



**Comhairle Chontae na h-iarraimhi
WESTMEATH COUNTY COUNCIL**

N52 Carrick Bridge to Clonfad Road Improvement Scheme

PART 8 PLANNING

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

This document relates to the proposed realignment of the existing N52 National Secondary route between Carrick and Clonfad.

The N52 is one of the countries most important National Secondary Route. It links the north east and the south west of the country connecting the towns of Dundalk, Kells, Mullingar, Tullamore, Birr and Nenagh. The proposed scheme is located south of Mullingar between two newly constructed road schemes namely the N52 Mullingar to Belvedere Road Improvement Scheme and the N6 Kinnegad to Athlone Dual Carriageway scheme.

The proposed scheme is 5.6km in length. The proposed cross-section is a standard single carriageway which incorporates a 7.3m carriageway with 2.5m hard shoulders and 3m grass verges. The design speed is 100km/hr. T-junctions are being provided to accommodate local roads and a right/left staggered ghost island junction is being provided at Dalystown providing priority to N52 traffic. A bridge is to be constructed to carry the Dunboden Road (L-5129-0) over the proposed new N52.

The proposed scheme traverses the townlands of Rochfort Demesne, Paslicktown, Carrick, Walterstown, Higginstown, Dalystown, Calverstown & Clonfad.

The details of the scheme are more particularly shown on the Part 8 Drawings.

1.2 BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Road Safety continues to be an important issue, particularly on national secondary single carriageway roads. The road has a sub-standard alignment and safety is compromised due to the number of at-grade junctions and private accesses along the existing road. The accident rate is greater than the national average for a national secondary road. The proposed scheme will address the safety of this section of the national secondary route.

The N52 route has recently been upgraded to the north and south of this proposed N52 realignment. The proposed N52 realignment will provide a consistent standard of single carriageway road between Mullingar and the new N6 high quality Dual-Carriageway at Tyrrellspass.

These proposed works will improve the access between the Midland Gateway towns of Mullingar, Athlone and Tullamore.

The scheme will assist in achieving Westmeath County Councils objective to upgrade the N52 national secondary route within its administrative area.

1.3 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

In accordance with the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2006, Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended by Planning and Development Regulations 2006 and Planning and Development (No.2) Regulations 2007, Westmeath County Council is making available for inspection to members of the public, documentation and drawings describing the proposed works. The following drawings should be read in conjunction with this document:

Table 1.1: Part 8 Drawings

Drawing Number	Title	Scale
PES-002A	Site Location Plan	
PES-003A	Mainline (Sheet 1 of 4)	1:2500
PES-004A	Mainline (Sheet 2 of 4)	1:2500
PES-005A	Mainline (Sheet 3 of 4)	1:2500
PES-006A	Mainline (Sheet 4 of 4)	1:2500
PES-007A	Sideroads (Sheet 1 of 5)	1:1000
PES-008A	Sideroads (Sheet 2 of 5)	1:1000
PES-009A	Sideroads (Sheet 3 of 5)	1:1000
PES-010A	Sideroads (Sheet 4 of 5)	1:1000
PES-011A	Sideroads (Sheet 5 of 5)	1:1000
PES-012	Typical Road Cross-Section	1:600
PES-013A	Carrick Overbridge	1:100

A copy of the Newspaper Notice for the proposed development as required by the above Regulations is included in Appendix A.

2 DESCRIPTION OF SCHEME

2.1 ROAD TYPE

The proposed road

The proposed road has been designed in accordance with the National Roads Authority Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB).

It is intended to construct a 7.3m carriageway road with 2.5m hard shoulders and 3m verges. A junction with the existing N52 and new N52 in the townland of Carrick (Chainage 650), the construction of a bridge over the new N52 on the Dunboden Road (L-5129-0), the re-alignment of the Dunboden road (L-5129-0) for 530m, the cul-de-sacing of Swampy Boreen (L-5128-0) on both sides where the new N52 crosses it, a new staggered at-grade junction at Dalystown and re-alignment of the existing junction at Dalystown, the re-alignment of the Rochfortbridge road (L-1127-26) for 550m, the re-alignment of the Clonyhague road (L-1118-31) for 210m, the cul-de-sacing of the existing N52 in the townland of Calverstown (Chainage 4760) where the new N52 crosses, a new junction for the Meedian road (L-51153-0) and re-alignment of the Meedian road (L-1153-0) for 385m.

2.2 ROAD CLOSURES

It is proposed to cul-de-sac the road known as Swampy Boreen (L-5128-0) on both sides where the proposed new N52 crosses this local road. It is also proposed to cul-de-sac the existing N52 at Calverstown where it is crossed by the new N52 at chainage 4760.

