

Grand Canal Greenway Update 16/05/2024

- ▶ Detailed Design continues on the new bridge at the 18th Lock and will take approximately 12 weeks to complete the detailed design and checking process.
- ▶ The Boardwalk at Shee Bridge - Based on the Site Investigation data that was collected, the boardwalk is going through an options selection phase, this process will be complete by the end of May and detailed design will progress.
- ▶ Preparation of Part 8 documentation and drawings for two new bridge structures not included within the original Part 8 permission. We are hoping to publish the Part 8 for these in June 2024.
- ▶ Initial design of the sensitive section of embankment between the 20th lock and the Offaly border has been undertaken and we are nearing agreement with Waterways Ireland on the details - it is hoped that Waterways Ireland will take on the delivery of that section in house and would be on site later this year.
- ▶ Part 8 for the Sallins Tie In was approved with an amendment at the Naas MD meeting on 14th May. The amendment was to delay the closing of the Kerdiffstown ramp - (the ramp from the R407 to Church Avenue)

Details of this Part 8 follow.



PROPOSED SALLINS GRAND CANAL GREENWAY LINK

PART 8

This Part VIII was for the construction of the Sallins Greenway Link in Sallins, Co. Kildare. The proposed development will act as a link between Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Grand Canal Greenway while improving active travel connections at existing footpaths and cycle lanes along the R407 directly to Sallins GAA grounds and St. Laurance's school.

Part VIII Plans and Details were on display from 10th January to 22nd February inclusive at the Áras Chill Dara, and online through Kildare County Council website.

Submissions could be made in writing, by email or online during that period.

The Proposal included the:

- ▶ Removal of 20 no. parking spaces along Canal View.
- ▶ Removal of 4 no. parking spaces along Osberstown Road.
- ▶ Removal of existing vehicular ramp and provision of pedestrian only ramp from Canal View onto R407.
- ▶ Provision of traffic signals, warning signage, road markings, tactile paving.
- ▶ Raised toucan crossing across the R407.
- ▶ Closure of vehicular ramp at R407 junction with Church Avenue to remove a dangerous conflict collision zone between vulnerable road users and motorised vehicles.
- ▶ Make permanent temporary closure of western end of Church Avenue to enhance the public realm environment for the village community.

A total of 509 Submissions were received - including from the NTA, HSE Environmental and An Garda Siochana.

Sallins Biodiversity Group and Sallins Community Council also made submissions along with Elected Members, Internal KCC Departments and several submissions from members of the public.

While specific objection points have been raised the overwhelming majority of submissions expressed gratitude to Kildare County Council for the completion of the Grand Canal Phase 1 and expressed strong support for Grand Canal Greenway project, recognizing the positive benefits it can bring to Sallins and the surrounding areas.

The biggest concerns raised were in relation to:

- the removal of car parking along Canal View and Osberstown Road.
- Closure to vehicles and pedestrianisation of the vehicular ramp at Canal View
- Closure of the ramp from the R407 to Church Avenue.

Part 8 was adopted approved with an amendment to delay the closure of the ramp from the R407 to Church Avenue.

The CE Report will be uploaded to the Consultation Portal in due course.