

PORT

Cycle Vision



BLUEWAY

GREENWAY

Overview

An agreed vision for how Portarlinton can implement a connected cycle plan is a key component in realising the towns potential. There are multiple benefits that this will deliver across the following areas:

- **Health** [Giving people the opportunity to cycle and walk to the key landmarks in the town]
- **Safety** [People are already trying to cycle on dangerous roads—this will reduce risk of accidents]
- **Connectivity** [Portarlinton is at the centre of a number of key amenities—this will link them together]
- **Business** [Creating new access points to the town centre along with its regeneration will boost business]
- **Tourism** [Hotel nights are currently zero—this will create opportunities for weekend cycling breaks in town]
- **Smart Town** [Integrating smart tracking of cycle way usage and reduction in pollution]

There is a unique opportunity to create a traversable network that will bring together the stunning amenities that surround Portarlinton and centre them on the Market Square such as:

- **Emo Court** [Access to the back entrance of Emo]
- **Corrig Glen** [Just beyond the train station]
- **Derrycastle Lakes & Walkways** [Amazing work already done on this with the vision to connect over Spa St.]
- **Barrow Blueway** [This is part of the Derrycastle plan and it is a beautiful walkway along the Barrow]
- **Lea Castle** [A key part of the heritage of the area—this can be reached along the Barrow Blueway]
- **Portarlinton Town Regeneration Plan** [The cycle vision aligns with the regeneration driving heritage, business, living quality & smart-town objectives]

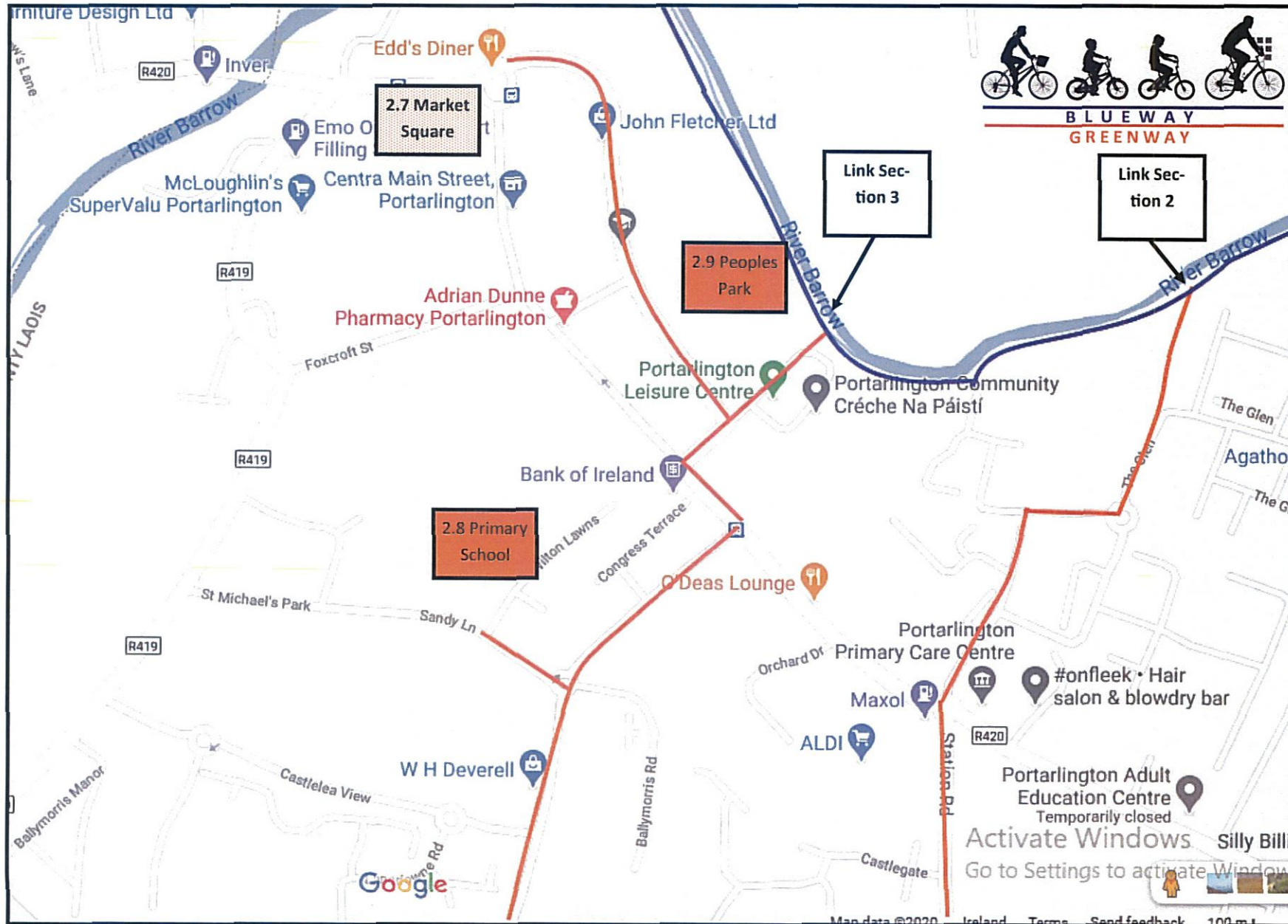
Portarlington Cycle Way Key Landmarks

- [Map Section 1:1] Emo Court**
- [Map Section 1:2] Enterprise Centre / Innovation Hub**
- [Map Section 1:3] Corrig Glen**
- [Map Section 1:4] Train Station**
- [Map Section 1:5] Boys Primary School**
- [Map Section 1:6] Girls Primary School**
- [Map Section 2:7] Market Square**
- [Map Section 2:8] Peoples Park / Leisure Centre / Community Centre**
- [Map Section 2:9] Sandy Lane Primary School**
- [Map Section 3A:10] Derrycastle Walkways**
- [Map Section 3A:11] Colaiste Iosagain Secondary School**
- [Map Section 3B:12] Garden Centre**
- [Map Section 3B:13] Arlington Soccer Club**
- [Map Section 3B:14] Portarlington Rugby Club**
- [Map Section 3B:15] Lea Castle**
- [Map Section 3B:16] Grand Canal / Monastervin Distillery**

Overall Map—Section 1—Key Landmarks



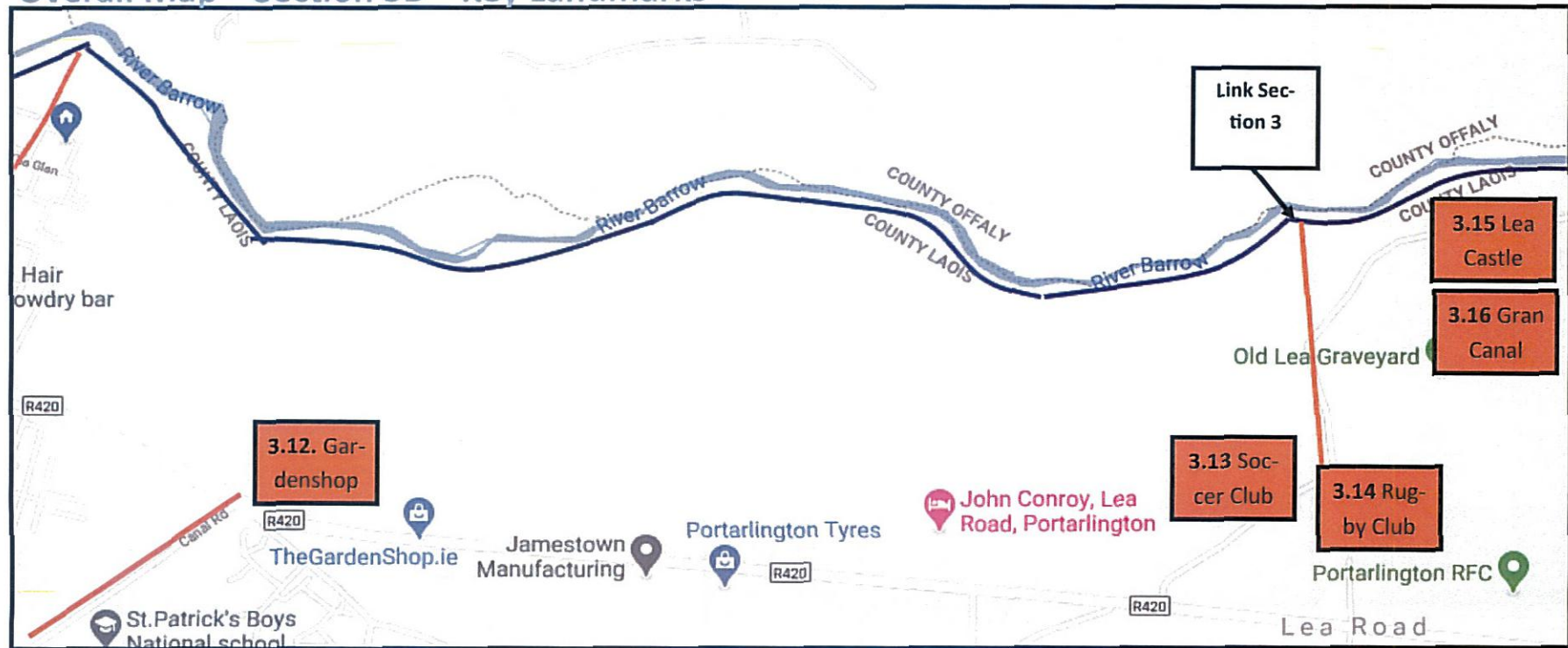
Overall Map—Section 2—Key Landmarks



Overall Map—Section 3A—Key Landmarks



Overall Map—Section 3B—Key Landmarks





  
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Detail Route Map Section 1:

