



Leitrim County Council

Part 8 Planning Application Report for

Construction of a 2-meter-wide footpath, public lighting, junction improvement works and front of school zone improvement works in the townlands of Commons and Glebe (Leitrim by) along the R202 in Fenagh Co Leitrim.

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1 Introduction

Leitrim County Council proposes to construct a footpath along the eastern side of the R202 in the townlands of Commons and Glebe (Leitrim By), Fenagh, Co. Leitrim.

Tightening of the existing junction between the R202 and R209 and front of school zone improvement works also form part of this proposal.

The main objective of this proposal is to provide walking infrastructure and enhance the safety of pedestrians into the village of Fenagh along the R202.

The scheme will enable safe movement of people to and from everyday destinations including the local primary school.

1.1 Timescale

It is expected that the project (if approved) will be constructed in Q4 of 2022.

2 Principal Features of the Scheme

The development will consist of the following elements:

1. Construction of a 2-meter-wide footpath along the eastern side of the R202 in the townlands of Commons and Glebe (Leitrim By), Fenagh Co. Leitrim extending for approximately 600 metres.
2. Provision of 17 No Public Lighting columns along the western side of the R202.
3. Provision of adequate drainage to serve length of scheme.
4. Tightening of Junction between R202 and R209.
5. Front of school zone improvement works - Coloured surfacing applied within School Zone (buff colour HFS). Pencil bollards on new footpath verge within School Zone

3. Leitrim County Development Plan 2015-2021

The provision of the proposed footpath is aligned with the following policy and objectives of the County Development Plan:

- **Policy 46**
It is the policy of the Council to encourage safe walking and cycling by providing linear parks, footpaths, cycle paths and public lighting in towns and villages.

- **Objective 39**

It is an objective of the Council to ensure all towns and villages have adequate footpaths and public lighting.

4 Appropriate Assessment Screening Report

The Appropriate Assessment Screening Report can be found in Appendix B of this report and concludes that the project will have no significant impact on the conservation objectives of designated European sites.

In accordance with Article 120 (3) as amended by SI No 296 of 2018, a person may, within 4 weeks from the date of the site notice (8th July 2022) apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

Such a submission should be addressed to the Secretary, An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

5 Environmental Impact Assessment Report

The Environmental Impact Assessment report can be found in Appendix C of this report and concludes that the scheme does not correspond to any project type in the relevant Roads or Planning and Development legislation. It can be considered not to comprise ‘*sub-threshold development*’ and it can be ‘*screened out*’ for Environmental Impact Assessment purposes on this basis.

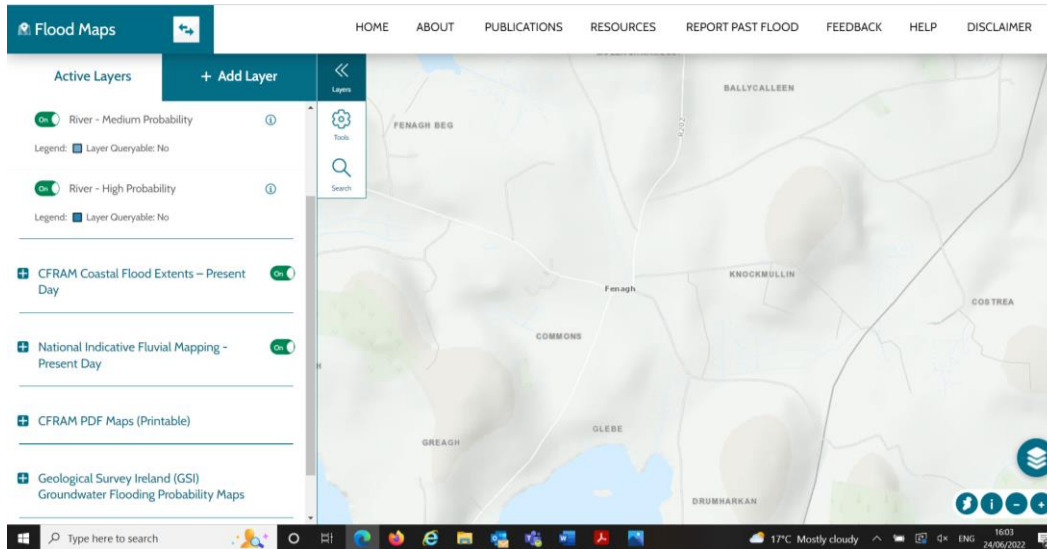
For the avoidance of doubt, the scheme has nonetheless been reviewed against prescribed criteria for determining whether or not a sub-threshold development is required to be subject to EIA. It is concluded that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed scheme. It is considered that the project does not need to be subject to Environmental Impact Assessment and no Environmental Impact Assessment Report is required for it. This conclusion is based on an objective review of the Scheme, including its characteristics, location and the likelihood of it causing significant environmental impacts. The screening has followed the relevant legislation and has had regard to the relevant guidance.

