



To: Planning Department, Carlow County Council

Regarding: Bagenalstown Public Realm Project Part 8

Date: 12th of December 2023

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Please find attached documents in relation to Part 8 Planning Application for public realm works at Market Square and the resurfacing of the pedestrian link between Market Square and Bachelors Walk in Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow. The public realm works will link into the surrounding streets of Main Street, Kilree Street and The Parade.

The works will involve:

- Public realm works to Market Square involving the renewing of the existing footpaths, creating parklets and incorporating planting
- Tightening of the junction between Kilree Street, Main Street, Market Square and the access to the car park at the rear of the Credit Union
- Renewing a section of paving along Main Street at the Bank of Ireland Building
- Adding a new railing along an existing unprotected edge on Kilree Street at the Bank of Ireland building
- A new pedestrian crossing on Market Square at St. Andrews Church, a new pedestrian crossing on The Parade at the junction with Market Square and the upgrading of the existing crossing on Kilree Street at the junction with Market Square
- Upgrading of at the existing shared pedestrian surface linking the northern footpath on Market Square to the Credit Union. The shared surface will consist of a contrasting colour and a new pedestrian crossing linking Market Square and the Credit Union.
- Resurfacing of the existing pedestrian link between Market Square and Bachelors Walk. Landscaping will also be carried out along the pedestrian route. There is an existing grassed area to the north east of the existing ramp. It is proposed to upgrade the landscaping in this area and incorporate seating.
- The provision of bollards along an unprotected edge at the car park to the rear of the Credit Union building
- All associated site works including modification to road drainage

There are several protected structures adjacent to the works area. The protected structures were determined from the Muine Bheag Royal Oak Local Area Plan 2017 – 2023 and the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage. The protected structures at the site boundaries are:

- Bagenalstown Court House, Main Street, Bagenalstown (CW64, RPS CW64, NIAH 10400608)
- St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Market Square, Bagenalstown (RPS CW322, NIAH 10400611)
- Kilcarrig Street / The Parade / Market Square, Bagenalstown – five bay, two storey office building (CW315)
- Shop Around & Roosters, Market Square, Bagenalstown (CW380)
- Bank of Ireland, Market Square, Bagenalstown (CW381)
- Healy Pharmacy, Main Street, Bagenalstown (CW383)

The works will not have any effect on these protected structures as the works relate to paving and streetscape works. There are no National Monuments within or adjoining the works area.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Preliminary Examination and an Appropriate Assessment Screening have been carried out for the proposed works and have been included in the Part 8 submission.

The schedule of documents included are:

- Part 8 Procedure Form A + B
- Project Report
- Flood Risk Assessment
- Newspaper Notice
- Site Notice
- EIA Screening Determination
- Appropriate Assessment Screening Report
- Architectural Impact Report
- Site Location Map
- Site Layout Plan

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