Station Rd. / Maxol Roundabout -> Kilnacourt Estate -> Barrow Blueway

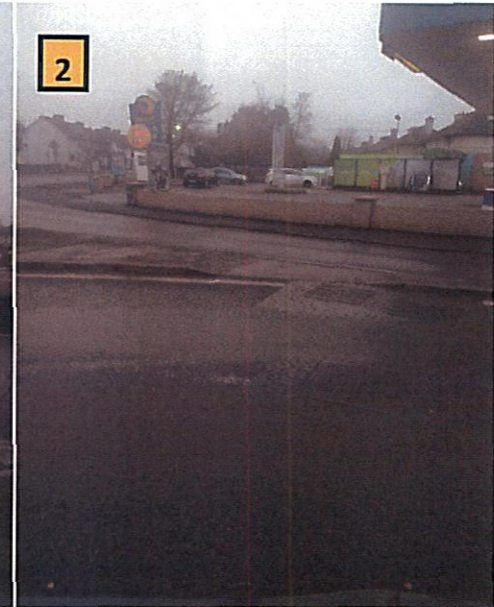
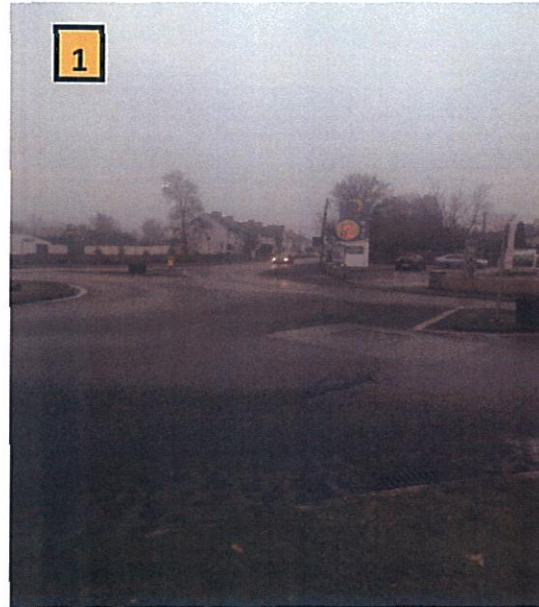
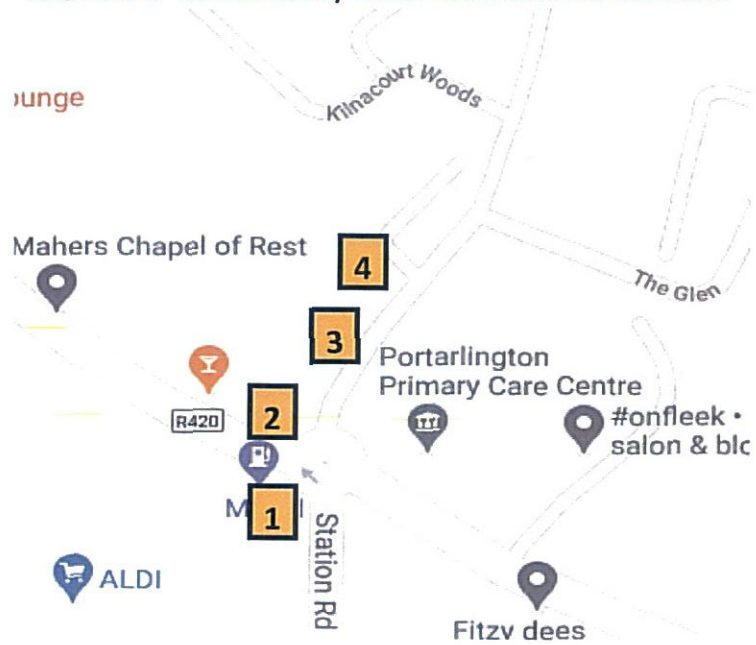
Overview:

The existing cycle path on Station Road completes about 3 metres before the Maxol Roundabout on R420. This is a busy roundabout and adding a traffic calming ramp with pedestrian / cycle crossing would provide a link to entrance of Kilnacourt estate—the biggest in Portarlinton. The estate already has a dual pathway which would make for an excellent cycle lane with a direct route from entrance along the wood area then just need to be extended to the Barrow Blueway section that is already accessible at the point where the estate meets the river. If the blueway is continued as planned out to Lea castle and potentially onto the Grand Canal in Monasterevin this would provide a brilliant connection point on the cycle ways and allow for a loop to the town.

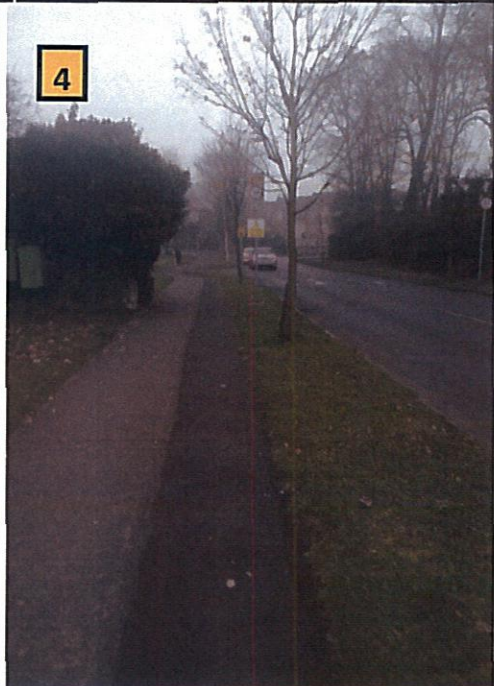
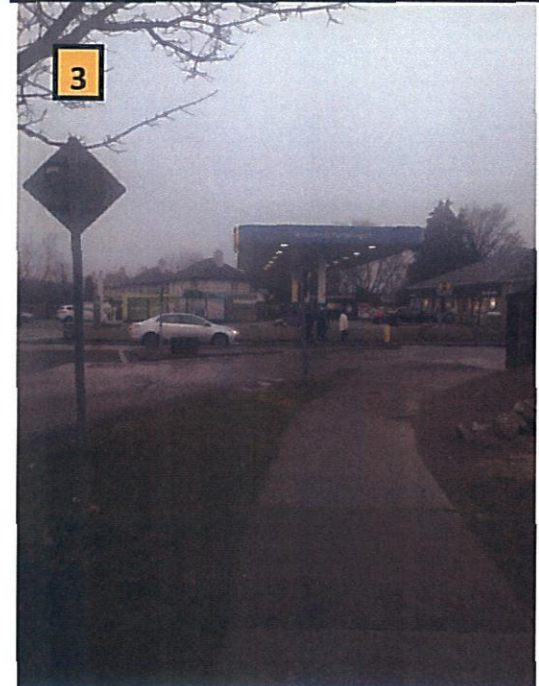
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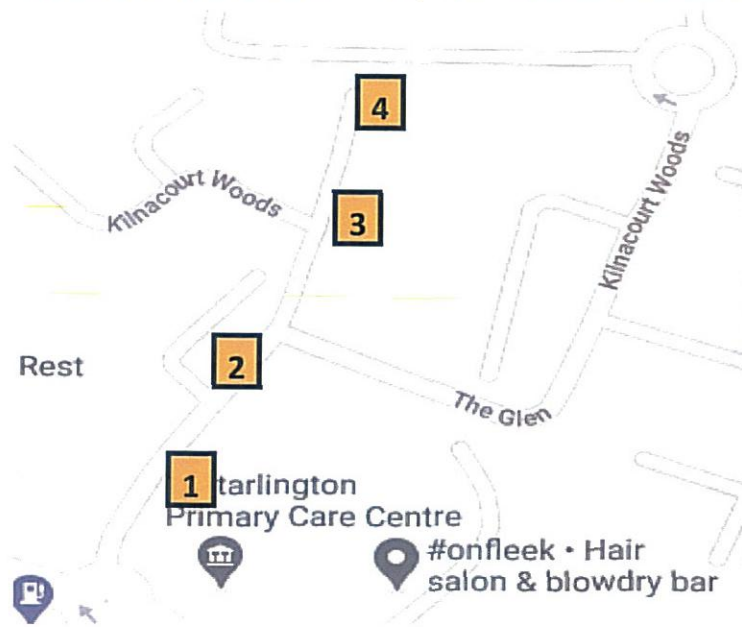
SECTION 1—Station Road / Maxol Roundabout to Kilnacourt



1. This is the "Maxol" roundabout—where the end of the existing station road cycle lane is visible. A join is required from top of Station Road to pedestrian crossing area outside Maxol on R420.
2. There is an existing dip in the crossing area at the roundabout entrance- a raised zone to allow bikes / pedestrians cross would also enhance safety on this entrance point to roundabout.
3. This is at the entrance to Kilnacourt—there is already a sizeable pedestrian and tarmacked pathway
4. This dual pathway extends all the way past the Kilnacourt house and on to first main corner on estate road



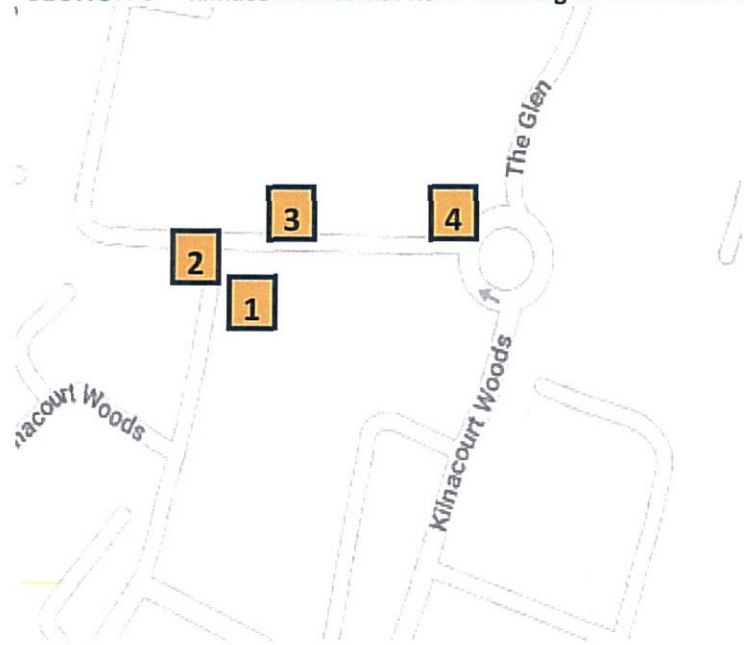
SECTION 2— Kilnacourt Entrance / Medical Centre to Internal Road



