and Ballyvolane Cross.
- The provision of new Toucan Crossings at the northern end of the scheme on Ballyhooly Road and on the Northern Ring Road at Riverview Estate.
- Junction realignment and a change in traffic priority at the Banduff Road/Rathcooney Road junction.
- The continuation of footpaths through side road junctions with raised entry treatments at access roads.
- The provision of a new surface water drainage system for the project.
- The provision of a new low energy LED public lighting scheme for the length of the project.
- Other necessary associated and related works.

In accordance with the Habitats Directive, an Appropriate Assessment Screening has been carried out for the project, in relation to any potential impacts upon the Cork Harbour Special Protection Area [Site No. 004030] and the Great Island Channel Special Area of Conservation [Site No. 001058]. The findings of the AA screening concluded that no significant effects on any Natura 2000 sites is likely and it was not necessary to undertake any further stage of the Appropriate Assessment process.

In addition, the proposed development has been screened to determine whether an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required and it has been concluded that there will be no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that an EIA is not required.

In accordance with Article 120 (3), as amended by S.I. No. 296 of 2018, a person may, within 4 weeks beginning on the 5th November 2021 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.

Details of the proposed works including an Appropriate Assessment screening report and Environmental Impact Assessment screening report are available for inspection online at <https://consult.corkcity.ie> and also at **Reception Desk, Cork City Council, City Hall, Anglesea Street, Cork**. Please note that due to current public health advice, all such inspections shall be by appointment only on working days from the 5th November 2021 to the 23rd December 2021 between 9.00am and 4.00pm. Please phone 021 – 492 4000 to arrange an appointment.

Submissions and observations in relation to this proposal should be made electronically through <https://consult.corkcity.ie/en/> or forwarded in an envelope marked **“Ballyvolane Strategic Transport Corridor Scheme North Ring Road to Mervue”** to Senior Engineer, Infrastructure Development, City Hall, Anglesea Street, Cork. Final date for submissions is 4.00pm on the 7th January 2022.

All comments, including names and addresses of those making submissions and observations, submitted to Cork City Council in regard to this scheme, will form part of the statutorily required report to be presented at the monthly meeting of Cork City Council. Accordingly, they will be included in the minutes of that meeting and may appear in the public domain. Cork City Council will retain data for no longer than is necessary and in accordance with the Council's Retention Policy and relevant Data Protection legislation.

Dated 5th November 2021

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