



Taisteal Gníomhach  
Active Travel

*Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí*  
Offaly County Council

**APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING  
REPORT FOR  
DAINGEAN ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEME  
- PART 8**



**Offaly County Council  
Áras an Chontae,  
Charleville Road,  
Tullamore,  
County Offaly,  
R35 F893**

**January 2025**

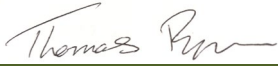
## APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING REPORT FOR PART 8 APPLICATIONS

(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND LOCAL SITE:			
Proposed development:	<p>Daingean Active Travel works at Daingean, County Offaly</p> <p>This projects, includes the following non exhaustive list of works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Traffic Calming measures to the Edenderry Road (Regional Road R402) from the Edenderry approach including the reduction of road width to 6.5m wide, Installation of a raised table at the Edenderry Road (R402)/Circular Road (L-10142-2) Junction and Edenderry Road (R402) /Croghan Road (L-1019-1) Junction.</li> <li>- Junction Tightening Works, Installation of a raised table and the installation of two new pedestrian crossings at Edenderry Road (R402)/Croghan Road (L-1019-1) Junction on pedestrian desire lines to improve pedestrian safety.</li> <li>- Removal of on-street parking on the inside of bend at Edenderry Road (R402)/Croghan Road (L-1019-1) Junction to improve road safety and to provide required sightlines at proposed new pedestrian crossings.</li> <li>- Restricting the Goal Lane (L-10142-1) to One-Way vehicular traffic (Eastbound Only) to accommodate parking.</li> <li>- Installation of Give Take Traffic Calming Works on the existing Molesworth Street Bridge to accommodate new greenway pedestrian/bicycle crossing and junction improvements.</li> <li>- Installation of new and upgraded footpaths on Main Street/Edenderry Road (R402) and Croghan Road (L-1017-1/L-1019-1) to Green lane (L-1017-3) Junction.</li> <li>- Upgrade of two number existing pedestrian crossings on the Croghan Road (L-1017-1).</li> <li>- Improvements to Junctions throughout the scheme.</li> <li>- Improvements and upgrades to the existing Public Lighting Infrastructure within the extents of scheme.</li> <li>- Improvements to the Surface Water Drainage infrastructure within the extents of scheme.</li> <li>- Relocation of existing Disability Parking Spaces and the provision of additional Age Friendly parking.</li> <li>- Relocation of services including ESB/Eir Poles to accommodate footpath works.</li> <li>- Installation of Belisha Beacons at pedestrian crossing, Signage and Road Lining throughout the scheme to improve pedestrian/bicycle and vehicular safety.</li> <li>- Road Re-surfacing Works.</li> <li>- Tree Removal and Planting Works to accommodate footpath works.</li> <li>- Land acquisition to accommodate new footpath improvement works.</li> <li>- Including all associated works.</li> </ul> <p>These works are medium in scale with a construction period expected to be approximately 26 weeks.</p>		
Location	Daingean, County Offaly		
Site size:	~ 21000m <sup>2</sup>	Floor Area of Proposed Development:	Not Applicable

Identification of nearby Natura 2000 Site(s):	Site Name: Raheenmore Bog SAC - (Site Code: 000582) Site Name: Split Hills and Long Hill Esker - (Site Code: 001831) Site Name: Charleville Wood SAC - (Site Code: 000571)	
Distance to nearby Natura 2000 Site(s):	Site Name: Raheenmore Bog SAC - (Site Code: 000582) - 4.478 KM Site Name: Middle Shannon Callows SPA - (Site Code: 004096) - 11.219 KM Site Name: River Shannon Callows SAC - (Site Code: 000216) - 14.951 KM	
The characteristics of existing, proposed or other approved plans / projects which may cause interactive / cumulative impacts with the project being assessed and which may affect the Natura 2000 site:	None	
Is the application accompanied by an EIAR?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>(B) IDENTIFICATION OF THE RELEVANT NATURA 2000 SITE(S):</b>		
The reasons for the designation of the Natura 2000 site(s):		
<p><b>Raheenmore Bog SAC (Site Code: 000582) – Habitats</b> - 7110 Active raised bogs, 7120 Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration, 7150 Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion.</p> <p><b>Split Hills and Long Hill Esker SAC (Site Code: 001831) - Habitats</b> - 6210 Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco-Brometalia).</p> <p><b>Charleville Wood SAC – (Site Code: 000571) Habitats</b> - 91E0 Alluvial forests with <i>Alnus glutinosa</i> and <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> (Alno-Padion, <i>Alnion incanae</i>, <i>Salicion albae</i>). <b>Species</b> - 1016 Desmoulin's Whorl Snail (<i>Vertigo moulinsiana</i>).</p>		
The conservation objectives / qualifying interests of the site and the factors that contributes to the conservation value of the site: (which are taken from the Natura 2000 site synopses and, if applicable, a Conservation Management Plan; all available on <a href="http://www.npws.ie">www.npws.ie</a> ) <b>(ATTACH INFO.)</b>		
Site Name: Raheenmore Bog SAC (Site Code: 000582): <a href="https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/protected-sites/synopsis/SY000582.pdf">https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/protected-sites/synopsis/SY000582.pdf</a>		
Site Name: Split Hills and Long Hill Esker SAC (Site Code: 001831): <a href="https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/protected-sites/synopsis/SY001831.pdf">https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/protected-sites/synopsis/SY001831.pdf</a>		
Site Name: Charleville Wood SAC – (Site Code: 000571) <a href="https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/protected-sites/synopsis/SY000571.pdf">https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/protected-sites/synopsis/SY000571.pdf</a>		
<b>(C) NPWS ADVICE:</b>		
Advice received from NPWS over phone:	None Received	
Summary of advice received from NPWS in written form <b>(ATTACH SAME):</b>	None Received	

