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1. Introduction

Cork County Council proposes to install traffic calming measures at Ballygarvan village on the R613. The R613 is used by traffic on the southside of Cork City and lies in the Owenabue valley between Myrtle Hill and Meadstown Hill with Annalicka Bridge Stream crossing the road in the village. Traffic on the R613 comprises of the local commuters travelling between Carrigaline and Ringaskiddy, which is a large employment centre, and Towns of Bandon, Kinsale and further south-west areas of County Cork. The road is also used by local commuters who travel to Ringaskiddy from Cork City to avoid traffic congestion on the N28 and N40.

1.1 Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is to outline the proposals associated with the road project R613 Ballygarvan Traffic Calming Scheme (TCS)

1.2 Study Area

The study area is situated in the centre of Ballygarvan village, approx. 9km south of Cork City, 3km south-east of Cork Airport just off the Cork-Kinsale Road R600 and along the regional road R613 heading for Carrigaline. The study area is within an 50km/h speed limit zone. To the north west of Ballygarvan village there is Bowen's Cross at the confluence of R600 with local L2456 & L2457 roads. 1km further east along the R613 is the CRH Ballygarvan quarry that is one of the primary quarries supplying the Cork City hinterland. (See Figure 1)

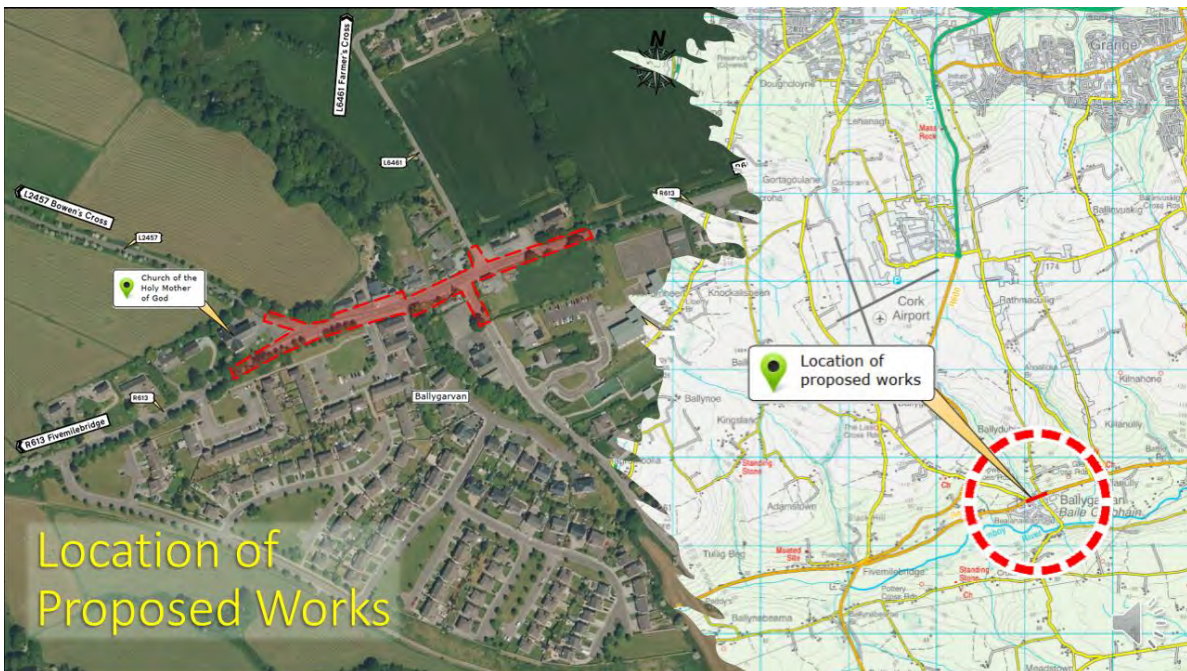


Figure 1 Study Area

1.3 Land requirements

The land acquisition is necessary from private landowners and are required to set back the bridge southern wall to provide room for a new footpath.