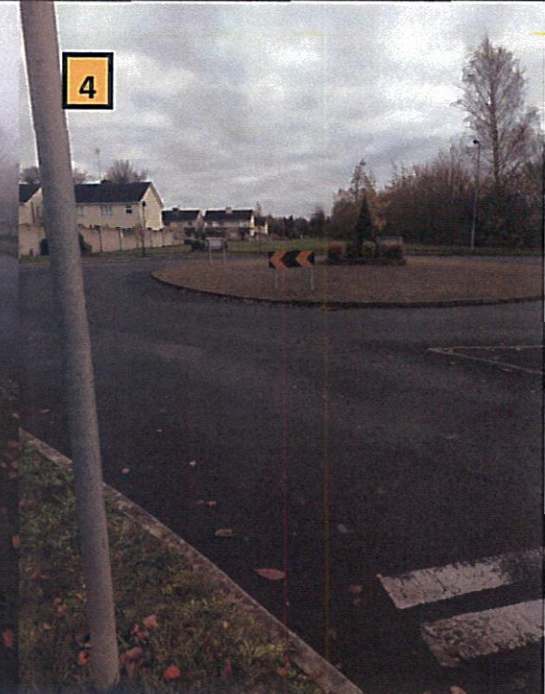
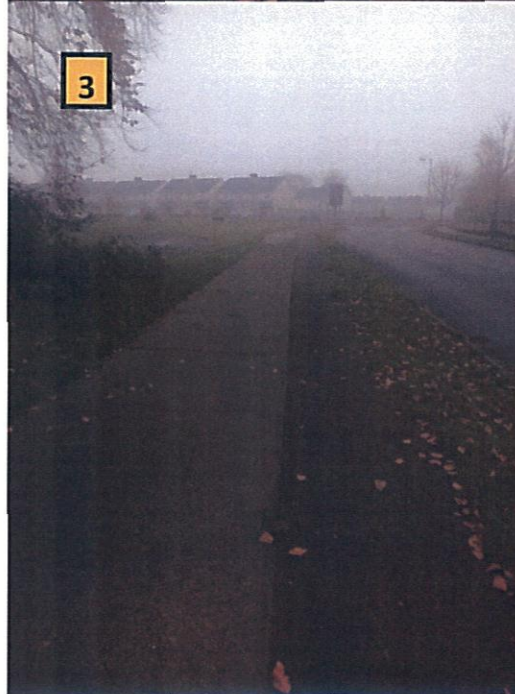
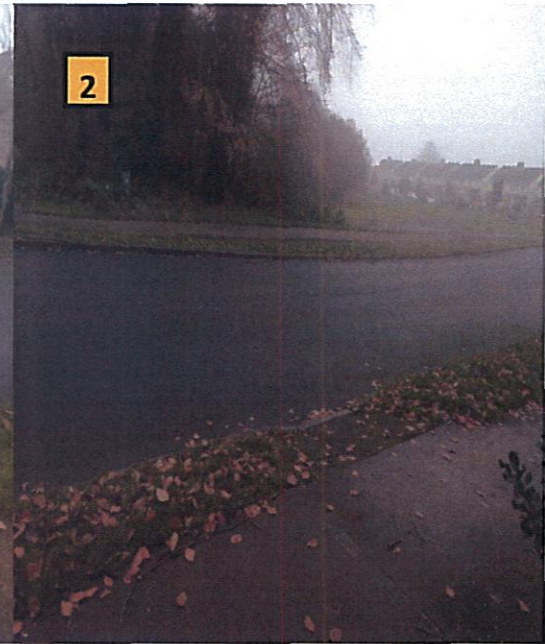
1. This is the road with dual pathway extending to first turn in estate
2. There is an road to the far side of the estate so pedestrian crossing or traffic calming would allow pedestrians/cyclists to continue on the route.
3. This is an existing pathway that takes the route directly down to the join in the estate opposite the wood area
4. There is an internal road at this point so a similar traffic calming or pedestrian/cyclist zone here to allow the route continue through estate



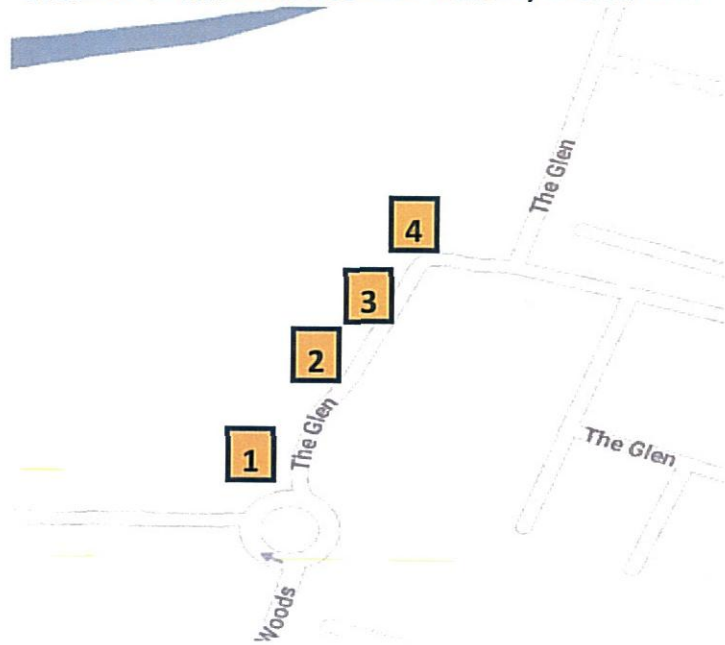
SECTION 3— Kilnacourt Internal Road Crossing to Woodland Dual Path



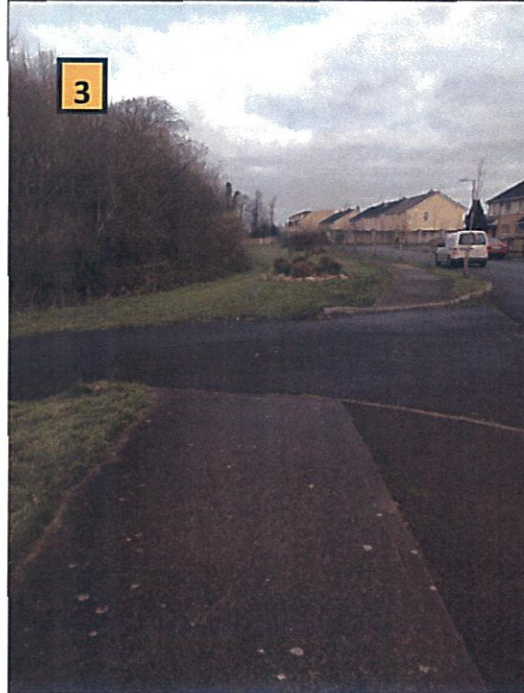
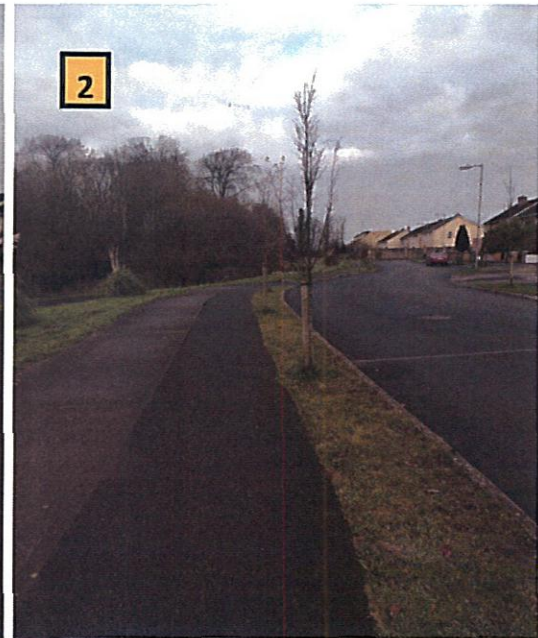
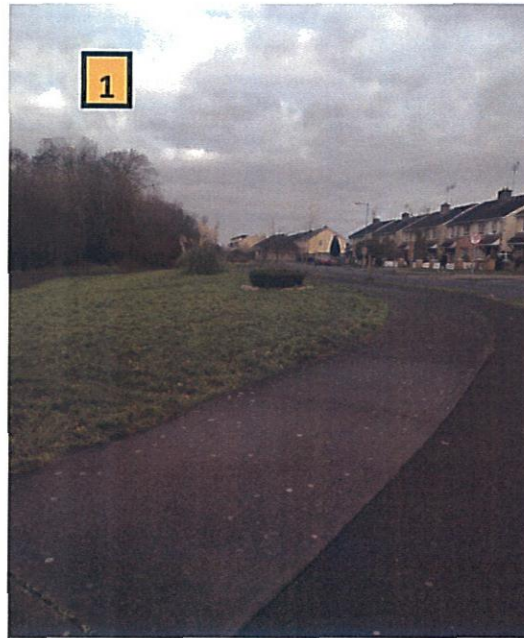
1. This is the point where the pathway meets the internal road
2. Pedestrian crossing or traffic calming would allow pedestrians/cyclists to continue on the route.
3. + 4. This dual pathway joins on the other side of the street and carries on past the roundabout and down towards The Glen area.



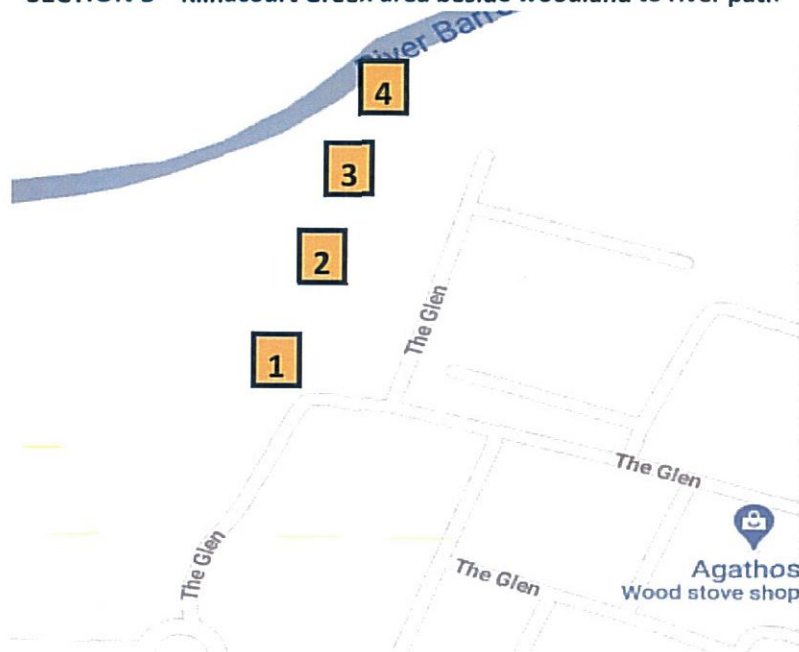
SECTION 4—Kilnacourt Woodland WalkWay to Green area



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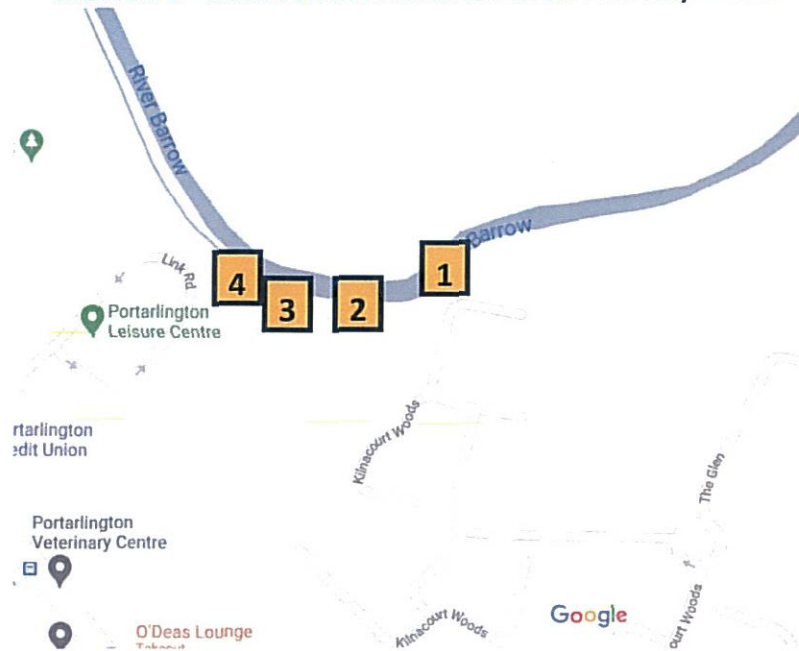
SECTION 5—Kilnacourt Green area beside woodland to river path



1. As per the map this is a green area that runs parallel with the edge of the existing estate at the corner show in satellite map section 1.
2. The green area goes straight from this point along the edge of the woodland.
3. This shows the final stretch of this greenway before it joins the Barrow Blue Way path.
4. This is the edge of the green area before it goes down to the Barrow Blue Way path.



