

<b>Part 8</b>	<b>Environmental Impact Assessment</b>
<b>Address</b>	Townlands of Gallanes, Templebryan South and Grillagh, Clonakilty.
<b>Proposal</b>	<p>The proposed development consists of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To develop an existing amenity area which incorporates the Joe Walsh Walkway to link it with the existing pathways within the West Cork Technology Park. The project also provides for the creation of a walkway along the N71 in the event of the pathways within the West Cork Technology Park being unavailable.</li> <li>• The installation of public lighting using low spillage LED lights along the route at a medium height level. The provision of high-level LED lighting where the walkway crosses public roads.</li> <li>• The development of a 53-space carpark at the south western corner of the Clonakilty Rugby Grounds. Public lighting using low spillage LED lights to be provided to the carpark.</li> <li>• The development of an amenity area towards the east of the existing amenity area.</li> <li>• The demolition of the existing dwelling house (in ruins) and adjoining outhouses (in ruins) at the North end of the site.</li> <li>• The construction of low-level feature stone walls using the stone reclaimed from the demolition of the buildings on the site.</li> <li>• The development of hard surface hiking trails from the east of the site towards the North of the site to a number of viewing points at a higher level.</li> </ul>

Cork County Council is proposing to carry out works including walkways, carpark, hiking trails, amenity area and viewing points in the townlands of Gallanes, Templebryan South and Grillagh, Clonakilty.

A detailed description of the proposed development has been provided in the accompanying Part 8 application report in addition to the documentation and drawings provided with the Part 8 proposal including both the 'Ecological Impact Assessment' report (EclA) and the 'Report in Support of Appropriate Assessment Screening', which have been completed by Dixon Brosnan Consultants dated 21/11/21 and the Appropriate Assessment screening determination.

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The proposed development would not fall under any of the relevant classes as set out in Part 1 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 as amended.

The proposed development was further reviewed against the classes of development specified in Part 2 of Schedule 5 and the proposed development would not fall under any of the relevant classes.

Having reviewed and considered the documentation and drawings provided with the Part 8 proposal including both the Ecological Impact Assessment report and the 'Report in Support of Appropriate Assessment Screening', and having regard to -

- a) the nature and scale of the proposed development which relates to the provision of an amenity walkway and associated car park,

- b) the location of the proposed development outside of the development boundary of Clonakilty Town and adjacent to the existing West Cork Business and Technology Park, the N71 and the Clonakilty Rugby grounds,
- c) the existing pattern of development and existing services in the vicinity of the proposal including the existing amenity walkway,
- d) the assessment and conclusions of the Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and Screening Determination that the proposed works, individually or in combination with other plans/projects, are not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (Natura 2000 site),
- e) the criteria set out in a. 120(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 as amended,
- f) the mitigation measures proposed in the Ecological Impact Assessment Report,

it is considered that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and it is determined that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.

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