



To: Planning Department, Carlow County Council

Regarding: Rail Link Part 8

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2024

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Please find attached a copy of our Pre-part 8 submission for the proposed "Rail Link Project".

The proposed works will include:

**The development proposes the creation of a new pedestrian route from Carlow train station to Carlow town centre. It involves the creating of a new public realm space off St. Josephs Road, improved pedestrian and vehicular access to St. Joseph's school, St. Catherine's Centre, St. Leo's College and Carlow College. It requires new boundary walls, directional signage, lighting totem, visitor information point, fencing, new entrances, gates, public lighting, CCTV cameras, benches road surfacing, natural stone paving, footpath surfacing and all ancillary siteworks. The proposed works will be carried out on what is currently the grounds of St. Joseph's school, the St. Catherine's Centre, St. Leo's College and the grounds of Carlow College (RPS CT73 NIAH 10000437), , in the townlands of Carlow and Rathnapish.**

It should be noted that the proposed works are within the curtilage of the protected structure that is the grounds of Carlow College, a protected structure under the CDP RPS (RPS CT73 NIAH No. 10000437). It should also be noted that there are other identified protected structures in the area, as noted under the AHIA report, also attached.

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.

The proposed development does not require an Integrated Pollution Licence.

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
- Newspaper Notice
- Site Notice
- EIA Screening Determination

- Appropriate Assessment Screening Report
- Preliminary Daytime Bat Roost Survey
- Architectural Impact Report
- Archaeological Impact assessment
- Site Location Map
- Site Layout Plans

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