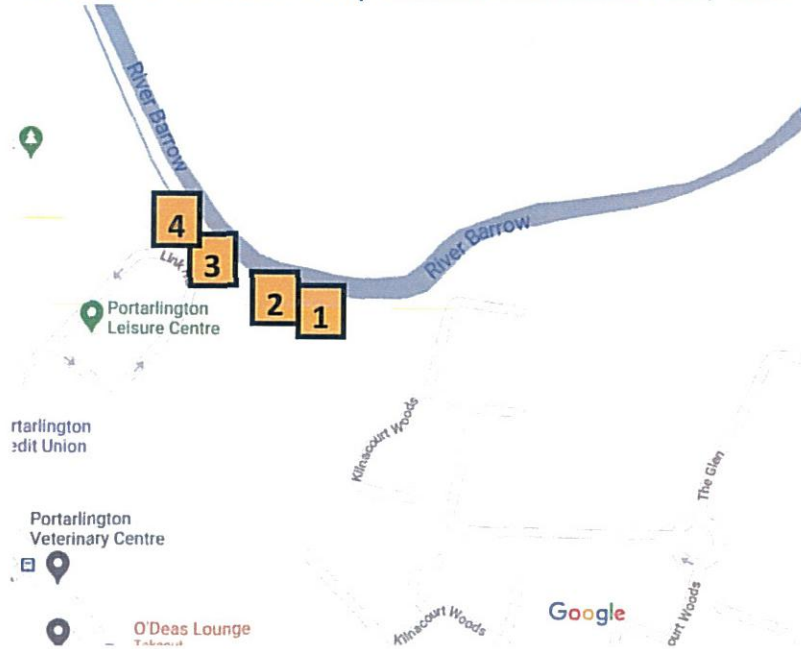
SECTION 6—Kilnacourt Green area to Barrow Blue Way Section



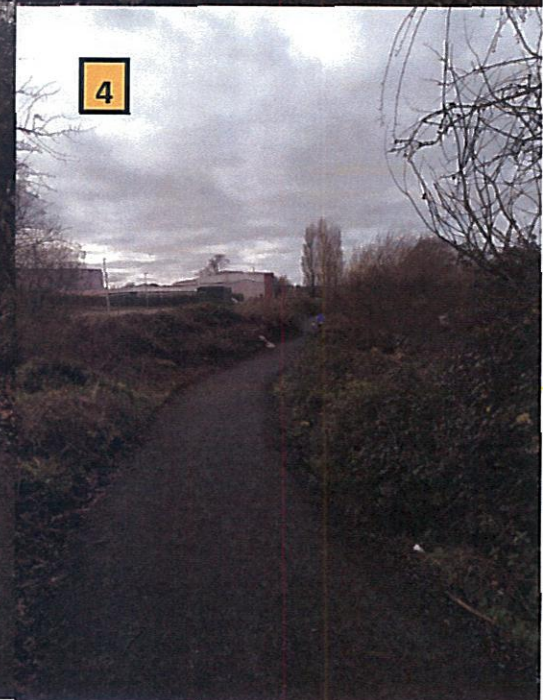
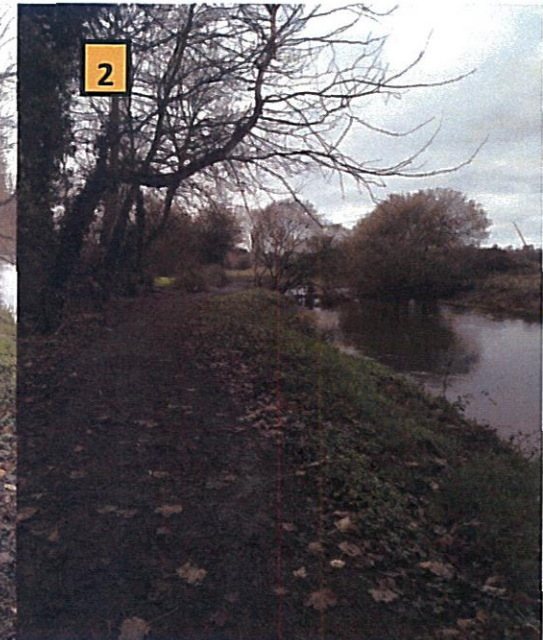
1. The path goes down a slight slope to join the recently completed section of the barrow blue way. This would provide a fantastic connection point to this amenity creating a link to the Park, Square, Leisure Centre and on out to Derryounce
2. There is already a number of walkers using this entrance to avail of the section of the barrow blue way.
3. The blue way is a beautiful stretch along the barrow river
4. This is the end of the current section of the blue way—in the other direction would be towards Lea castle and on again to Grand Canal and the future development of U2's distillery.



SECTION 7—Barrow Blueway Parallel to Kilnacourt to Park / Town



1. The walkway tracks along by the river with Kilnacourt estate on the left side going towards the Leisure Centre & Park
2. The walkway has already become popular as a short and scenic route from the estate to the park and Main Street
3. This is the last stretch before the end of the estate.
4. The blue continues all the way to the Leisure Centre and Park visible just beyond in picture 4. The walkway is due to connect via Spa Bridge (new walkway) on to Derryounce lakes trail—which would be an amazing route past the Square in the heart of the town and then out beyond to the beautiful lakes and trails of Derryounce.



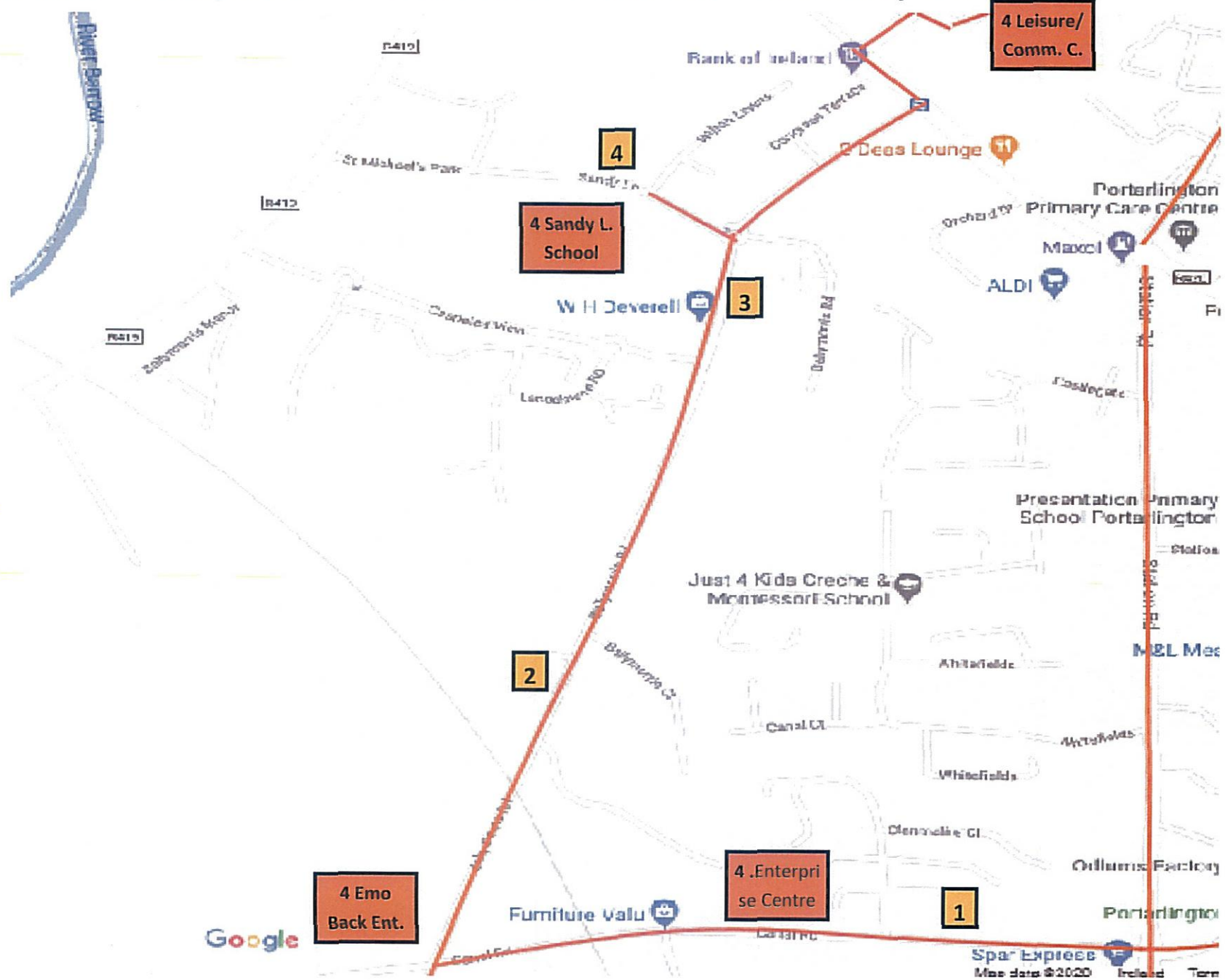
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Canal Road -> Ballymorris -> Main Street -> Leisure / Community Ctr.

