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**R585 Dromdeegy, Dunmanway – Road Realignment and Improvement Scheme**

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## 1. Introduction

Cork County Council has identified the need to carry out road safety and realignment improvement works to the R585 regional road at Dromdeegy, Dunmanway, Co. Cork. The existing road is substandard because of its inadequate width and poor horizontal and vertical alignment geometry. The realignment works will run over a length of approximately 410metres with tie-in to the existing road at both ends. As well as improving the alignment, the overall cross section width of the road is to be improved thereby providing improved driver visibility.

The proposed overall road improvement works will consist of the following:

- Alteration to existing road alignment to improve road safety.
- Site clearance.
- Relocation of overhead line.
- Constructing earth berms and fencing.
- Signage, road lining & roads studs.
- All ancillary works required to deliver the proposed scheme.

### 1.1 Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is to outline the proposals associated with the road project. The report title is “Road Realignment and Improvement Scheme on the R585 at Dromdeegy, Dunmanway, Co. Cork”.

### 1.2 Study Area

The project study area is located circa 6.5km north of Dunmanway Town Centre in the townlands of Dromdeegy and Cooranig. (See Figure 1 & 2)

The R585 is a Regional road which runs from Kealkill Village to its Junction with the N22, National Primary Road, east of Crookstown in the Municipal District (MD) area of Dunmanway. The road is a busy rural regional road which is used as one of the main routes for motorists travelling from West Cork especially from the Beara Peninsula. There are high volumes of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV’s) using this route for example articulated trucks travelling to and from the busy fishing Port of Castletownbere.

### 1.3 Land requirements

No land take is required to deliver the scheme. The project will be delivered on/within the footprint of the existing road and adjoining lands that are in the ownership of the Local Authority.