6 Flood Risk

As per the Flood Risk Management Guidelines (2009), where flood risk may be an issue for any proposed development, a flood risk assessment (FRA) should be carried out that is appropriate to the scale and nature of the development and the risks arising. An FRA is intended to be sufficiently detailed to quantify the risks and effects of any flooding, necessary mitigation

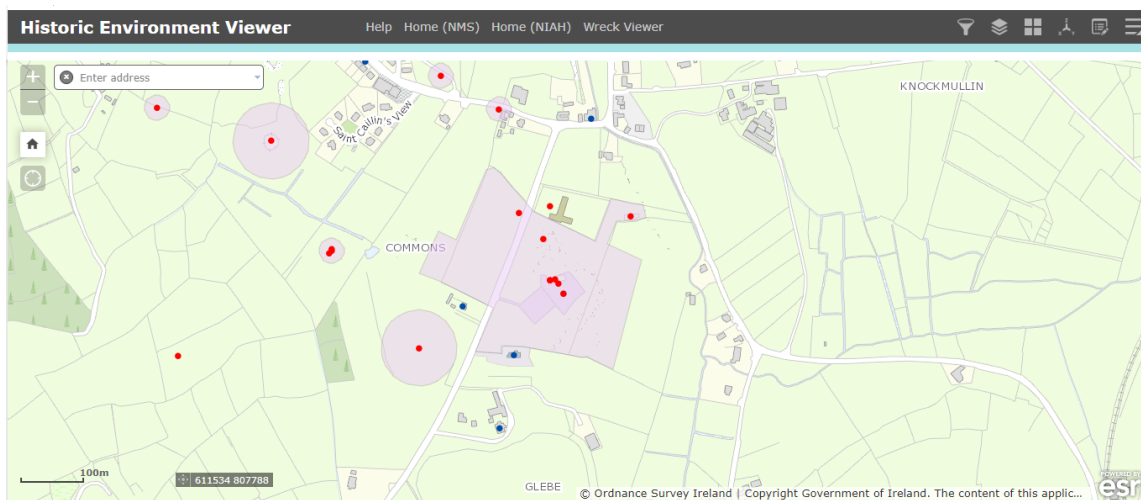
measures, together with recommendations on how to best manage any residual risks.

The following extract shows that there are no flood points or benefitting lands in the vicinity of the site and therefore an FRA is not required.



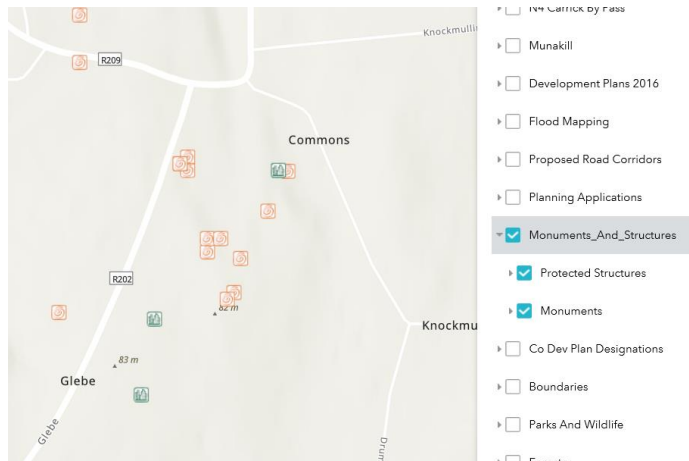
7 Archaeology Assessment

There are numerous recorded protected national monuments within the immediate project area which are of archaeological importance associated with the medieval settlement of Fenagh. While the works are located within the zone of notification of these recorded monuments, given the limited nature of the proposed works it is not expected that the works will have a direct impact, either physical or visual, on these archaeological monuments.



8 Protected Structures

There are 3 no. protected structures to the east of the scheme, however they are not within proximity to any works that are being carried out. Therefore, the implementation of this project will not have any impact on Protected Structures.



9 Conclusion

The proposed works are consistent with proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which it relates.

Leitrim County Council proposes to carry out these works to improve the approaches to the town centre and to encourage people to walk and cycle to their local amenities.