<b>(D) ASSESSMENT OF LIKELY SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS:</b>	
<i>(The purpose of this is to identify if the effect(s) identified could be significant – if <b>uncertain</b> assume the effect(s) are significant).</i>	
If the answer is 'yes' to any of the questions below, then the effect is significant. <i>(Please justify your answer. 'Yes' / 'No' alone is insufficient)</i>	
<b>Would there be...</b> ... any impact on an Annex 1 habitat? (Annex 1 habitats are listed in Appendix 1 of AA Guidance).	No - The proposed development is not located within a SPA or SAC. The closest Natura 2000 site is the Raheenmore Bog SAC approximately 4.478 KM to the North of the proposed development.
... a reduction in habitat area on a Natura 2000 site?	No - The proposed development is not located within a SPA or SAC. There will be no reduction of the habitat area due to the proposed scheme.
... direct / indirect damage to the physical quality of the environment (e.g. water quality and supply, soil compaction) in the Natura 2000 site?	No - The proposed development is not located within a SPA or SAC. There will be no direct / indirect damage to the physical quality of the environment in the Natura 2000 site due to these works.
... serious / ongoing disturbance to species / habitats for which the Natura 2000 site is selected (e.g. because of increased noise, illumination and human activity)?	No - The proposed development is not located within a SPA or SAC. There will be no serious / ongoing disturbance to species / habitats for which the Natura 2000 site due to these works.
... direct / indirect damage to the size, characteristics or reproductive ability of populations on the Natura 2000 site?	No - The proposed development is not located within a SPA or SAC. There will be no direct / indirect damage to the size, characteristics or reproductive ability of populations on the Natura 2000 site due to these works.
Would the project interfere with mitigation measures put in place for other plans / projects. [Look at <i>in-combination effects</i> with completed, approved but not completed, and proposed plans / projects. Look at projects / plans within and adjacent to Natura 2000 sites and identify them]. Simply stating that there are no cumulative impacts' is insufficient.	No - The proposed project will not interfere with mitigation measures put in place for other plans / projects, i.e. R441 Monasteroris which are similar in scale and nature to the proposed works in Daingean.
<b>(E) SCREENING CONCLUSION:</b>	
<b>Screening can result in:</b>	
1.	<i>AA is not required</i> because the project is directly connected with/necessary to the nature conservation management of the site.
2.	<i>No potential for significant effects - AA is not required.</i>
3.	<i>Significant effects are certain, likely or uncertain.</i> (In this situation seek a Natura Impact Statement from the applicant, or reject the project. Reject if too potentially damaging / inappropriate.
Therefore, does the project fall into category 1, 2 or 3 above?	
	2
Justify why it falls into relevant category above:	
Proposed Development is not located within SPA or SAC. Works will take place in and around Daingean Village, Housing Estates, Domestic Dwellings, Sports Field, Agricultural Fields and on the Public Roadway and Footpaths. It is considered due to the distance of the proposed development from the Natura 2000 sites	

