

# Glanmire Road Improvements and Sustainable Transport Works (Frequently Asked Questions)

## What is this project about?

This project is about making Glanmire, Riverstown and Sallybrook a more accessible, safer and attractive place to live, work and visit.

## Why is the project needed?

New housing has been permitted by An Bord Pleanála at Ballinglanna. This will increase the demand for travel in the area. This project will provide for this demand and will also significantly improve traffic conditions and connectivity for the wider community of Glanmire.

## What is Part 8 and how does it work?

Part 8 is the process used by Local Authorities to seek planning permission. The proposal is advertised and there is a period of 8 weeks for anyone who wishes to make a submission. All submissions will be considered and a response will be prepared in a Chief Executives report. This will contain a recommendation to the Elected Members from the Chief Executive. The Elected Members will then vote on whether the scheme should obtain permission with or without modifications or be rejected.

The subject Part 8 commenced on 4th May 2018, the closing date for submissions is 29th June 2018 and the result is expected 31st July 2018. Details of the Part 8 documents and an online submission service is available on the website <https://www.corkcoco.ie/public-consultation-part-8s>

## If the Part 8 is approved when will it all be delivered?

The project will be implemented in phases. Construction of the first phase could start early in 2019 for the projects where the required land is available. For projects which require formal land acquisition, it will be depend on the how long it takes to acquire the land (late 2019 estimate based on similar projects). Subject to planning, there is confidence that the scheme will be delivered over time given Government support and funding as well as firm commitment and planning to date from Cork County Council and the appointed Design Consultants.

Further details, in relation to phasing and implementation of infrastructure associated with the Dunkettle/ Ballinglanna Urban Expansion Area, are available to read on the Cork County Council website <https://www.corkcoco.ie/index.php/detail-individual-ueas>

## If the Part 8 is rejected what will happen?

The reasons for rejection would be reviewed. A new Part 8 application may be prepared if there is a reasonable chance of success. Alternatively the funding may be at risk and the project may not proceed as planned.

## How much will the overall project cost?

The cost estimate is €13 million. This is based on the preliminary designs and may change as the project progresses.

## Is there funding for the project?

Yes €5.9million has been provided under the Governments Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) to fund strategic infrastructure for Phase 1 of the scheme. Background details to the project including LIHAF funding are available on the Cork County website <https://www.corkcoco.ie/detail-individual-ueas>

## That won't be enough to deliver all you have shown here?

The LIHAF funding is associated with funding strategic infrastructure for Phase 1 of the scheme, which, in combination with development contributions, will facilitate the development of the Ballinglanna lands as well as significantly benefitting the community of Glanmire. It is anticipated that Phase 2 will be funded predominantly through development contributions arising from the development of the Dunkettle lands. Development contributions are also being raised through other developments in the locality which will benefit from the community infrastructure. Other sources of funding will also be investigated, in relation to the greenway in particular.

## So you will be onsite at the same time as the Dunkettle Interchange project, what about the traffic?

Yes traffic impacts can and would be managed and programmed to minimise disruption. Coordination with Transport Infrastructure Ireland for the Dunkettle Interchange project and other stakeholders is ongoing.

## What about this other issue (e.g. narrow section of Glyntown road) why are you are not dealing with that?

The scope of the project is outlined on the drawings and is fixed. The project cannot and is not intended to solve all the issues in the area. The project will achieve a great deal if the proposals identified are delivered.

## Why isn't the greenway longer so it connects up to my house?

It is possible that the greenway will be extended at a later date. If the current proposals are built and well used it is much more likely to be extended.

The Greenway as proposed is 2km long and connects up 5 schools in the area on a high quality continuous 4 metre path (mostly off-road) which would be a significant positive enhancement for

the area in terms of active travel and would provide excellent connectivity. A 3 metre shared footpath and cycleway is also proposed connecting the Greenway at Glanmire village via the Dunkettle Road to cycle facilities proposed as part of the Dunkettle Interchange and on to Tivoli Roundabout. From here there are proposals to link to both Cork City and Youghal in accordance with the Cork Cycle Network Strategy available to view on the Cork County Council website at <https://www.corkcoco.ie/traffictransport/walking-and-cycling>

### There seems to be a lot for cyclists and pedestrians. What are you doing about improving public transport in the project?

The capacity of the junctions is being increased so delay will be reduced. This will improve bus journey times through the area. Bus stops and footpaths improvements will make it easier to use the services and an increased frequency will be possible due to a reduction in congestion.

### What about the environmental impacts of the project, have they been assessed?

Yes detailed environmental assessments have been undertaken and are available on the website for review.

### What about the cultural heritage impacts of the project, have they been assessed?

Yes a detailed archaeological and built heritage assessment has been undertaken and is available on the website for review.

### Are you knocking this wall? Will you replace it? They are historic walls it won't be as nice.

The historic walls have all been assessed in relation to their condition and heritage value in the Archaeological and Built Heritage Assessment which is available to view on the website. We will seek to minimise impact on high quality historic walls if possible. However any boundary walls which are required to be removed will be replaced. In some locations walls are in poor condition and stones have fallen presenting a safety risk. Where walls associated with historic demesnes are required to be removed, the type and nature of replacement will be carefully agreed with landowners and the Heritage Officers of Cork County Council at the detailed design stage.

### What about trees? Are you knocking them? Will you replace them?

Some trees will be felled as part of the project, project 8 and 9 in particular. These will be replaced, like with like, so that there is no net loss of trees in the area.

### I own some land and think I may be impacted?

It very important to make a submission to the process to protect your own interests.

### How will the land be acquired?

Formal negotiation on land acquisition will only begin when planning permission has been obtained. Engagement with landowners will be undertaken to establish if it is possible to reach a satisfactory agreement for all parties. If this is not possible an application for compulsory purchase will be made to An Bord Pleanála.

### How does CPO work?

A Compulsory Purchase Order is a legal function that allows certain statutory bodies (including Local Authorities) which need to take land or property to do so without the consent of the owner so as to allow a public infrastructure project to go ahead for the common good. [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie) contains helpful information in relation to the land acquisition and compulsory purchase order process, including landowner rights.

### I own some land, when will I be compensated?

The timing of compensation is subject to the formal negotiation process on land acquisition which will only begin when planning permission has been obtained. Engagement with landowners will be undertaken to establish if it is possible to reach a satisfactory agreement for all parties. The timing depends on whether the people who are impacted by the project object. That could delay the process considerably.

### I own some land, how much will I be compensated?

If the project obtains planning permission each landowner will be engaged with to identify compensation.

### I don't like something what can I do about it?

Please make a written submission to outline your concerns. It is important that you avail of this opportunity to engage with the process. There may not be another opportunity to raise your issue during the formal planning process.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, and dealing with the proper planning and development of the area may be made via the online submission form on [www.yourcouncil.ie](http://www.yourcouncil.ie)

Alternatively, submissions and observations can be made in writing to:

Senior Planner  
Housing Infrastructure Implementation Team  
Cork County Council  
County Hall  
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