

## Environment Impact Assessment Screening

**Planning Authority : Offaly County Council**

**Planning Application : Part 8 proposal** -Proposed new road layout at Bury Bridge ( Whitehall bridge), Puttaghan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

### Proposal

Offaly County Council in conjunction with the National Transport Authority (NTA) proposes to carry out works in the vicinity of Bury Bridge(Whitehall Bridge) on the local roads L-2023-1 and L2025-5 ( Daingean Rd). The works will include the provision of the following;

- New kerbing and footpath on the L-2023-1 at Convent Rd. and Bury Bridge.
- Narrowing of the carriageway on Bury Bridge in order to accommodate one -way vehicular traffic
- Tightening of the junction at St Brigid's Place and Convent Road
- Provision of three controlled pedestrian crossings on Daingean Rd and Convent Road.
- Provision of an uncontrolled crossing on the junction of Bury Bridge and Daingean Road.
- Signage and lining, indicating one-way traffic
- All associated ancillary works.

### Screening

**Section 50 1(a) of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended)** requires the preparation of an EIA for;

- (i) the construction of a motorway
- (ii) the construction of a busway
- (iii) the construction of a service area or

any prescribed type of road development consisting of the construction of a proposed public road or the improvement of an existing public road

**Part V (8) of the Roads Regulations 1994** defines prescribed development for the purposes of subsection (1)(a)(iii) of section 50 of the Act as,


- (a) the construction of a new road of four or more lanes, or the re-alignment or widening of an existing road so as to provide four or more lanes where such new or, realigned or widened road would eight kilometres or more in length in a rural area or 500 metres or more in length in an urban area.

- (b) The construction of a new bridge or tunnel which would be 100 metres or more in length.

The proposed works will take place within the existing road boundaries of the L-2025-5 over a length of approximately 80m and on L-2025-5 over a length of 16m. The proposed project is below the threshold for the requirement of an EIA.

Article 103(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 requires that where a planning authority considers that a development may have significant effects on the environment it shall request the applicant to submit an EIS.

It is considered unlikely that the proposed development would have significant effects on the environment and therefore does not require an EIS.



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