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. The 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 24 June 2022**.

Four site notices were erected at various 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 7.1 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 7.2 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);
- Report for the Screening of Appropriate Assessment & Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report (see 7.3 Appendix C & 7.4 Appendix D); and
- Preliminary Design Drawings (as listed below, and see 7.5 Appendix E);

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R613-LM-01_D0 -1	Location Map	D0
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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, 24th June 2022** until **Friday, 22nd July 2022** online **at the Planning section** on Cork County Council website (www.corkcoco.ie) and also at the following locations:

- County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 R2NC;
- Carrigaline Municipal District Office, Church Road, Carrigaline, Co Cork, P43 E281.

Alternatively, a hard copy of the documents will be posted on request by emailing 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; or
2. By sending an email to 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 emails and letters must reach the Senior Engineer **on or before 4pm on Friday, 12th August 2022.**

All submissions must include a contact name and address. Submissions made as part of the process are to be accessible at the request.

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 members of the Council (i.e. the Councillors) to grant or refuse planning.

3. Nature and Extent of Proposed Development

3.1 Project Context and Existing Conditions

The study area is situated in the centre of Ballygarvan village, approx. 9km south of Cork City, 3km south-east of Cork Airport just off the Cork-Kinsale Road R600 and along the regional road R613 heading for Carrigaline. The study area is within an 50km/h speed limit zone. To the north west of Ballygarvan village there is Bowen's Cross at the confluence of R600 with local L2456 & L2457 roads. 1km further east along the R613 is the CRH Ballygarvan quarry that is one of the primary quarries supplying the Cork City hinterland.

Traffic on the R613 comprises of the local commuters travelling between Carrigaline and Ringaskiddy, which is a large employment centre, and Bandon, Kinsale and further south-west of Cork County. The road is also used by commuters who travel to Ringaskiddy from Cork City to avoid traffic congestion on the N28 and N40.

Within the study area there 3no minor road junctions and one housing estate exit.

The L2457 is the most western local road which connects Ballygarvan to Bowen's Cross at R600 Cork to Kinsale strategic road. The junction is an acute angle junction with centrelines crossing at less than 32 degrees. The gradient of the L2457 at the junction with R613 is approx. 10% and the 9-12% gradient continues to up to the Bowen's Cross. The Church is located on an adjacent rock shelf surrounded by retaining wall touching the north side of R613 which also rises on the approach at 4-6% gradient towards the junction. The combination of acute angle and both roads' gradients at the junction greatly reduces visibility sightlines and causes issues for vehicles trying to leave or join the main R613 road.

The other two local roads L6461 & L6482 cross the R613 on the eastern end of the village in a form of a staggered junction. Local road L6482 (School Road) is at the west side of the stagger and runs south of the main road towards the Meadstown. Ballygarvan National School and Community Centre are located on that road. Local road L6461 (Myrtle Hill) is at the east side of the stagger and runs north of

the main road, up the Myrtle Hill and towards the Farmer's cross near Cork Airport. Local bar is located at the junction and busy garden centre 'The Pavillion' is located up Myrtle Hill on that road as well.

The junction of R613 and the exit from Gleann Alainn housing estate is located in the village centre, near the bridge over Annalicka Bridge Stream. Gleann Alainn estate provides parking area for visitors and clients as it is also a location of the majority of the commercial activity in the village with a creche, hairdresser and other businesses based in the multistorey building at the south east quadrant of the junction.

There are no pedestrian crossings on the main R613 within the village and one signalised crossing is located on the School Road (L6482) near the Community Centre. This increases the risk of accidents involving pedestrians due to the location of the only shop, bar and a church in the village on the opposite side of the main road in relation to school, community centre and the largest residential areas.

The village centre has high level of accidents recorded. Between 1995 and 2017 at least 9 accidents have been reported two of those involved pedestrians and two resulting with serious injuries.

