**Project:** Barrow Blueway

## **Report:** Progress Report 21/03

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## **Project Summary**

| Section<br># | Chainage<br>From | Chainage<br>To | Distance (m) | Status | Completion<br>Status | Notes             |
|--------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|--------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1            | 0                | 400            | 400          | С      | Complete             |                   |
| 2            | 2200             | 2450           | 250          | С      | Complete             |                   |
| 3            | 3450             | 5800           | 2350         | С      | Complete             | Griffith Aqueduct |
| 4            | 5850             | 7300           | 1450         | С      | Complete             | Glenaree          |
| 5            | 8500             | 12450          | 3950         | Р      | mid Sept 2021        | Rathangan         |
| 15           | 29500            | 31100          | 1600         | Р      | end Oct 2021         | Courtwood         |
| 16           | 31200            | 34620          | 3420         |        | mid sept 2021        | Vicarstown        |
| 17           | 35000            | 36950          | 1950         | С      | Complete             | Ballymanus        |
| 18           | 36950            | 41220          | 4270         | С      | Complete             | Milltown          |

Of the 36340m of unbound surface on the project, 10670m are completed and 2500m are in progress. Works continue from both the Northern and Southern areas as detailed below.

An updated CEMP (Version 4) has been approved by Laois Co. Co. extending the works areas out to the M7 Motorway bridge at CH26500 and it is expected that this will now cover all 2021 works.

Ministers Malcom Noonan and Martin Hayden undertook a visit to the completed Blueway in early June at Ballyteigue Co. Kildare.

## Northern Work Area – Glenaree to Rathangan

This section consists of 3950m. Half of this area will be constructed from a site compound at Glenaree and the second half from a compound at Rathangan. The Glenaree works are in progress from late April and have progressed with excavation, terram & 4" stone layers complete for 1800m. Progress here has been steady but slower than expected due to the requirement to widen the embanked towpath at the narrow locations (See photos below). Completion to Rathangan is still expected in early Q4 2021.



Fig 1 – CH9000 looking North to Glenaree. See embankment works to right of picture



Fig2 – Taken at CH9200 looking South. Embankment, excavation terram & stone base laid.

## Southern Work Area – Courtwood to Fisherstown

The blueway from Ballymanus to Vicarstown has been completed. (See photos below).

Progression of works between Vicarstown and Courtwood have been postponed until after September 2021 for operational & environmental reasons, with works progressing from Courtwood instead (CH31100m).

Courtwood compound was set up and works commenced towards Fisherstown. Approximately 800m has been excavated and the terram and stone base layers are beginning.

Works are aiming to reach Fisherstown (CH29500) by August 2021.

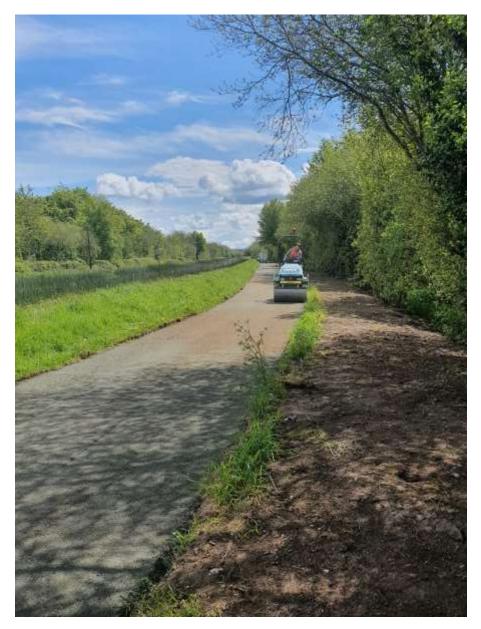


Fig3 – Placing of dust layer south of Vicarstown CH36000

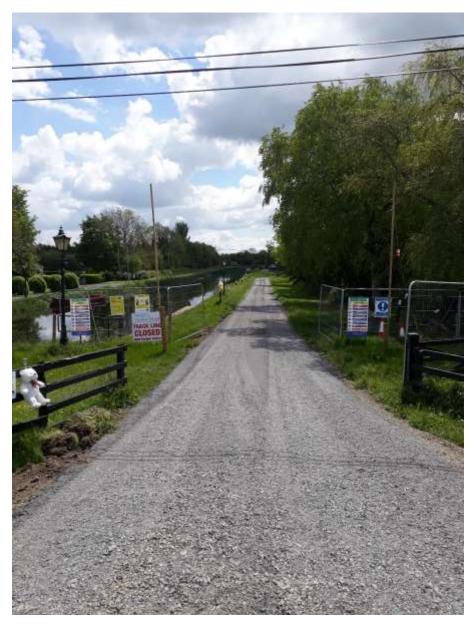


Fig4 – Blueway awaiting final dust layer at Vicarstown (May2021)



Fig5 – Vicarstown looking south, Blueway complete (June 2021)



Fig6 – Looking south to Courtwood Bridge, Excavation completed.