

OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL

Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) (S. 179) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

**GRAND CANAL GREENWAY SHARED WALKING AND CYCLING ROUTE**  
from  
**Convent View, Tullamore to Srah Bridge, Ballydrohid, Tullamore**

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, notice is hereby given that Offaly County Council propose to construct a shared walking and cycling greenway route (2.5 to 3m in width) along the towpath of the Grand Canal for a distance of 2.8km. The route of the shared facility is from the eastern end of Convent View, Tullamore to Srah Bridge, Ballydrohid, Tullamore. The route tracks the northern towpath from Convent View, to Kilbeggan Bridge, (R421), where it crosses to the southern towpath, from Bury Quay to Srah Bridge, Ballydrohid. The proposal will connect with the Grand Canal Greenway at Convent View on the east and Srah Road and Srah Bridge, on the west of Tullamore. The proposed development, which is the subject of this Part 8, will include the following:

1. Improvements to the existing towpath and footpaths along the Grand Canal through the provision of a suitable surface i.e. Surface Dressing, Asphalt Tarmac, Quarry Dust and Concrete / Stone Paving.
2. Provision of traffic safety measures and signage to facilitate safe pedestrian and cycling crossings at Kilbeggan Bridge and Cox (Clara) Bridge (both protected structures).
3. Provision of Shared Surface Area at Bury Quay and Offaly Street.
4. Provision of access controls (pedestrian/cycling friendly gates/bollards) road makings, traffic calming measures facilitating the proposed cycle/walk way.
5. Provision of a new pedestrian bridge at the 28<sup>th</sup> Lock, Srah, Tullamore.
6. Information boards, street furniture, signage and lighting upgrades

The proposed development will be within or adjoining the curtilage of the following protected structures:

Offaly RPS Ref.	Structure	Townland Name
23-288	17 Convent View Terrace	Puttaghan
23-289	18 Convent View Terrace	Puttaghan
23-290	19 Convent View Terrace	Puttaghan
23-291	20 Convent View Terrace	Puttaghan
23-292	21 Convent View Terrace	Puttaghan
23-387	The Mallet Tavern	Tullamore
23-297	Canal Lock 28, Tullamore	Srah
23-293	Kilbeggan Bridge	Tullamore
23-294	Tullamore DEW Heritage Centre	Tullamore
23-295	Rotating Crane- Tullamore DEW	Tullamore
23-296	Clara Bridge /Cox Bridge, 27 <sup>th</sup> Lock	Tullamore
23-407	Metal Railway Bridge	Srah
23-014	Srah Bridge.	Ballydrohid

Offaly County Council has prepared an EIA Screening Report in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). On the basis of this Screening Report, Offaly County Council has completed EIA screening and has determined that there is no likelihood of significant effects on the environment. (Article 120 of Planning and Development Regulations, amended 2018) Accordingly, it has been determined that EIA is not required in respect of this proposed development. Any person may within 4 weeks from the date of this notice, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether this proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

From **13<sup>th</sup> of March 2019 to 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019** (both dates inclusive), all plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy during office hours at the following locations:

- 1) Offaly County Council, Planning Section, Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, County Offaly.
- 2) Tullamore Municipal District, Acres Hall, Cormac Street, Tullamore, County Offaly.
- 3) Branch Libraries at Tullamore.

The plans and particulars are also available to view online at [www.offaly.ie](http://www.offaly.ie).

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated may be made in writing to Planning Section, Offaly County Council, Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore **on or before 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019** Submissions should be clearly marked **GREENWAY**.

**Tom Shanahan, Director of Services, Economic Development and Planning.**  
**13<sup>th</sup> of March, 2019**