A local access road is being provided on the west side of the new N52 to link a private road at Carrick Bridge and two adjacent properties to the new ghost island junction at Carrick (Chainage 650)

2.3 RIVERS

It is intended to outfall road drainage to the Tudenham stream/Carrick river, Carrick stream, Robinstown stream and the Dalystown stream. Culverts will be provided at stream crossings and at various ditches on the scheme.

2.4 EARTHWORKS / EXCAVATION

The construction involves various earthworks throughout the length of the scheme. Various heights of cutting and filling will be required to construct the mainline, sideroads and other associated works. These can be seen on the Part 8 drawings attached. Peat will require excavation in the Walterstown area and extra land will be required in order to dispose of this material.

2.5 DRAINAGE

The main surface water collection will be provided by a system of either filter drains, kerb and gully, channel / kerb or combinations of drainage constructions along the edge of the proposed realignment.

2.6 LANDSCAPING

Landscaping will be carried out taking account of the existing countryside so that the scheme can carefully integrated into the receiving environment.

2.7 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Local utility diversions and alterations will be made as necessary to facilitate the new proposed realignment.

2.8 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The proposed scheme is mainly a green field site but there are various public roads to be traversed. Traffic management will be required along the length of the route where construction is taking place.

2.9 IMPACTS

It is anticipated that there will be various impacts (Short Term, Long Term, different degrees of severity) in order to construct this scheme. However any impact will be mitigated against in accordance with good road planning and development.

3 LAND ACQUISITION AND ACCOMMODATION WORKS

Land take will be required in order to construct this proposed N52 re-alignment.

Accommodation works will be required along the route.

APPENDIX A

Newspaper Notice of Proposed Development



WESTMEATH COUNTY COUNCIL

**Planning and Development Acts 2000-2006,
Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (Part 8) as amended by
Planning and Development Regulations 2006
Planning and Development (No.2) Regulations 2007**

Public Notice

N52 Carrick Bridge to Clonfad Road Improvement Scheme

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the requirements of the above Regulations, that Westmeath County Council proposes to undertake the following development.

The development will consist of:

The realignment of the existing N52 National Secondary route between Carrick and Clonfad comprising the construction of a Standard Single Carriageway road for a distance of 5.6 km from a location 180m north of Carrick Bridge on the existing N52 to a location 770m south of the Meedian Road junction (L-51153-0) with the existing N52, commencing in the townlands of Paslicktown and Rochfort Demesne and traversing the townlands of Carrick, Walterstown, Higginstown, Dalystown, Calverstown and finishing in the townland of Clonfad.

The works comprise of the construction of a 7.3m carriageway road with 2.5m hard shoulders and 3m verges, a junction with the existing N52 and new N52 in the townland of Carrick (Chainage 650), the construction of a bridge over the new N52 on the Dunboden Road (L-5129-0), the re-alignment of the Dunboden road (L-5129-0) for 530m, the cul-de-sacing of Swampy Boreen (L-5128-0) on both sides where the new N52 crosses it, a new staggered at-grade junction at Dalystown and re-alignment of the existing junction at Dalystown, the re-alignment of the Rochfortbridge road (L-1127-26) for 550m, the re-alignment of the Clonyhague road (L-1118-31) for 210m, the cul-de-sacing of the existing N52 in the townland of Calverstown (Chainage 4760) where the new N52 crosses, a new junction for the Meedian road (L-51153-0) and re-alignment of the Meedian road (L-51153-0) for 385m.

Plans and particulars of the proposed scheme may be inspected at the **Kilbeggan Area Office of Westmeath County Council, The Square, Kilbeggan or the National Roads Design Office, Westmeath County Council, Culleen Beg, Mullingar, from 9.00am to 4.00pm each day, excluding weekends and Bank Holidays, from Tuesday 14th July 2009 up to and including Friday 28th August 2009.**

Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, may be made in writing to Westmeath County Council, and should be addressed to:-

The Planning Section, Kilbeggan Area Office, The Square, Kilbeggan, to reach there not later than 4.00pm on Friday 11th September 2009.

APPENDIX B

Site Notice



WESTMEATH COUNTY COUNCIL

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Planning and Development (No.2) Regulations 2007

SITE NOTICE

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Signed: _____
Barry Kehoe, Director of Services
Transportation and Infrastructure

DATE OF ERECTION OF SITE NOTICE: 13th July 2009

APPENDIX C

Bodies Notified in accordance with Section 82 of the Planning and Development Regulations

The following bodies were issued with a copy of this report in accordance with Article 82 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended-

- Minister for Environment
- The Heritage Council
- An Taisce
- Shannon Regional Fisheries Board
- National Roads Authority
- Minister for Communications, Energy and National Resources