



Decisions on planning applications accompanied by an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Notice is hereby given pursuant of Part II, Amendment of Miscellaneous Enactments of S.I. No. 352; Section 10 of the European Communities (Public Participation) Regulations 2010, Section 34(1A) of the Planning Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 172(1) of the Planning Development Act 2000 (as amended), that

Kildare County Council made a decision to **Grant** planning permission for the following on the **22/02/2018**:

Planning Ref: 17/81

Applicant: Waterways Ireland

Development; for development on the Barrow Navigation, (Grand Canal – Barrow Line) and (River Barrow) through the townlands of; Lowtown (Connell By), Littletown, Grangeclare West, Ballyteige North, Ballyteige South, Cloncumber, Feighcullen, Drumsru (Offaly East By), Glennaree, Cloncurry (Offaly East By), Drinnanstown North, Kilmoney North, Bonaghmore, Rathangan Demesne, Rathangan, Mullantine, Mountprospect, Kiltaghan South, Kiltaghan North, Clonmoyle West, Ummeras More, Mullaghroe Upper, Mullaghroe Lower, Coolatogher, Coolsickin or Quinsborough, Millfarm (ed Monasterevin), Oldgrange (Offaly West By), Passlands, Monasterevin, Skirteen, Clogheen (Ed Monasterevin), Ballyroe (Narragh and Reban West By), Castlereban North, Castlereban South, Moatstown, Milltown (Narragh and Reban West By), Cardington, Cardington Demesne, Townparks (Narragh and Reban West By), Woodstock North, Woodstock South, Bleach, Athy, Coneyburrow (Narragh and Reban West By), Ardree, Grangemellon, Levitstown (Ed Grangemellon), Levitstown (Ed Dunmanoge), Maganey Lower, Newtownpilsworth and Jerusalem. The proposal consists of the development of a multi-use shared leisure route (Blueway), approximately 115 kilometres (km) in length, on the existing navigation towpath, which is a National Waymarked Way. This will include tailored surface finishes, information, directional, and safety signage, and all other associated ancillary works. The route commences in Lowtown, County Kildare, passes through County Laois and finishes in St. Mullins, County Carlow. Approximately 47km of the route is in County Kildare, 16km in County Laoise and 52km in County Carlow. A new pedestrian footbridge will be constructed over the Grand Canal (Barrow Line) between Augustus Bridge and the 28th Lock in Athy. The proposal will involve works to or within the curtilage of the following protected structures; Skew Bridge 19th Lock (RPS B13-26), Ballyteige Castle (RPS B13-01), Glenaree Bridge and Lock 22 (RPS B17-16), Rathangan Bridge (RPS B17-26), Spencer Bridge



(RPS B17-27), Wilson's Bridge (RPS B16-02), Thatched House Ummeras More (RPS B21-15), Ummeras Bridge (RPS B21-17), McCarthy's Bridge and 24th Lock (RPS B21-16), Ballykelly Maltings (RPS B21-04), High Bridge / Shephard's Brook Bridge (RPS B21-18), Vent Pipe at Canal Harbour (RPS B26-42), Warehouse at Canal Harbour (RPS B21-27), Moore's Bridge (RPS B26-25), Lift Bridge Canal Harbour (off) (RPS B26-22), Monasterevin Aquaduct (RPS B26-23), Skirteen, Footbridge, 25th Lock (RPS B21-28), Milltown Bridge (RPS B34-07), Cardington Lock (RPS AY011), Grand Canal Bleach (RPS AY017), Bascule Bridge, Cardington (RPS AY184), St. Mary's Cemetery (RPS AY045), Lennon's Bridge (RPS AY016), Bollards Athy (RPS AY137 A & B), Stables / Canal Stores (RPS AY152), Minch Norton Malthouse (RPS AY151), Athy Lock, Lock 27 (RPS AY155), Athy Lock - Crane (RPS AY154), Augustus Bridge (RPS AY156), Bollards Woodstock South (RPS AY150 A&B), Barrow Lock, Lock 28 (RPS AY171), Priory Pedestrian Gateway (RPS AY172), Horse Bridge (RPS AY173), Railway Bridge (RPS AY174), Weir (RPS AY175), Duke's Lodge (RPS AY176), Lifting Bridge (RPS AY186), Ardreich Farm House & Gate Lodge (RPS B35-04, AY 185), Bunberry Bridge (RPS B37-23), Levitstown Swing Bridge (RPS B37-13), Levitstown Mill (RPS B37-14) and Maganey Bridge (RPS B39-04 Kildare). An Environmental Impact Statement and Natura Impact Statement have been prepared in respect of the project and are submitted with the application.

Revised by Significant Further Information which consists of (a) Harberton Bridge: New 6-arm vehicle actuated signals with a toucan crossing; (b) Rathangan: Route relocated to the north bank of the canal. This required an alteration to the site boundary; (c) Spenser Bridge: Crossing point relocated with a new toucan crossing including. This required an alteration to the site boundary; (d) West of Spencer Bridge: New car park and footbridge. This required an alteration to the site boundary; (e) Monasterevin (Shepherd's Brook Bridge): Footpath relocated to the east side of the existing local road (Canal Harbour Road). New on road cycle advisory lanes included. This required an alteration to the site boundary; (f) Monasterevin Railway Bridge: New single file traffic system with a 2-arm vehicle actuated signals. New pedestrian footpath also included at bridge underpass; (g) Clogheen Bridge: Zebra crossing changed to a toucan crossing; (h) Clogheen Bridge: Canal in-stream works removed and 2-3 mature leylandi trees to be felled to accommodate proposed route; (i) Athy: Route relocated within the existing car park area at Augustus Bridge. New on road cycle advisory lanes included on the canal bank access road, west of Augustus Bridge; (j) Athy Footbridge: Design concept revised; (k) Minor revisions to Site Boundary to take account of the improved mapping from the topographical survey; (l) Revisions / additions to the Environmental Impact Statement and the Natura Impact Statement to take account of the above and the Further Information requests.



Location of Development: The Barrow Navigation (Grand Canal - Barrow Line), commencing in Lowtown, (Robertstown) via Rathangan,, Monasterevin, Athy to Jerusalem, Co. Kildare.

The applicant and any person who made submissions or observations in writing to the planning authority in relation to the planning application in accordance with Section 37(1) of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 (as amended) may appeal such a decision to An Bórd Pleanála.

A person may question the validity of any decision of the planning authority by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986), in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended.

A person may question the validity of any decision on an appeal by An Bórd Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended.

Information in relation to the making of an appeal may be obtained from An Bórd Pleanála's website at www.pleanala.ie. Also refer to Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended by Sections 32 and 33 of the Planning and Development Act 2010 in relation to judicial review. General information on judicial review procedures is contained on the following website; www.citizensinformation.ie

Details with regard to the planning reference referred to in this notice may also be viewed on this website on the online planning system by entering the planning reference no. **1781** in the planning file reference field.