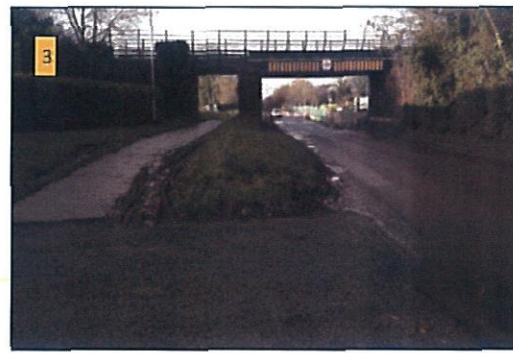
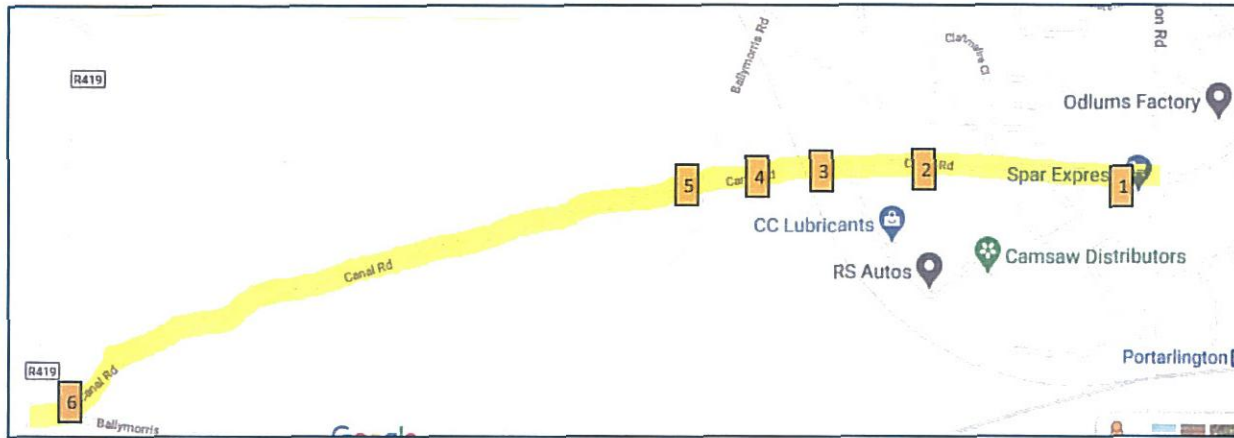
Overview:

This section leads from the Spar Roundabout on Station Road out past the Enterprise Centre and Business Park along Canal Road to the junction at Ballymorris Road. It would be possible to get to the back entrance of Emo Court by going left here—there would need to be traffic calming and signage to enable this. Right at the junction brings the route down along Ballymorris road to the next roundabout where a left turn brings cyclists to the entrance of Sandy Lane Primary school—again traffic calming and signage required. Straight through the roundabout arrives at the library junction to the start of the Main Street and it's proposed that they would go left at the junction and follow then Link road at the entrance to the main Street opposite the Credit Union. This allows the route to continue on the Link road or join the blueway by Park.

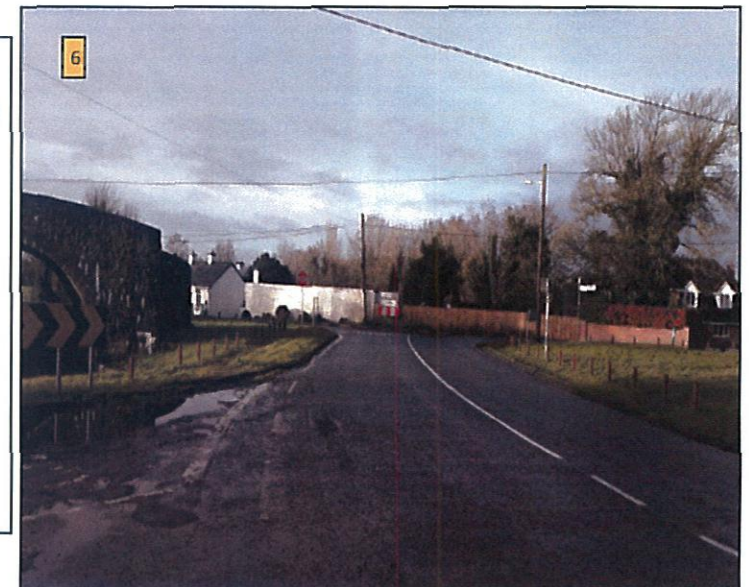
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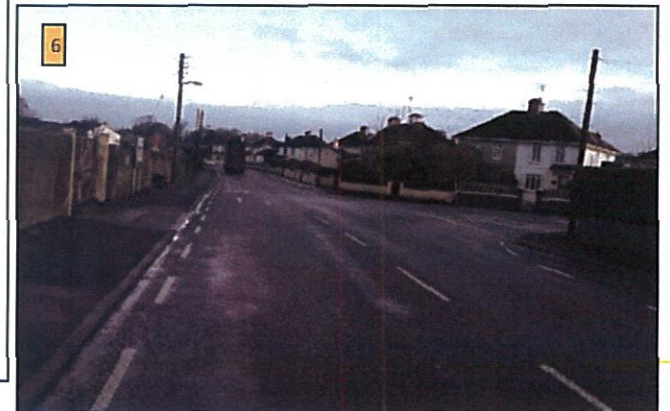
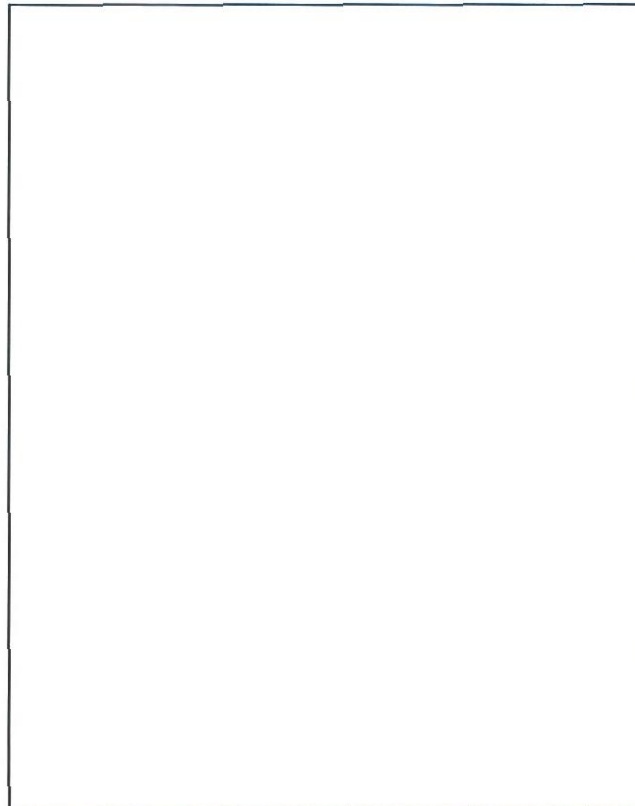
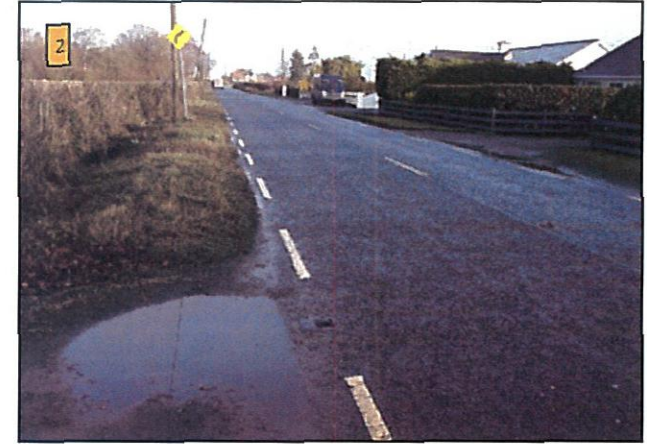
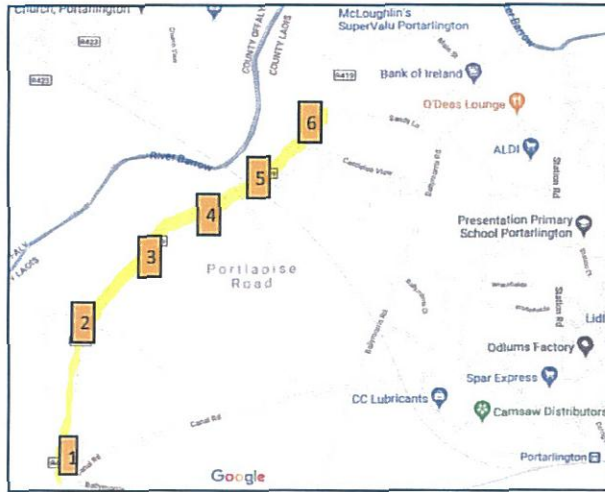
SECTION 1—Spar Roundabout->Enterprise Centre->Ballymorris Road Junction



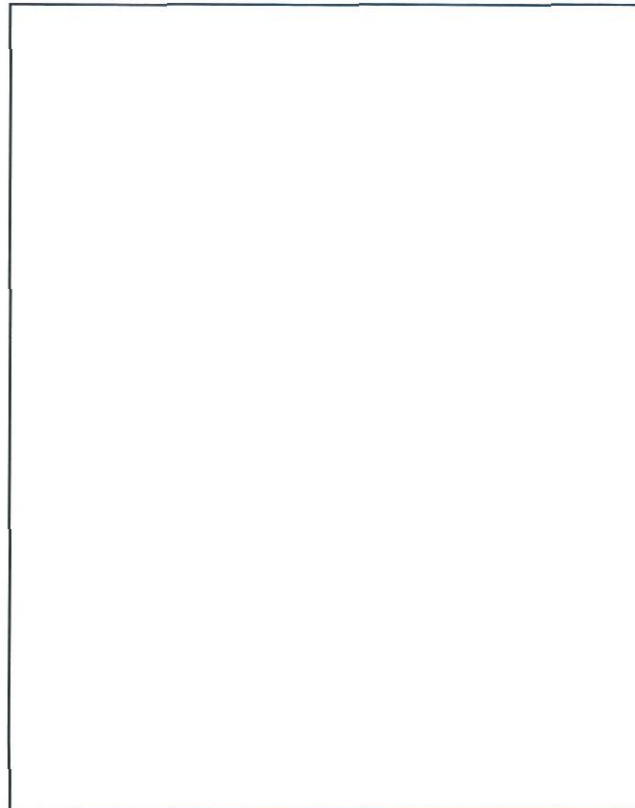
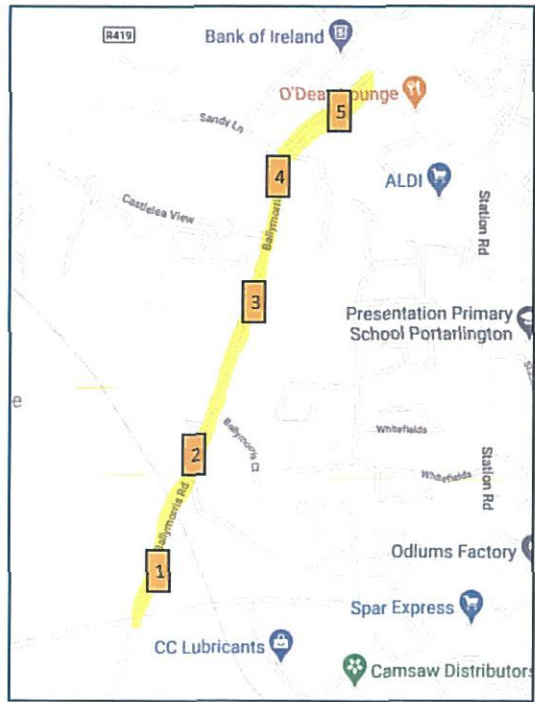
This routes goes from the Spar Roundabout on Station Road out along Canal Road and then turns back onto Ballymorris Road at the junction. At the junction there is a way to access the back entrance to Emo Court which could be aided with signage and traffic calming.



