

Comhairle Contae Chill Dara
Kildare County Council



To: PETER CAREY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

RE: ROADS ACTS 1993-2015
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000-2016

Scheme: **Proposed Athy Distributor Road -
Planning Certificate**

Approved
P. Carey
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It is proposed to construct the Athy Distributor Road. The new distributor road will extend between the townlands of Bennetsbridge and Gallowshill and pass through the townlands of Blackparks, Ardrew, Bleach, Athy Urban, Coneyburrow, Chanterlands and Townparks, Athy, Co. Kildare. The development will include inter alia:-

- Construction of 3.4 Kilometres of single carriageway road forming the Distributor Road;
- Construction of 0.4 Kilometres of single carriageway road realignment of the N78 National Secondary Road;
- Construction of 0.7 kilometres of local/ regional road improvements/ realignments/ tie-ins;
- Two all movements at grade signalised junctions;
- Two new roundabout junctions and connection to an existing roundabout;
- Provision of 3.4km of segregated shared cyclist and pedestrian facilities and an additional 0.7km of segregated shared pedestrian and cycle links to existing infrastructure;
- Structures;
 - including an 80m single span bridge crossing of the River Barrow;
 - a two span bridge crossing of the Dublin – Waterford Railway crossing;
 - a new culvert crossing of the Bennetsbridge Stream;
 - the repair and refurbishment of the existing disused railway bridge crossing of the River Barrow, a protected structure;
 - the demolition of the existing Aughaboura Road bridge over the Dublin – Waterford railway;

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- Roads associated earthworks - including the excavation of material, importation of material, provision of material deposit areas;
- Provision of road pavement, signing, lining and ancillary works;
- Provision of fencing and safety fencing works, drainage works, landscaping works, environmental measures;
- Diversion of utilities and services including the diversion of a 110kV overhead powerline at the N78, including the provision of associated poles and support towers;
- Construction of accommodation works, including the provision of a replacement 280m long railway siding, agricultural access tracks and ancillary accommodation works;
- All other ancillary works.

The Council is submitting an Environmental Impact Statement and a Natura Impact Statement in respect of the proposed road development to An Bord Pleanála.

Having regard to the policies and objectives of the Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023 and of the Athy Town Development Plan 2012-2018, as varied by Variation No. 1 of the Town Development Plan (2016), in relation to the proposed distributor road, I consider that the proposed development is in accordance with the policies and objectives of both the County Plan and the Town Plan to provide a new distributor road around Athy and would be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Senior Planner

12/4/17

Date

I agree with the above.

Director of Services

Planning and Strategic Development

12th April 2017

Date