

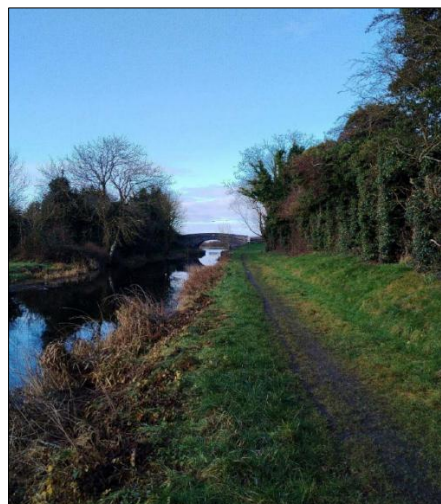


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Proposed Grand Canal Greenway Phase 2 – Additional Bridges ***Part VIII Summary Sheet.***

Part VIII reference no: P82025.03.



The Grand Canal Greenway is a 38.5km walking and cycling facility in Co. Kildare which follows the route of the existing Grand Canal towpath.

The Grand Canal Greenway consists of two phases. Phase 1 stretches from Aylmers Bridge on the Kildare-Dublin border to the new pedestrian bridge in Sallins, Co. Kildare. Phase 2 stretches from Sallins to Clonkeen on the Offaly border. Phase 1 of the greenway route is completed and has been open to the public since late 2023. Phase 2 has previously received Part VIII consent (Ref Planning No. P82018.012) and is currently at the detailed design stage.

Kildare County Council (KCC) are now seeking Part VIII planning approval for the addition of 2 pedestrian bridges and associated route alterations to the Grand Canal Phase 2 scheme.

The proposal is for the provision of two additional prefabricated pedestrian bridges with approach ramp access on Phase 2 of the Grand Canal Greenway. The additional bridges will improve existing cycling and pedestrian infrastructure deficiencies and safety concerns, providing increased segregation between Greenway users and thereby allowing for safer access for users of the Greenway by avoiding the crossing of and travelling along dangerous sections of the public road. Bridge 1 is located just west of the existing Lowtown Bridge and Bridge 2 is located circa. 175m east of the existing Healy's Bridge (Bonyng Bridge).

The proposed works at Bridge 1 (located just west of Lowtown Bridge) involve the erection of a steel bridge over the Grand Canal and the construction of green reinforced earth bank approach ramps either side (circa. 130 meters in total length and 3 meters in width) with associated railings. In addition, the proposed works include an extension of the Greenway (circa. 1km) along the southern bank of the Grand Canal from the proposed pedestrian bridge in an eastern direction toward the village of Robertstown.

The proposed works at Bridge 2 (located circa. 175m to the east of Healy's Bridge /Bonyng Bridge) involves the erection of a steel bridge over the Grand Canal and the construction of green



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reinforced earth bank approach ramps either side (circa. 150 in total length and 3 meters in length) with associated railings. In addition, the proposed works include an additional pathway from the new pedestrian bridge to the original intended Greenway route (circa. 100 meters in length) and facilitating works within the curtilage of a protected structure – Healys / Bonynghe Bridge (RPS No. B13-16).

The development also includes the installation of signage, road markings, bollards and associated site works at the above locations. An Ecological Impact Assessment (EclA) Report has been prepared in respect of the proposed works.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development, Ref. No. P82025.03, will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy during normal opening times at Kildare County Council at the address below. from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday for a period of 6 weeks from Wednesday, 21st May to Thursday 3rd July (inclusive).

Details of the proposed development are also available on Kildare County Council's website online at:

<https://kildarecoco.ie/AllServices/Planning/Part8Schemes/StrategicProjectsandPublicRealm/index.html>

or from the QR code on this notice.



Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development will be situated, may be made to:

Senior Executive Officer, Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team, Housing and Regeneration Department, Level 3, Kildare County Council, **at the address below**, or online at <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/consultation/part-8-grand-canal-greenway-phase-2-additional-bridges-p8202503>

Submissions must be made no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday 3rd July 2025. All submissions and observations should be headed '**Part 8 Proposed Grand Canal Greenway Phase 2 Additional Bridges Ref. No. P82025.03.**'