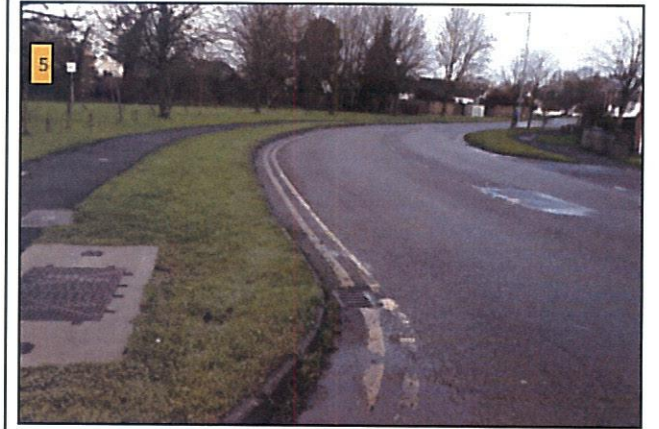
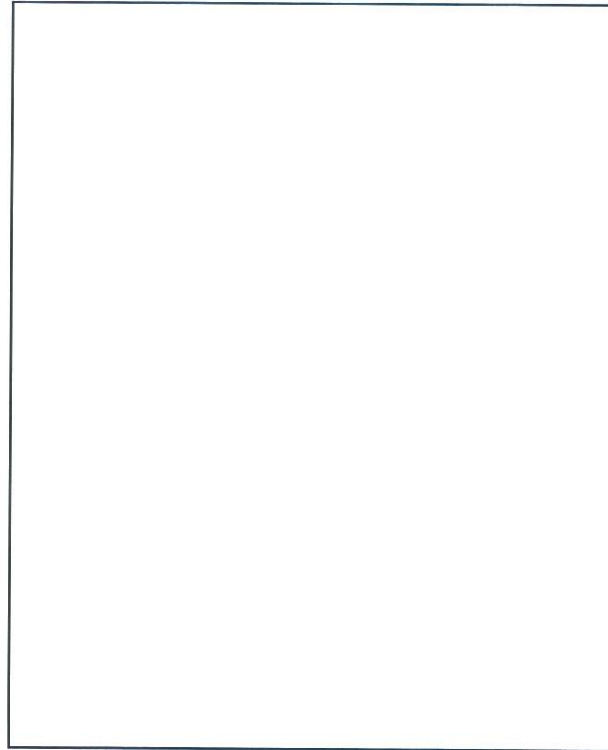
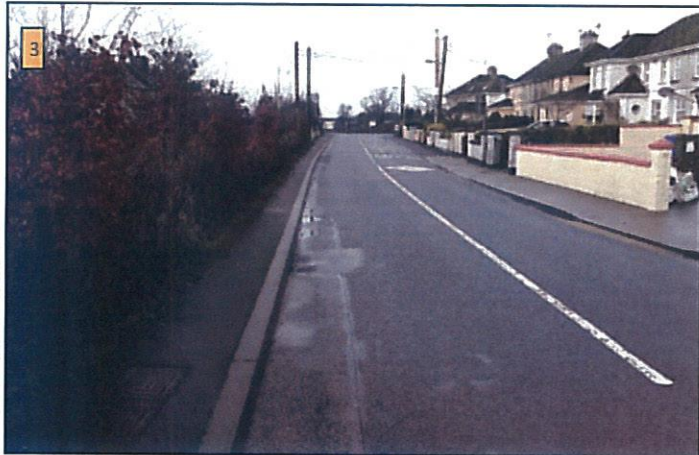
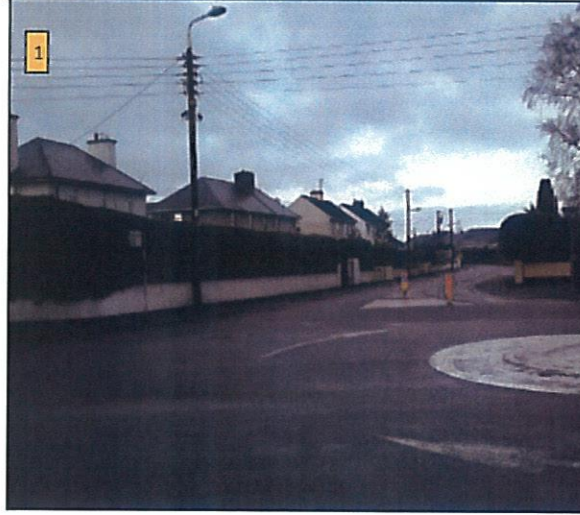
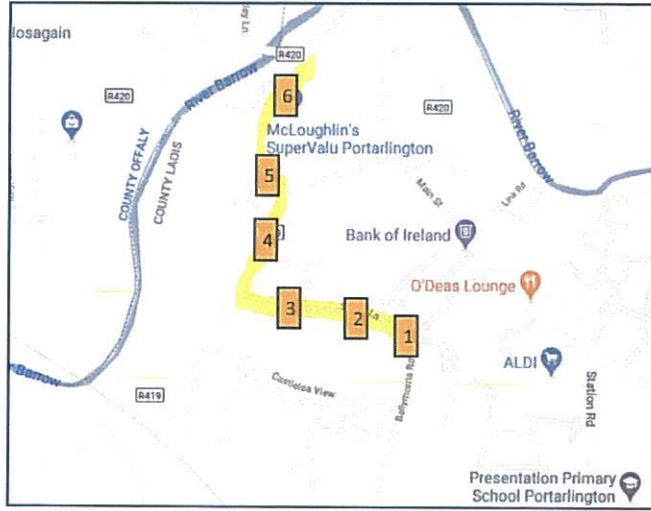
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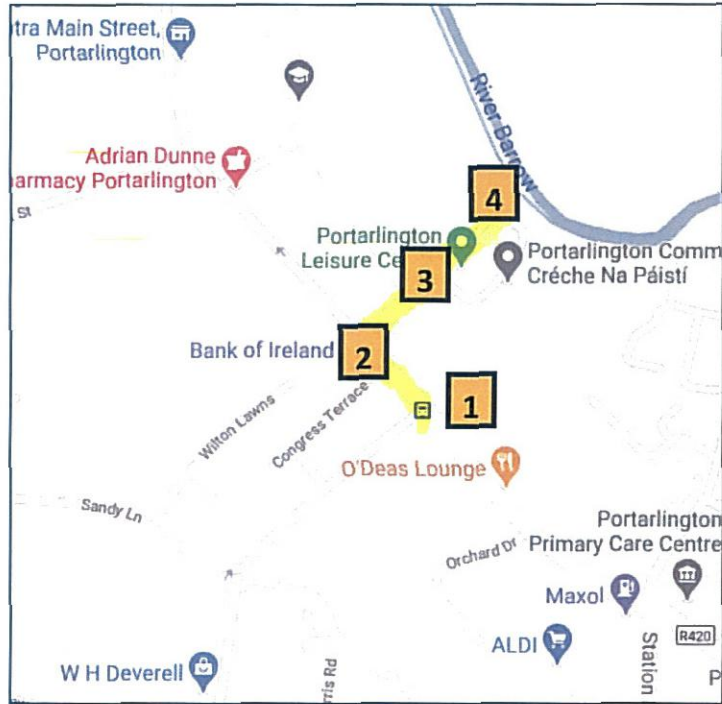
SECTION 3—Ballymorris Junction -> SandyLane Roundabout -> Library



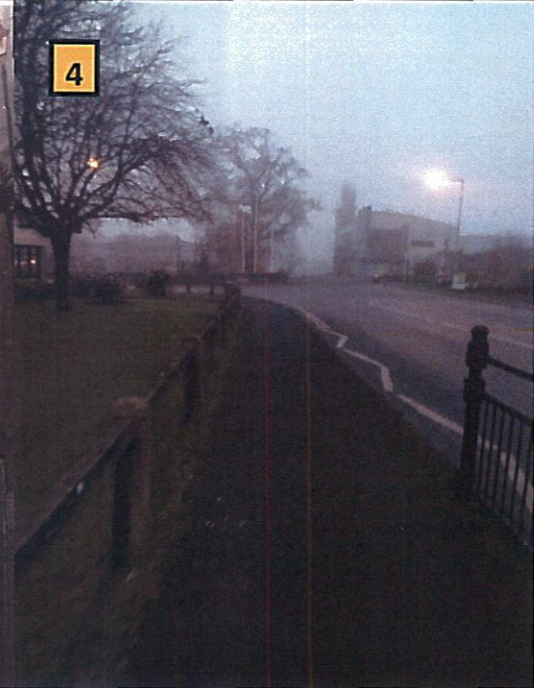
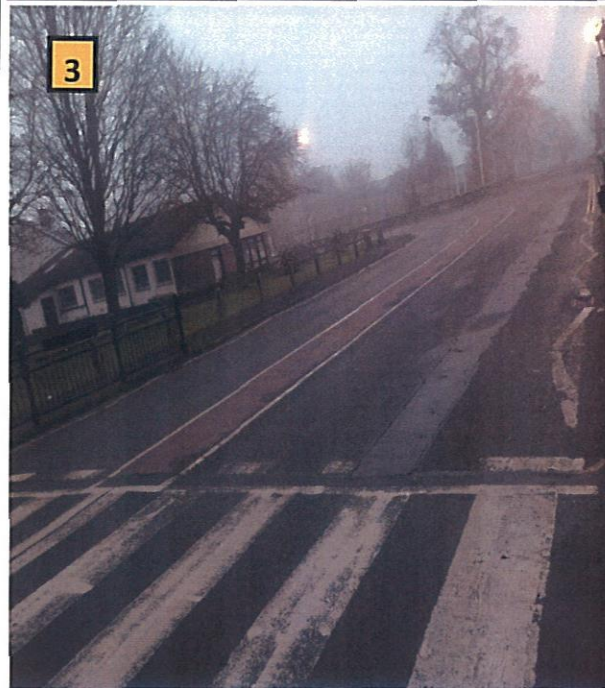
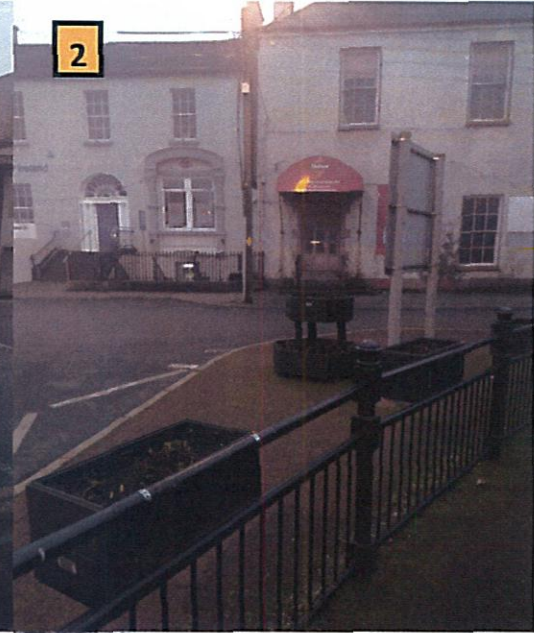
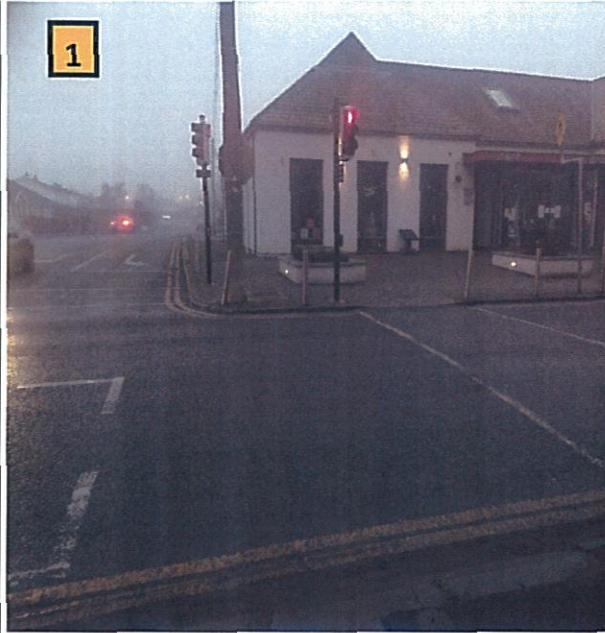
SECTION 2—Sandy Lane Roundabout -> Sandy Lane



