

Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí Cork City Council

## Part 8 Planning Notice

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 & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), notice is hereby given that Cork City Council plans to carry out the Active Travel Improvement Works at Knockpogue Avenue and Knockfree Avenue.

The proposed development consists of:

- Provision of 1.4km of cycle tracks and cycle lanes at both sides of Knockpogue Avenue and Knockfree Avenue between Bride Valley Park and Sunvalley Drive.
- Replacement of the following three roundabouts along Knockpogue Avenue and Knockfree Avenue with signalised junctions:
  - Roundabout at the junction of Knockpogue Avenue and Fairfield Avenue.
  - Roundabout at the junction of Knockpogue Avenue, Knockfree Avenue and Fairhill.
  - Roundabout at the junction of Knockfree Avenue, Sunvalley Drive, St. Colmcille's Road and Gurraunabraher Road.
- Modification to the layout of the junction between Knockpogue Avenue and Fairfield Road.
- Tightening of various junction radii and provision of raised table crossings along the length of the scheme.
- Extension of the raised table crossing at the junction of Knockfree Avenue and Innishannon Road and the provision of two uncontrolled crossing points in this area.
- Provision of a toucan crossing to the east of the junction between Knockpogue Avenue and Fairfield Road.
- Provision of Traffic Calming facilities around the Schools on Knockpogue Avenue.
- Upgrade of existing pedestrian crossing points along Knockpogue Avenue.
- Provision of bike parking facilities at key locations.
- Provision of landscaped areas in suitable positions along the scheme to include planting for any trees removed
- Upgrading of Public Lighting.
- Road resurfacing works along the scheme including new road marking and signage.
- Other necessary associated works.

In accordance with the Habitats Directive, an **Appropriate Assessment Screening** has been carried out on 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 noted 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 an EIA is not required.

Plans and Particulars of the proposed development, including an Appropriate Assessment screening report and an Environmental Impact Assessment screening report are available to view by visiting <a href="https://consult.corkcity.ie/en">https://consult.corkcity.ie/en</a>

Alternatively they will be available by appointment for inspection **on working days from Friday 2nd of December 2022 to Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of January, 2023** at Reception Desk, Cork City Council, City Hall, Cork. Please phone 021-4924000 to arrange an appointment.

Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made;

• In writing to Senior Engineer, Infrastructure Development, City Hall, Cork. It should be clearly marked "Active Travel Improvement Works at Knockpogue Avenue and Knockfree Avenue."

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• Electronically at <a href="https://consult.corkcity.ie/en">https://consult.corkcity.ie/en</a>

Closing date for all submissions is on or before 5:00 p.m. on Friday the 27th January, 2023.

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. Date 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2022 Ann Doherty Chief Executive Cork City Council