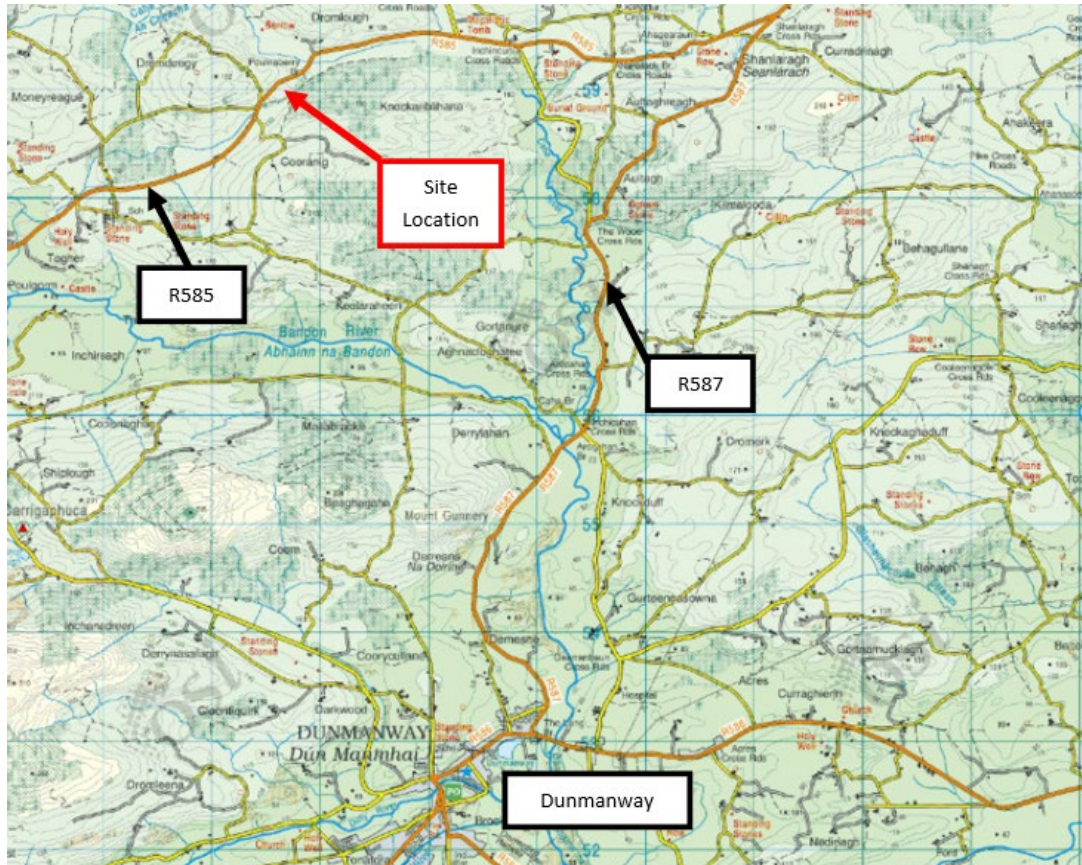


Figure 1 R585 Site Location

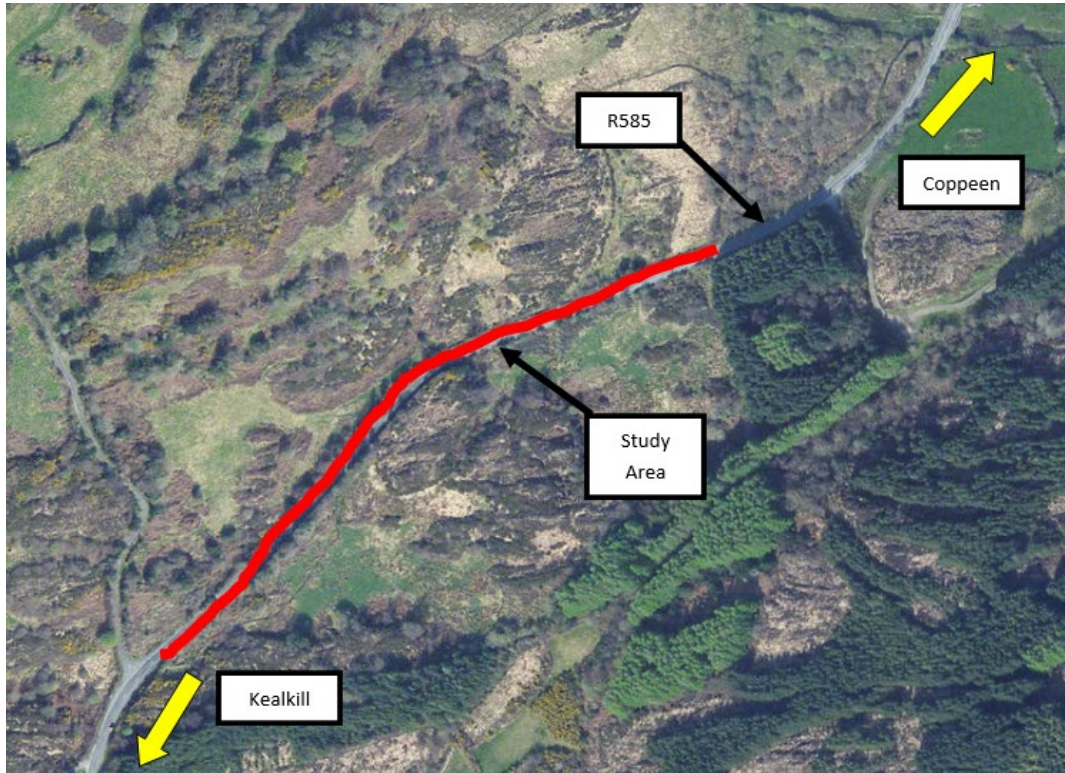


Figure 2 R585 Study Area

## 2. Part 8 Planning Process

Section 179 of Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000, (as amended); and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, (as amended) set out the requirements in respect of certain classes of development by or on behalf of local authorities. Part 8 of the Regulations comprises 7 Articles – 79 to 85. Article 80(1) lists the type of Developments to which Part 8 is required. This proposed road development is covered under the above article.

### 2.1 Site Notices

In accordance with the Article 81 the Local Authority shall:

- (a) give notice of proposed development in a newspaper.
- (b) erect site notices on the land on which the proposed development would be situated.

Cork County Council published a notice of the proposals in the Irish Examiner on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>-May-2022.

Two notices are erected at locations across the study area and will be maintained for the duration of the submission period. A copy of the Advertisement/Site Notice is attached (see 6.1 Appendix A).

### 2.2 Planning Consultations

Article 82(3) prescribes Statutory and Non-Statutory bodies to which a local authority should send notice of proposed development. These are summarised in the 6.2 Appendix B: Notification of Statutory Consultees.

