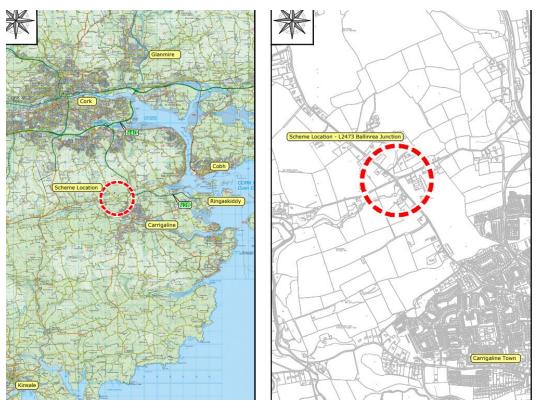
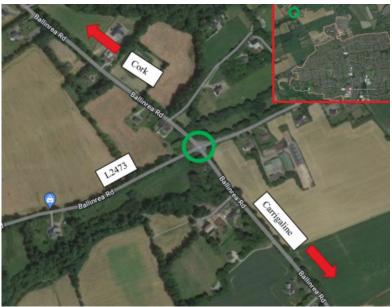
Report on Part 8: Ballinrea Junction

Location and Nature of Development

Ballinrea Cross Junction is located on the outskirts of Carrigaline, Co Cork approximately, 2 kilometres northwest of Carrigaline town centre and 9 kilometres southeast of Cork City Centre. The junction is connects Ballinrea Road and the L2473. The Ballinrea Road is a local commuter route from Donnybrook in Cork City to Carrigaline. The L2473 is a loop Road that provides local access around Carrigaline's northwestern community.





The proposed development is for the installation of a new roundabout to replace the existing junction at Ballinrea Junction. The works include realigned roadways on all four approaches and all ancillary works as required to deliver the proposed scheme.

The primary objective of this scheme is to enhance visibility as vehicles approach the junction leading to improved safety for road users. Junction visibility is a particular concern for vehicles traveling from Carrigaline (Southern Approach) and from the western approach to the existing junction drivers traveling from the southern direction face limited visibility to their left due to elevated road and the lack of a verge. Similarly, vehicles approaching from the West experience limited visibility because of a substandard vertical alignment.

Policy context

The subject lands are within the *Metropolitan Green Belt* and outside the development boundary of Carrigaline.

AA and EIA

Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening has yet to be carried out, but it is noted that a report in support of AA screening is included in submitted documents.

An EIA assessment has been carried out in this report – see Appendix A – and this concluded that the development is not a project listed in Schedule 5, Part 2 and no screening is required.

Conclusion

The aim of the proposed development is to improve road safety and information regarding the collision history is noted. There are no issues arising from a planning perspective and there is no objection to the proposed development.

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Appendix A: EIS Assessment

Establishing if the proposal is a 'sub-threshold development':						
Planning Register Reference:	None provided.					
Development Summary:	The proposed development is for the installation of a new roundabout to replace the existing junction at Ballinrea Junction. The works include realigned roadways on all four approaches and all ancillary works as required to deliver the proposed scheme.					
Was a Screening Determination carried out under Section 176A-C?	□ No, Proceed to Part A					
A. Schedule 5 Part 1 - Does the development comprise a project listed in Schedule 5, Part 1, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)? (Tick as appropriate)						
□ No	Proceed to Part B					
B. Schedule 5 Part 2 - Does the development comprise a project listed in Schedule 5, Part 2, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and does it meet/exceed the thresholds? (Tick as appropriate)						
No, the development is	not a project listed in Schedule 5, Part 2	No Screening required.				