



ROCKEY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

PART 8 PROJECT BRIEF

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Municipal District of Wicklow

August 2024

Introduction

- Pursuant to the provisions of **Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001** Wicklow County Council has given notice of its intention to carry out works to improve the safety of all road users, particularly the vulnerable road user, along **The Rockey Road, Wicklow Town from Carrig Beag Housing Development to the M11 Junction**. The scheme will provide new pedestrian facilities as well as road safety improvement works. The scheme includes the following main elements:
 - **Carry out road widening works along Rockey road from Carrig Beag Housing Estate to the M11 Junction to increase the road width to between 5.5m and 6m**
 - **A new footpath along the side from Carrig Beag to Ashtown Lane Junction.**
 - **Public Lighting will be installed along the footpath section only.**
 - **Works to include new roadside drainage for surface water.**
 - **Boundary treatments and accommodation works will be required at certain locations. Localised trimming and realignment of existing roadside hedgerows will be required along the route.**

- Submissions and observations on the proposed development as outlined in the plans and particulars contained herein, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, may be made in writing on or before **12:00 noon on Thursday 17th October 2024** as follows:
 - (a) In writing to, Georgina Franey District Administrator, Wicklow Municipal District, Town Hall, Market Square, Wicklow Town, and marked **“Rockey Road Improvement Project”**
 - (b) By email to WicklowMD@wicklowcoco.ie

- The Chief Executive Officer of Wicklow County Council or Wicklow Municipal District Manager shall, after receipt of written submissions or observations, prepare a written report in relation to the proposed scheme and submit the report to the elected members. The report shall list the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations, summarise the issues raised with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and recommend whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed or with modification.

- Following the consideration of the executive report by the members, the proposed Rocky Road Improvement Project may be carried out as recommended in the report, unless the members by resolution made not later than 6 weeks after receipt of the report, decide to vary or modify the development, otherwise than as recommended in the manager's report, or decide not to proceed with the development.

Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Statement Screening

In accordance with article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Wicklow County Council has concluded from a preliminary examination pursuant to the provisions of article 120(1)(b)(i) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report is not required.

In accordance with the provisions of article 250 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to 2019, Wicklow County Council has carried out a screening of the proposed development to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge, if the development, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would be likely to have a significant effect on a European site. Accordingly Wicklow County Council has determined that the proposed development would not be likely to have a significant effect on a European site.

Architectural Heritage Impact Assessment

The proposed works do not have an impact on any protected structures.

Planning Context

The Rockey Road Improvement Project is consistent with the objective of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028 which is:

CPO 12.11 “To improve existing or provide new pedestrian and cycling infrastructure of the highest standards on existing public roads, as funding and site constraints allow.”

The scheme is consistent with the Walking and Cycling objectives set out in the Wicklow Town-Rathnew Development Plan 2013-2019. CW1 states:

“to improve existing or provide new foot and cycleways on existing public roads, as funding allows.”

The scheme is also consistent with the Road objectives set out in the Wicklow Town-Rathnew Development Plan 2013-2019. RP 1 and RP4 states:

“To facilitate the future improvements of the settlement’s roads hierarchy to distribute vehicular traffic on appropriate distributor routes whilst minimising the number of car trips through the town centre.

“To facilitate the upgrading of the Rockey Road in Wicklow town and environs to a distributor road.

Development Context

The proposed scheme includes for a new footpath and public lighting, plus road improvement works to provide a carriageway width of between 5.5m to 6m in width.

Having regards to the nature and scale of the works it was considered that Wicklow County Council should obtain Part VIII approval before proceeding with the scheme. Statutory public consultation will be undertaken in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and regulations under this section.

Document Register

Rockey Road Improvement Project

Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) – Part 8

Document	Issue Date	Scale	Size
Project Brief	August 2024	n/a	A4
Copy of advert	4 th Sept 2024	n/a	
Copy of site notice	4 th Sept 2024	n/a	A4
Site Location/site notice location	4 th Sept 2024	1:2500	A4
Brittas Bay Footpath Design Layout	August 2024	1:2000	TBC
EIA Preliminary Screening Report	August 2024	n/a	A4
AA Preliminary Screening Report	August 2024	n/a	A4