### 2.3 Part 8 Planning Documents

The following is the list of Part 8 Planning documents contained in this application:

- Part 8 Planning Report (this document).
- Press notice.
- Site notice.
- Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment Screening Report & Screening Determination (See 6.3 Appendix C); and
- Part 8 Planning Drawings (as listed below, and See 6.4 Appendix D);

Drawing Number	Drawing Title	Revision
R585D-LM-01_D0	Location Map	D0
R585D-LA-01_D0	Proposed Layout Plan	D0
R585D-CS-01_D0	Proposed Typical Cross Section	D0

### 2.4 Submission Process

Cork County Council is required to make **full plans and particulars** of the proposed development available for inspection. These will be available from Friday 6<sup>th</sup>-May-2022 until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>-June-2022 at the following locations:

- Regional and Local Road Design Office, Floor 3, Library Building, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 R2NC.
- Dunmanway Municipal District Office, Swimming Pool Complex, Bantry Road, Dunmanway, Co. Cork, P47 EV67
- [www.corkcoco.ie](http://www.corkcoco.ie) (planning tab)

Alternatively, a hard copy of the documents will be posted on request by emailing [part8.rlrdo@corkcoco.ie](mailto:part8.rlrdo@corkcoco.ie) or by writing to: Senior Engineer, Cork County Council, Regional & Local Roads Design Office, Floor 3, County Library Building, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 K335.

**Submissions or Observations** can be made:

1. Using an **online submission form** at [www.yourcouncil.ie](http://www.yourcouncil.ie); or
2. By sending an email to [part8.rlrdo@corkcoco.ie](mailto:part8.rlrdo@corkcoco.ie); or
3. By sending a letter to **Senior Engineer, Cork County Council, Regional & Local Roads Design Office, Floor 3, County Library Building, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 K335.**

All submissions (emails or letters) must be submitted to the above **on or before 4pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>-June-2022.**

It is important that any submission submitted highlights the **Part 8 Project Title** ('R585 Dromdeegy, Dunmanway – Road Realignment and Improvement Scheme') at the start of the submission.

All submissions must include a contact name and address.

Any submissions or observations received by the Council are considered in the Part 8 Chief Executive's Report which is prepared and presented to the Councillors for adoption. The Chief Executive's Report lists those who made a submission together with the summary of their points made in the respective submission. The Report addresses each point and forms the local authority's response.

Arising from consideration of the representations, the Chief Executive's Report sets out whether or not it is proposed to proceed as originally planned or to proceed with a modified proposal. It is then a matter for the elected members of the Council (i.e. the Councillors) to grant the scheme planning approval or not.

### **3. Nature and Extent of Proposed Development**

#### **3.1 Project Context and Existing Conditions**

The project study area is located circa 6.5km north of Dunmanway Town Centre.

The R585 is a Regional road which runs from Kealkill Village to its Junction with the N22, National Primary Road, east of Crookstown. The road is a busy rural road which is used as one of the main routes for motorists travelling from West Cork especially from the Beara Peninsula. There are high volumes of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) using this route for example articulated trucks travelling to and from the busy fishing Port of Castletownbere.

Several accidents, including a fatality in 2016, have occurred along the section of road in question. The issues noted on site include:

- The existing road curve radius
- The existing cross section (road width varies from 5.5m to 5.8m)
- The lack of driver forward visibility
- The nature of the existing road vertical alignment on approach to the bend (i.e. series of crests and sags)



**Figure 3** Aerial view looking west along the R585



**Figure 4** Aerial view looking east along the R585



### 3.2 Project Objectives

The project objectives are driven by the need to improve road alignment and improve road safety of all users of the R585 in this rural study area.

The proposed scheme objectives include:

- Improve the R585 road alignment and width over the study area.
- Upgrade the road horizontal (plan) alignment.
- Upgrade the road vertical alignment (remove/ reduce crest and sags).
- Upgrade the cross-section road width (widen the road).
- Provide improved driver visibility within the study area.
- Provide an improved, safer road for all road users within the study area.

### 3.3 Project Specific Proposals

The scheme includes the following principle features:

- Alteration to existing road alignment to improve road safety.
- Relocation of overhead line.
- Constructing earth berms and fencing.
- Signage, road lining & roads studs.
- All ancillary works required to deliver the proposed scheme.

## 4. Environmental Assessment of the Scheme

### 4.1 Appropriate Assessment Screening Report

The Appropriate Assessment Screening exercise was completed in compliance with the relevant European Commission and national guidelines. The potential impacts during the construction and operation of the proposed road works in Dromdeegy have been considered in the context of the European Sites potentially affected, their qualifying interests, Special Conservation Interests and Conservation Objectives.

The Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report & Screening Determination can be found in 6.3 Appendix C of this report.