R613 road crosses the Annalicka Bridge Stream over the Ballygarvan Bridge (structure ID CC-R613-003.00) which is a stone masonry arch bridge with 2.30m span. The road section on the bridge is a single carriageway 6.40m wide with no footpaths and overall structure width kerb-to-kerb 7.50m. Existing bridge geometry does not allow to install footpaths on both sides and installation of footpath on one side only - would result in a substandard footpath with insufficient width. Also, it would raise the potential for damages to the bridge parapet on the opposite side to the location of the footpath due to reduced horizontal & vertical clearances. There are supply pipelines running through the structure. It has been recommended to widen the structure to provide space for the necessary footpath and this subsequently requires land acquisition.

An application has been made to the Commissioners of Public Works under Section 50 of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945 with regards to the bridge extension works downstream of the existing structure. The Commissioners considered potential impact on flood risk arising from the extension and potential effects of scour and erosion. All issues have been addressed by the undertakings provided to the Commissioners and the consent of the Commissioners of Public Works under Section 50 of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945 has been given on the 13th July 2020.



Figure 2 View looking east from the start of the scheme, on the left retaining wall surrounding the Church



Figure 3 View looking west from the end of the scheme, at the crest on the right junction with L6461 Myrtle Hill (obscured)



Figure 4 View looking west from before the bridge along R613 south edge with junction of L2457 and Church at a distance



Figure 5 View looking east from the bridge along R613 south edge with staggered junction of L6482 & L6461 at a distance



Figure 6 View looking east from before the bridge along R613 south edge



Figure 7 View looking west from the bridge along R613 south edge with the shop and bus stops at a distance



Figure 8 View looking east from the south west quadrant of the School road junction



Figure 9 View looking east from the bus stop along R613 south edge



Figure 10 View looking west at the junction L2457 Bowen's Cross Road with the Church



Figure 11 View looking east from the junction of L2457 along R613 north edge



Figure 12 View looking south from the L2457 towards the junction with R613, the Church on the right



Figure 13 View looking west at the bus stops area



Figure 14 view looking east at the bridge



Figure 15 View looking east at the bus stops area

3.2 Project Objectives

The purpose of this project is to introduce the traffic calming measures and an extension to the existing bridge. It is envisaged that those interventions will provide the consolidation of the village firmly within its Green Belt setting and the provision of services.

The main objectives of this scheme are:

- Facilitating the residents of Ballygarvan through enhanced accessibility, particularly between residential areas, education services and public transport facilities.
- Providing improved facilities for the vulnerable road users and the mobility impaired.
- To improve pedestrian safety and to achieve speed reduction through the village.

- To provide a full pavement reconstruction / overlay within the extents of the scheme.
- To use the principles of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS)
- To balance the needs of all road users.
- Implement traffic calming measures including measures to prevent inappropriate roadside parking where alternative parking spaces have been provided as part of the development.
- Building upon the objectives of the Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030.

3.3 Project Specific Proposals

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

- Alterations to existing footpaths.
- Construction of new footpaths linking existing footpaths on the south side of the road.
- Installation of a new raised table and a new controlled pedestrian crossing.
- Installation of speed ramps on R613 on exits from the village.
- Installation of concrete buildouts.
- Installation of new road markings and signage.
- Alterations to existing storm drainage and construction of a new drainage.
- Alterations to the existing Ballygarvan Bridge including:
 - Extension of the bridge to the southern side to accommodate new footpath [extension to bridge of approx 2.0m]
 - Construction of new bridge retaining wall approx. 20m in length, to allow for the footpath upgrade on the southern side
 - Riverbed repairs
 - Embankment repairs
 - Masonry repairs
- Trimming of existing vegetation to improve visibility sightlines.
- All ancillary works required to deliver the proposed upgrade works.

The works will be carried out on the land owned by Cork County Council and lands owned by 3rd parties. The land acquisition is required to set back the bridge southern wall to provide room for a new footpath connecting areas of the village on opposite banks of the Annalicka Bridge Stream.