SECTION 5—Library Junction -> Main Street Junction -> Link Road -> Blue Way



1. This is the junction at the library at the bottom of the proposed Ballymorris road cycle way.
2. There is an existing pedestrian crossing at the start of Main street— this might be better placed closer to the turn onto the Link road.
3. There is an existing cycle lane marked on the road that leads to the Leisure / Community Centres.
4. The Leisure / Community Centre would provide an ideal link onto the Barrow Blue way which passes beyond the back of the leisure centre. The link road itself provides a parallel link to the Market Square .



Detail Route Map Section 2:

Station Rd. / Train Station -> Corrig Glen -> Garden Centre

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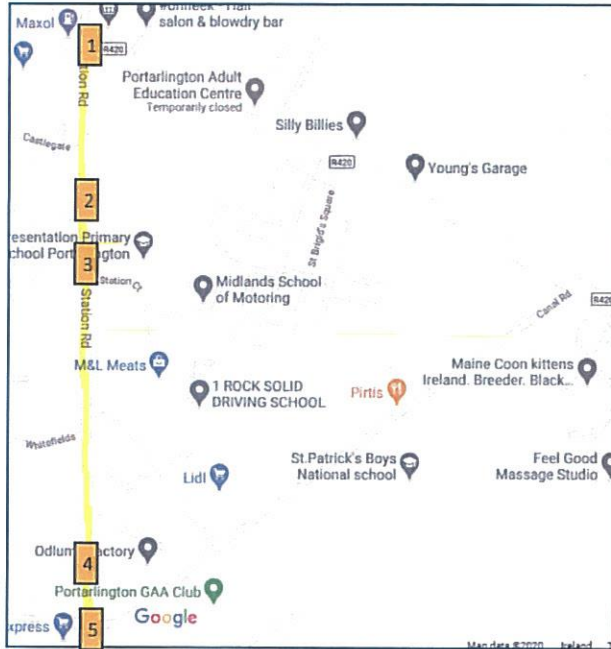
There is an existing cycle path on Station road and there are issues with cars parking on it so it would be excellent to further demark the track with plastic flexi-poles or something similar. The path ends at the Spar roundabout but by continuing it on over the railway bridge and into the train station that would create a key link. Beyond the train is the beautiful Corrig Glen walk. The existing cycle way passes the Girls school and by going up Canal Road at the roundabout this would pass both the GAA grounds and the Boys School as well. At the top of this road just beyond the Lough Gate estate is the proposed Garden Centre and business park. Linking these amenities together and ensuring access from the Maxol roundabout onto the Station Road track will make these key landmarks accessible driving healthier choices and business.

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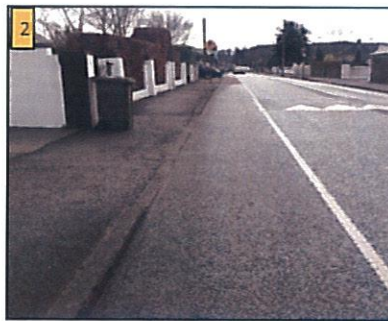


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1. STATION ROAD TO SPAR ROUNDABOUT



1. Start/End of cycle lane. It just stops and no safe exit to road. Should be joined to crossings for Kilnacourt Cycle route.

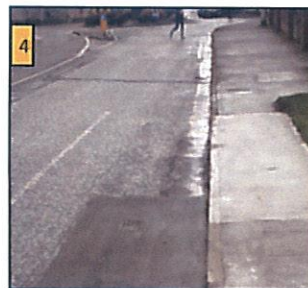
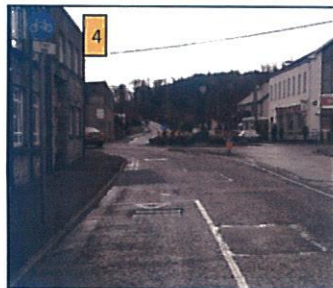


2 These cycle and footpaths need protection as it's a drop off for parents parking while dropping kids. Pedestrian & Cyclists have to enter road to pass. Its not safe for children accessing either school. Cars park fully on path/ cycle lane on both sides.

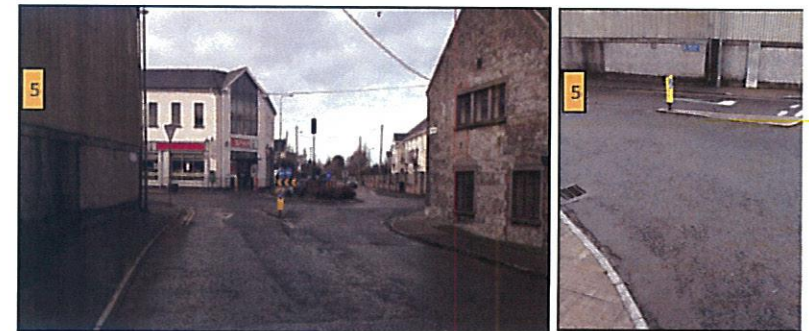


3 This is the junction at pedestrian crossing for Presentation Primary School. Protective measures required

5 This is Junction of Canal Road / Odlums Roundabout. Plenty of room for continuation of Cycle lane to ensure safe passage.

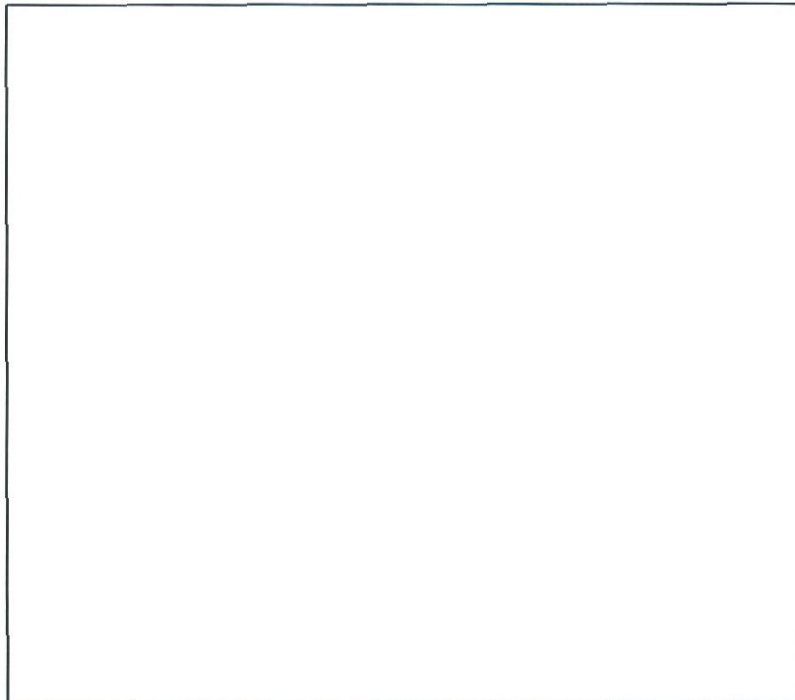
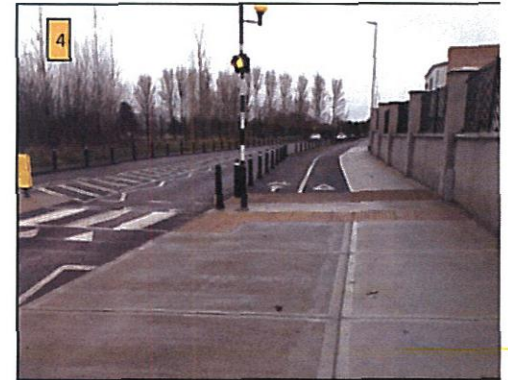


4 This is at Odlums Roundabout. Cycle lane should continue to link up with Train Station, Carrick Wood amenity and St Patricks Primary School. Also new route along new Council Estate linking back to town at Library and onto the Park and Blueway

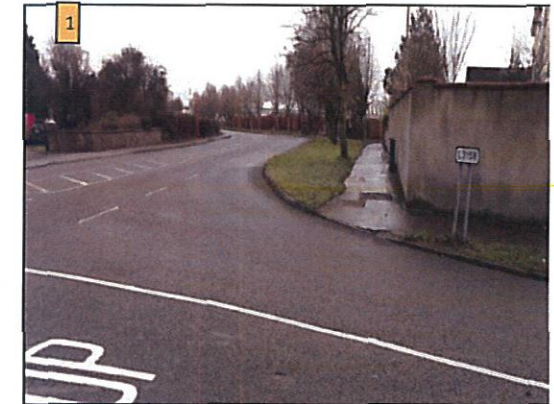
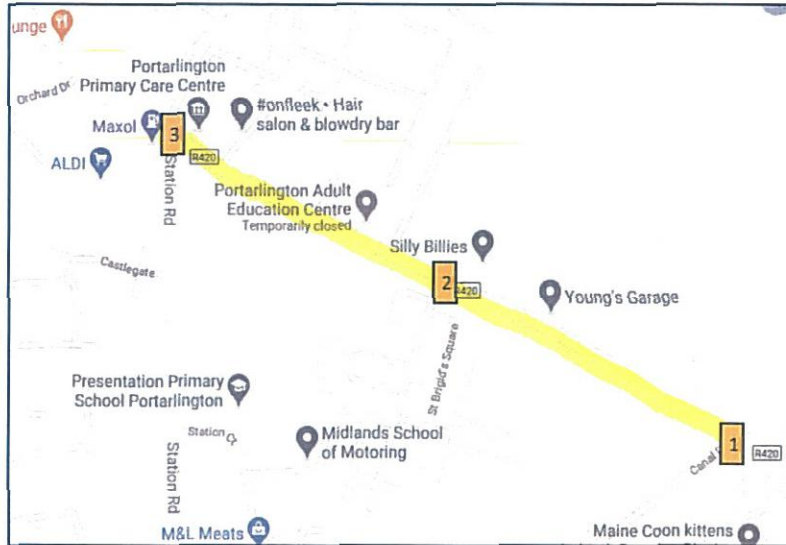




3 Canal Road—St Michaels Primary School



4. R420—Monasterevin to Portarlington road



1 This is the Junction from the R420 from Monasterevin to Portarlington. The Junction for Canal Road has no cross roads and is a busy road. Its also a major bottleneck for cars during school drop off/ collections. There is no way for school children to cross the road safely. Traffic Lights at this junction and additional signage should be looked at.