In accordance with Section 177U of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and on the basis of the objective information provided in AA Screening Report, it is concluded beyond reasonable scientific doubt that the proposed road upgrade works, individually or in combination with other plans/projects are not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (Natura 2000 site). It is therefore considered that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment under Section 177V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), is not required.

## **5. Conclusion**

The proposed works to the R585 at Dromdeegy, Dunmanway, Co. Cork are consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which it relates.


The proposed road improvement scheme will have benefits to all road users in terms of road safety, capacity, accessibility and connectivity through an:

- Improved road alignment.
- Increased width of road.
- Improved driver visibility.
- Improved safety for all road users.

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## 6.1 Appendix A: Site Notice



**Cork County Council**  
**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (as amended) - Part XI**  
**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (as amended) - Part 8**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and in accordance with the requirements of Part 8, Article 81 and Article 83 of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) that Cork County Council proposes to carry out the following development:

**Project Title: R585 Dromdeegy, Dunmanway - Road Realignment & Improvement Scheme.**

LOCATION	NATURE & EXTENT OF DEVELOPMENT	LOCATIONS and OFFICES AT WHICH PLANS AND PARTICULARS MAY BE INSPECTED
<p><b>Location:</b> R585 Dromdeegy, Dunmanway - Road Realignment &amp; Improvement Scheme.</p> <p><b>Project Area - Townlands:</b> Dromdeegy and Cooranig.</p>	<p><i>An overview of the proposed development includes the following elements:</i></p> <p><i>Alteration to existing road alignment to improve road safety;</i></p> <p><i>Relocation of overhead line;</i></p> <p><i>Constructing earth berms and fencing;</i></p> <p><i>Signage, road lining &amp; roads studs;</i></p> <p><i>All ancillary works required to deliver the proposed scheme.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The proposed scheme plans and particulars are available to view on the Cork County Council website by going to the planning section at <a href="http://www.corkcoco.ie">www.corkcoco.ie</a>.</li> <li>2. If you are unable to access the above information, a <b>copy document</b> of the proposed development <b>are</b> available on <b>written request</b> to the road design office address given below.</li> <li>3. Dunmanway Municipal District Office, Swimming Pool Complex, Bantry Road, Dunmanway, Co. Cork, P47 EV67 Phone: 023 8845209</li> <li>4. Regional and Local Road Design Office, Floor 3, County Library, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 R2NC Email: <a href="mailto:part8.rlrdo@corkcoco.ie">part8.rlrdo@corkcoco.ie</a></li> </ol> <p style="color: red;"><b>However, while COVID-19 travel restrictions remain in place, all interested parties are directed to Options 1 &amp; 2 above. If COVID-19 travel restrictions are lifted during the public consultation period, Options 3 &amp; 4 will be available strictly by prior appointment only.</b></p>

Plans and full particulars of the proposed development may be inspected **online** or at the locations detailed above, subject to COVID-19 travel restrictions, from Friday 6<sup>th</sup>-May-2022 until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>-June-2022.

Submissions or Observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development will be situated, may be made using the **online submission form** on [www.yourcouncil.ie](http://www.yourcouncil.ie) or, in writing to Senior Engineer, Cork County Council, Regional & Local Roads Design Office, Floor 3, County Library Building, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 K335 or emailed to [part8.rlrdo@corkcoco.ie](mailto:part8.rlrdo@corkcoco.ie) and must reach the Senior Engineer on or before 4pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>-June-2022.

As per Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening determination has been made and a determination has been made that an EIA Report is **not required**. In accordance with Article 120 (3), as amended by S.I. No. 296 of 2018, a person may, **within 4 weeks** from the date of this notice (Friday 6<sup>th</sup>-May-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.

All submissions or observations should be clearly marked:  
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## **6.2 Appendix B: Notification of Statutory Consultees**

On behalf of Cork County Council, this Part 8 Planning Report will be sent to the following bodies for consultation:

- **Inland Fisheries Ireland**
- **National Parks and Wildlife**
- **An Taisce**
- **National Monuments**
- **Failte Ireland**
- **Irish Water**
- **Transport Infrastructure Ireland**
- **National Transport Authority**
- **Office of Public Works**
- **CCC Planning**
- **CCC Municipal District Engineering Office**
- **CCC Ecologist**
- **CCC Archaeologist**

### 6.3 Appendix C: Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment Screening Report & Screening Determination



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**Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment Screening Report & Screening Determination**

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## 6.4 Appendix D: Part 8 Planning Drawings

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