4. Planning and Policy Context

4.1 Planning Context

4.1.1 Planning for the road realignment

The strategic priorities of Project Ireland 2040 include enhanced regional accessibility, strengthened rural economies and communities, and investing in the national roads network. The traffic calming measures enhance regional accessibility, strengthen rural economies and communities, and invests in the national roads network, in accordance with the objectives of Project Ireland 2040.

The Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030, under Vision Zero 2050, seeks to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on roads through education, safe speeds and importance of safe and healthy modes of travel. The traffic calming measures will reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on the R613 through engineering intervention, in accordance with the “safe speeds” and “importance of safe and healthy modes of travel” objectives of the current Road Safety Strategy.

The County Development Plan recognises the strategic role played by regional roads and seeks to enhance their carrying capacity and safety profile in line with demand. The County Development Plan also seeks to promote the improvement of strategic regional and local roads throughout the County in accordance with the strategies identified for the main settlements in the plan. The traffic calming measures improve a strategic regional road, in accordance with the objectives of the County Development Plan.

4.1.2 Project Funding

The funding for that project has been secured by Cork County Council from:

- Cork County Council – Internal Funding;
- National Transport Authority; and
- Department of Transport Tourism and Sport (DTTaS).

4.2 Planning Policy Compliance

The study area is situated in the centre of Ballygarvan village, approx. 9km south of Cork City, 3km south-east of Cork Airport just off the Cork-Kinsale Road R600 and along the regional road R613 heading for Carrigaline. The study area is within an 50km/h speed limit zone. To the north west of Ballygarvan village there is Bowen’s Cross at the confluence of R600 with local L2456 & L2457 roads. 1km further east along the R613 is the CRH Ballygarvan quarry that is one of the primary quarries supplying the Cork City hinterland.

4.2.1 Cork County Council Development Plan (CDP)

Previous Cork County Council’s Cork County Development Plan (2014 – 2020) identified R613 Regional Road between Ringaskiddy and N71 National Road via Ballygarvan as a critical route to the Delivery of Planned Development.

Recently adopted Cork County Council’s Cork County Development Plan (2022 – 2028) which came into effect in June 2022 promotes active travel, sustainable transport infrastructure that strengthens the connections between rural and urban areas, supports demand management measures to reduce car travel and promote best practice mobility management and travel planning via sustainable transport modes and promotes road safety measures including traffic calming, road signage and parking.

In particular, objective TM 12-2 Active Travel in Section 12-2-1 sets out that:

- *“Development should incorporate the retention of existing routes and linkages which contribute to permeability of an area, particularly those providing access to key services, facilities and public transport infrastructure. Loss of existing links shall not occur if their loss results in more circuitous trips.*
- *Walkability and accessibility by walking mode will be a central objective in the planning and design of all new transport infrastructure and public transport services.*
- *Public realm upgrades will be promoted to enhance walking and cycling provision in settlements.*
- *Deliver settlements that offer a broad range of services as well as diverse and higher density residential development to support walking and cycling.”.*

Also, objective TM 12-5 Bus Transport in Section 12-5-3 supports and prioritise “secure safe, attractive and convenient walking routes from all new development to the local bus network” whereas objective

TM 12-8 Traffic/Mobility Management and Road Safety sets out to “*promote road safety measures throughout the County, including traffic calming, road signage and parking*”.

4.2.2 Detailed objectives of the County Development Plan for Ballygarvan Village

Development Boundary Objectives for Ballygarvan include an objective DB-03 to “*Implement traffic calming measures in the village, including measures to prevent inappropriate roadside parking where alternative parking spaces have been provided as part of the development.*”

Specific Development Objectives for the village include an objective U-02 supporting “*The Plan supports the provision of a new pedestrian bridge within the Village.*”.

5. Environmental Assessment of the Scheme

5.1 Screening for Appropriate Assessment (Habitats Directive)

The Screening exercise was completed by Regional & Local Roads Design Office in compliance with the relevant European Commission and national guidelines. The potential impacts during the construction and operation of the proposed road works in Ballygarvan have been considered in the context of the European Sites potentially affected, their qualifying interests, Special Conservation Interests and Conservation Objectives.