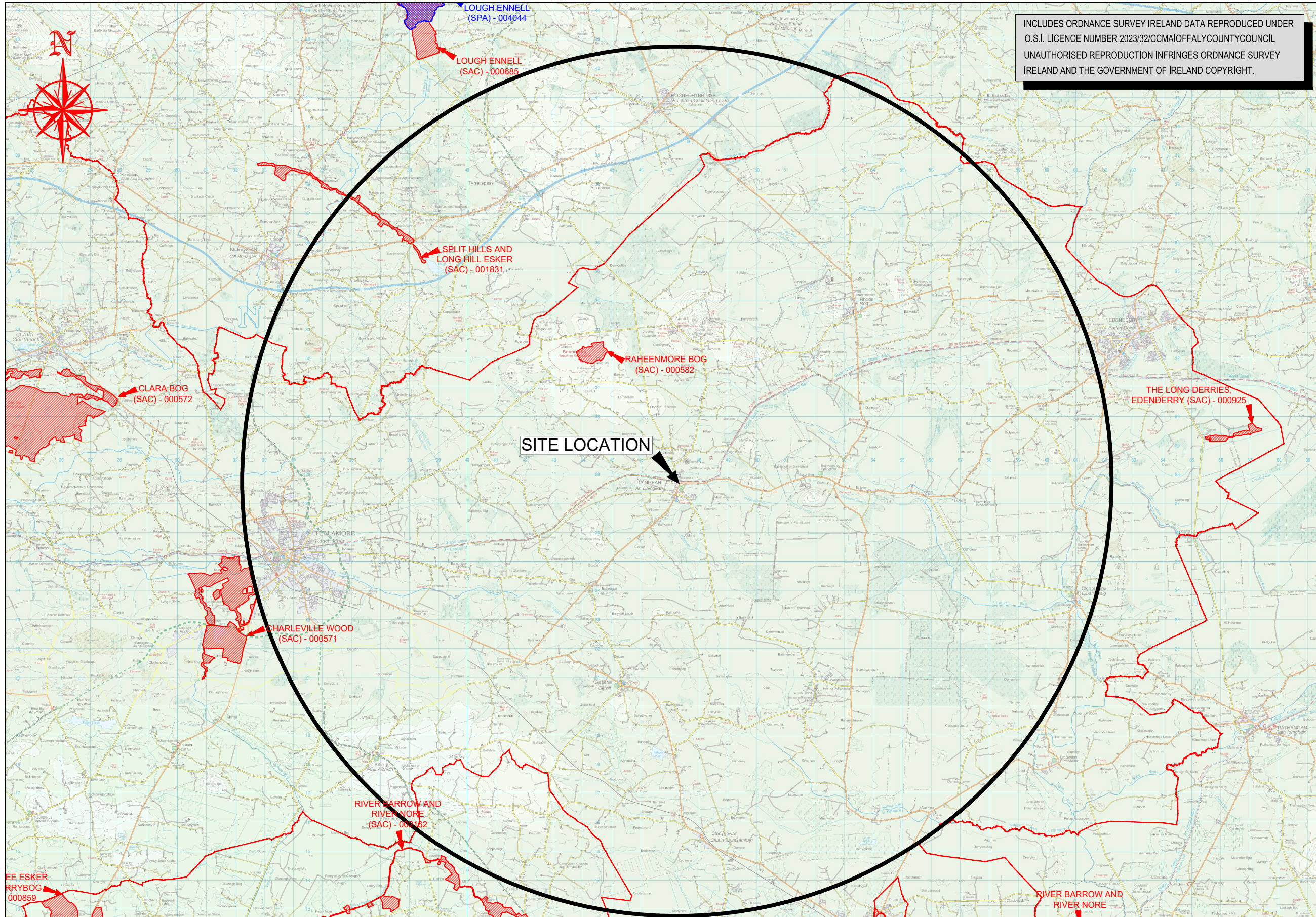
listed within report, that there would be unlikely significant affects to the integrity of the Natura 2000 sites.

<b>Name:</b>			
<b>Position:</b>	<b>Executive Engineer</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025</b>

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## DAINGEAN ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEME - DAINGEAN, COUNTY OFFALY

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**LEGEND**

- SPECIAL AREA OF CONSERVATION (SAC) ■
- SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA (SPA) ■
- 15Km BOUNDARY FROM THE SITE

**NOTE:**  
THE SAC AND SPA DATA IS DOWNLOADED FROM THE NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (NPWS) WEBSITE(www.npws.ie) THE DATA ON THE WEBSITE IS THE LAST UPDATED ON THE 25/07/2023

DESCRIPTION	DATE	INT.	REV



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Aras an Chontae,  
Charleville Rd., Tullamore.

**PROJECT**  
DAINGEAN ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEME,  
DAINGEAN, COUNTY OFFALY

**TITLE**  
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SCALE	ROAD NO N/A	PROJECT NO EDS	DRAWING NO 001
NTS	DATE JAN 2024	DRAWN BY T.R.	CHECKED R.M.