2 This is the first and only measure to slow traffic coming into the town, Its after passing the junction for St Patricks Primary School and a Childcare facility with small children. There has been complaints about traffic speed and aware that this is been looked at for traffic calming. Numerous reports of cars / trucks failing to stop at this pedestrian crossing.

3 Kilnacourt Roundabout. Main Pedestrian crossing for children from a number of estates and main town centre accessing both St Patricks & Presentation Primary schools. This is a dangerous junction / crossing and has been the scene of numerous accidents. If this junction had safe Pedestrian crossings and in conjunction to 1 above this will help reduce traffic speed and also provide safe crossing for Pedestrian and Cyclists.



Route Map Section 3B:

Market Square -> Spa Bridge -> Botley Lane -> Patrick St. -> Colaiste Iosagain

Overview:

The proposed walkway over Spa Bridge will allow for a connection back to the town and also along the Blueway out towards Lea Castle. There is a wide road that leads from the entrance of the Derrycastle walkway out to Botley Lane and then joins Patrick St. Just beyond this by McMahaons there are three large estates that if were connected to this would make it available to large population. The route along Botley onto Patrick Street will reduce the time to get to Colaiste Iosagain Secondary school and from the Offaly side there are also some large estates in the Tullamore direction that would benefit with a short cycleway connection to the Colaiste Iosagain school.

Market Square -> Spa Bridge -> Botley Lane -> Patrick St. -> Colaiste Iosagain



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<- Large Estates

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St. Michael's Catholic
Church, Portarlinton

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St Patrick's Ave
Church View

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SuperValu Portarlinton

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7. Market
Square

Edd's Diner

Emo Oil - Rosecourt
Filling Station

Centra Main Street,
Portarlinton

Adrian Dunne
Pharmacy Portarl...

Foxcroft St

Drt Automotive

Polar Ice Ltd (HQ)

Fastway Couriers
Midlands

Clown Around
Play Centre

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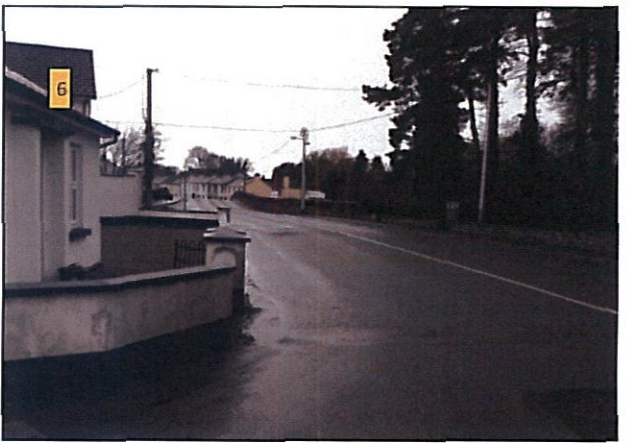
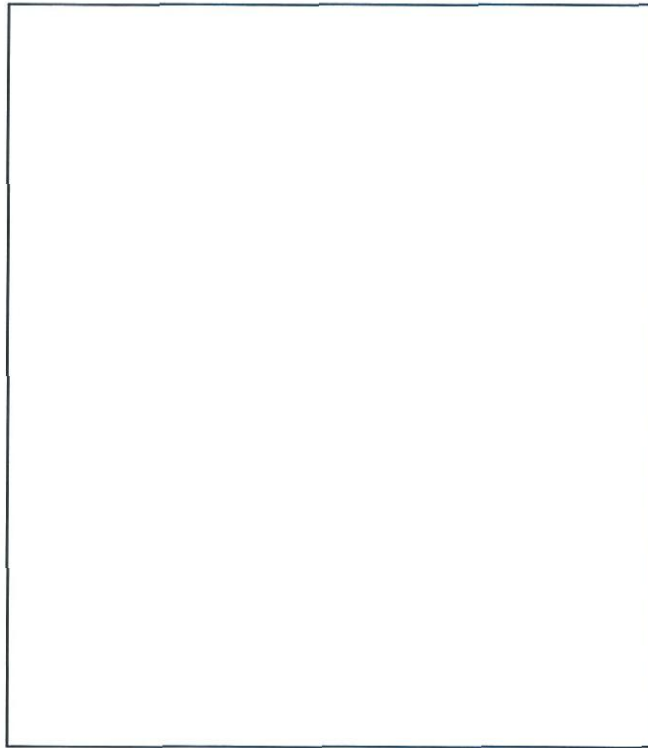
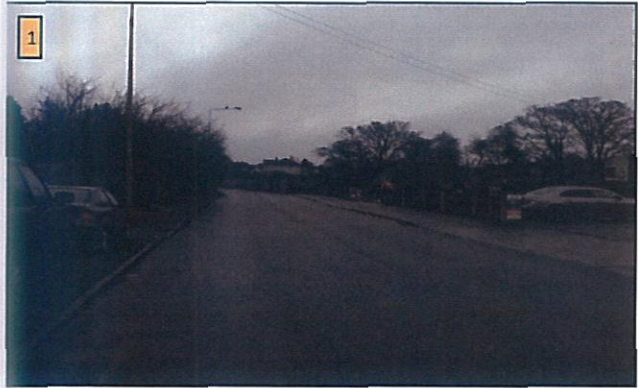
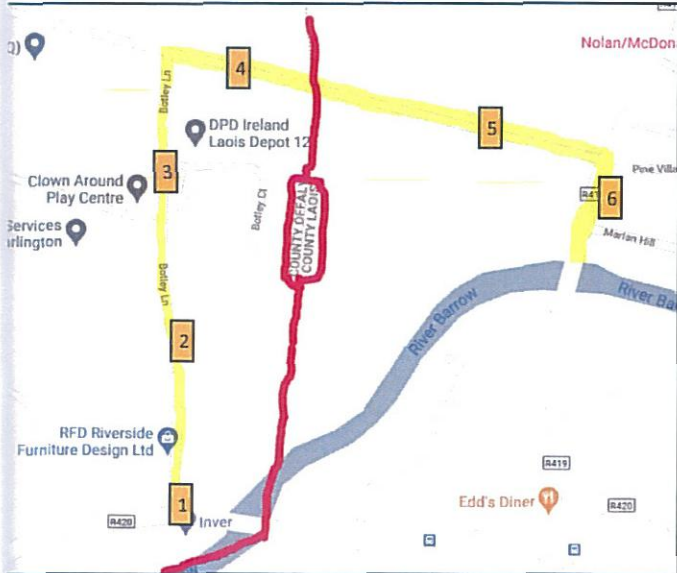
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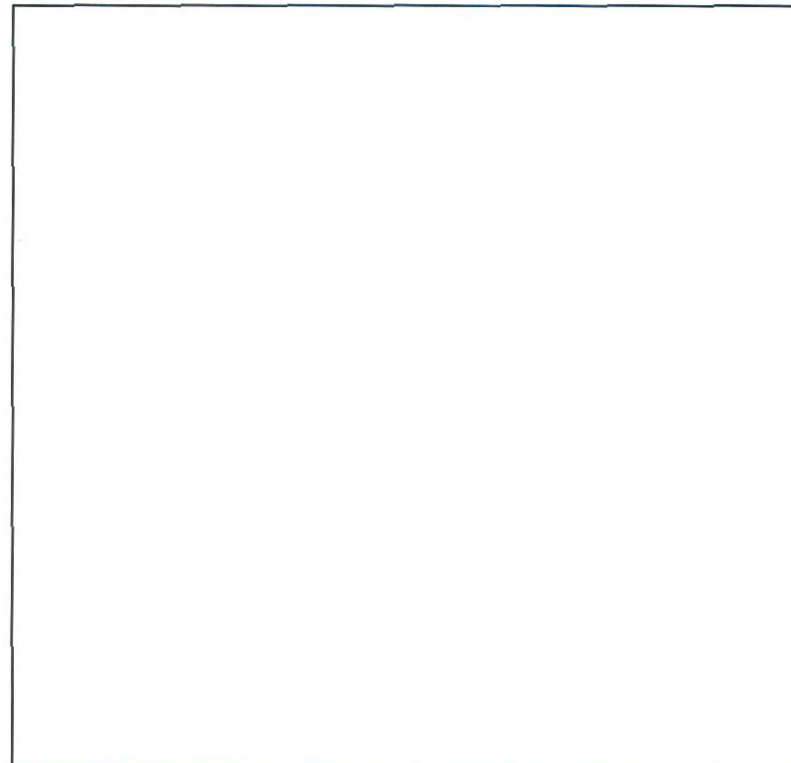
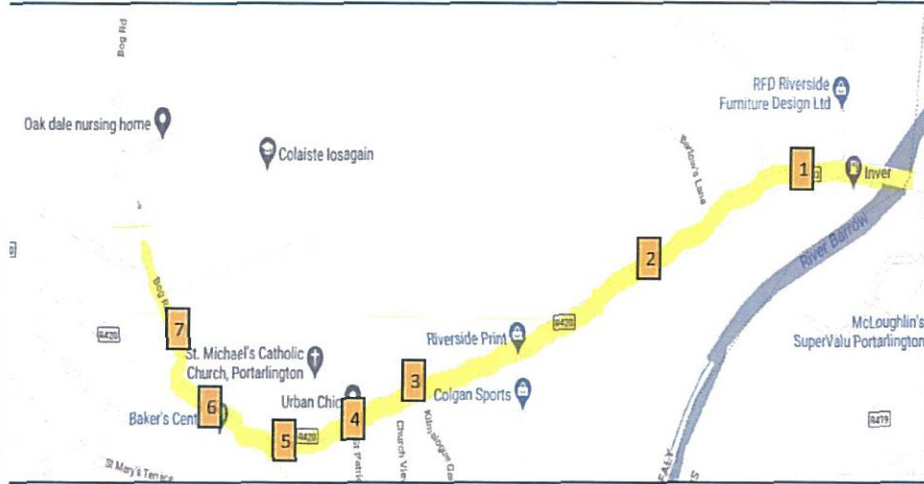
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Section 1: Offaly / Laois Barrow Bridge—Bottley Lane—Blueway at proposed new bridge



Section 2: Offaly—Barrow Bridge to Collaiste Iosagain Secondary



Section 3. Offaly—Collaiste Iosagain Secondary School to Na Cluainte