Ballygarvan village is approximately 10.5 km from the Great Island Channel Special Area of Conservation (SAC) code 001058 and 5 km from the Cork Harbour Special Protection Area (SPA) code 004030. The nearest two Proposed National Heritage Area (NHA) from Ballygarvan are located:

- 5 km south-east – Owenboy River code 001990; and
- 7 km north-east - Douglas River Estuary code 001046.

Report for the Screening of Appropriate Assessment & Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report can be found in 7.3 Appendix C and in 7.4 Appendix D 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 improvement 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.

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 (on or before **Friday, 22nd 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.

6. Conclusion

The proposals which are the subject of this Part 8 Planning process provide a unique opportunity to deliver a project that will consolidate the village firmly within its Green Belt setting aiming at the improvement to the safety and balancing the needs of all road users.

It is expected that the scheme has the potential to give residents in the area an alternative to using their private car and choose a more sustainable healthier mode of transport.


The land acquisition is required to set back the bridge southern wall to provide room for a new footpath connecting areas of the village on opposite banks of the Annalicka Bridge Stream

The proposed works are consistent with proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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7.1 Appendix A: Site Notice



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SITE NOTICE

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:

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LOCATION	NATURE & EXTENT OF DEVELOPMENT	LOCATIONS AT WHICH PLANS AND PARTICULARS MAY BE INSPECTED
<p>Location: R613 Ballygarvan Traffic Calming Scheme (TCS) Ballygarvan, Co. Cork</p> <p>Project Area - Townlands: Ballygarvan, Ballyduhig South</p>	<p><i>An overview of the proposed development includes the following elements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alterations to existing footpaths & construction of new linking footpaths, installation of concrete buildouts. • Installation of a new raised table and a new controlled pedestrian crossing, speed ramps on R613 on exits from the village. • Installation of new road markings and signage. • Alterations to existing storm drainage and construction of a new drainage. • Alterations to the existing Ballygarvan Bridge including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Extension of the bridge to the southern side to accommodate new footpath [extension to bridge of approx 2.0m] ○ Construction of new bridge retaining wall approx. 20m in length, to allow for the footpath upgrade on the southern side ○ Riverbed, Embankment & Masonry repairs. • Trimming of existing vegetation to improve visibility sightlines & all ancillary works required to deliver the proposed upgrade works. <p><i>Works will be carried out within existing roads extents owned by Cork County Council and lands acquired from private landowners.</i></p>	<p>1. The proposed scheme plans and particulars are available to view on the Cork County Council website by going to the planning section at www.corkcoco.ie.</p> <p>Documents are also available on public display at:</p> <p>2. County Hall foyer, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 R2NC.</p> <p>3. Carrigaline Municipal District Office, Church Road, Carrigaline, Co Cork, P43 E281.</p> <p style="color: red;">Alternatively, a hard copy of the documents will be posted on request by emailing 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</p>

Plans and Particulars of the proposed development may be inspected online or at the locations detailed above, subject to COVID-19 travel restrictions (if applicable), from **Friday, 24th June 2022** until **Friday, 22nd July 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 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 and must reach the Senior Engineer **on or before 4pm on Friday, 12th August 2022**.

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All submissions or observations should be clearly marked:

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John Slattery, Senior Engineer

Friday 24 June 2022

7.2 Appendix B: Notification of Statutory Consultees

Prescribed Bodies	Non-Prescribed Bodies	Consultees at the Design Stage
Arts Council	National Roads Design Office (NRDO)	Bord Gáis
Fáilte Ireland	Garda Síochána	BT Ireland
An Taisce	Bus Éireann	Chorus NTL
The Heritage Council	Office of Public Works (OPW)	Eir
South Western Regional Fisheries Board		ESB
Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)		Aurora Telecom
National Transport Authority (NTA)		Smart Telecom
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)		E-net
Health Services Executive - Southern Area		EuNetworks
Irish Water		Sky
		Virgin

7.3 Appendix C: Report for the Screening of Appropriate Assessment

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7.4 Appendix D: Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report

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