



Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí  
Cork City Council

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## **PART 8 PLANNING NOTICE CORK CITY TO VIADUCT GREENWAY PHASE I – TRAMORE ROAD TO EAGLE VALLEY**

### **NOTICE UNDER SECTION 179 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) 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 development comprising of the Cork City to Viaduct Greenway Phase I – Tramore Road to Eagle Valley, and all associated works is proposed to be carried out by Cork City Council under section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).**

Phase I of the proposed Cork City to Viaduct Greenway route commences within the Eagle Valley Housing Estate, off Sarsfield Road, Wilton, Co. Cork. It then traverses the site of the Chetwynd Reservoir, crosses under Spur Hill and continues to the north of Fernwood Crescent, before crossing over Togher Road (L-2454), under Lehenaghmore Road (L-2455) and Forge Hill, and across the Hazelwood Grove access road. The route terminates at the Kinsale Road Roundabout. A proposed park and stride or cycle area (including a cycle hub) is proposed to the north of the proposed greenway on the eastern side of Forge Hill. New connections are proposed to the east and west of Garrane Darra aimed at providing safe routes to Dunnes Stores, the N40 and onwards. A new uphill cycle track is proposed within Eagle Valley connecting to the greenway at Chetwynd reservoir.

The proposed development aims to provide 2.9km of Greenway with a further 1km of new pedestrian/cycle facilities including controlled crossings and other related measures as follows:

- Provision of a 4m wide greenway along the route of the old West Cork Rail line.
- Restoration works to existing railway bridges at Spur Hill, Lehenaghmore Road and Forge Hill, to include cleaning and repairing of stonework, replacement of stonework as necessary, removal of spoil heaps, clearing of vegetation and clearing of other deposited materials.
- Realignment of c.300m of access road at Chetwynd Reservoir including the provision of new gates and the installation of a 2m high security fence.
- Provision of a viewing and picnic area with bicycle parking, adjacent to the Greenway, east of Spur Hill,
- Provision of a toucan crossing at Togher Road (L-2454),
- Provision of c.50 no. park and stride or cycle spaces on lands adjacent to the Greenway to the east of Forge Hill and associated works including the removal of construction and demolition waste from the site, landscaped, provision of a cycle hub including bike parking and storage areas.
- Provision of c.450m of cycle track within Eagle Valley, including a raised table crossing to facilitate access to same.
- Provision of c.460m of new pedestrian and cycle routes to the west and east of Garrane Darra
- Provision of c.90m of new 4m wide walk and cycleway linking Chetwynd Reservoir to Eagle Valley.
- Provision of supporting public realm improvements and landscaping works along the route including amenity areas, open spaces, planting and biodiversity enhancement measures.

- Provision of environmentally sensitive public lighting infrastructure; drainage infrastructure; fencing and other boundary treatment as necessary; information boards, signage, wayfinding and markings along the route,
- All associated clearance works, modifications to utilities and boundary features, provision of temporary construction compounds, and all other ancillary site development works to facilitate the scheme.

The proposed development has been the subject of a Screening for **Appropriate Assessment** in accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Article 250(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, 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 Screening for Appropriate Assessment concluded that the proposed development would not be likely to give rise to significant impacts on any Natura 2000 site and that 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.

In accordance with Article 120 (3), as amended by S.I. No. 296 of 2018, a person may, within 4 weeks, beginning on the 27th of April 2023, 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.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available to view by visiting <https://consult.corkcity.ie/en>

Alternatively, the plans and particulars will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during public opening hours, from 10.00am - 4.00 pm Monday to Friday between **27/04/2023 and 29/05/2023** (inclusive, but excluding bank holidays), at the Reception Desk, Cork City Council, City Hall, Cork, T12 T997.

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

using the online submission portal <https://consult.corkcity.ie/en>

**or**

in writing and addressed to:

Senior Engineer, Infrastructure Department, City Hall, Cork City, T12 T997. The envelope should be clearly marked 'Part 8 in respect of the Cork City to Viaduct Greenway Phase I - Tramore Road to Eagle Valley'.

All submissions must be made **no later than 4.00 pm on 14/06/2023**.

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.

**Ann Doherty,  
Chief Executive,  
Cork City Council.  
27<sup>th</sup> April 2023**