

In accordance with Part 8, Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), notice is hereby given that Cork County Council proposes to carry out the following development:

Carrigaline Village Public Realm and Waterfront River Park

Location:

North side of the Owenabue river between Main Street R611 and the Cork Road R612 including existing car park.

Nature and extent of proposed development:

- The proposed development at the above location consists of environmental improvement works and enhancement of public realm and outdoor living to provide ‘a civic identity to the new public realm strongly connected with the water and the river ecology’;
- New waterfront public space (reclaimed from the existing car park) will encourage community activities and connection to the water;
- Enhanced public space to include inclusive street furniture (universal), waterfront seating, rain gardens, trees and shrubs and a covered pavilion;
- High quality urban design and material finishes are proposed incl. Biodiversity/Pollinator Planting and Sustainable Urban Drainage systems;
- Enhanced pedestrian connectivity and accessibility;
- A multifunctional Public Pavilion will provide a sheltered performance stage for community events, connected to the waterfront;
- Upgrade of public lighting and other ancillary works;
- Additional carparking near the Bothar Guidel / Lidl Roundabout to replace parking reclaimed from the existing Owenabue car park.
- Alteration of entrance to the carpark near the Bothar Guidel / Lidl Roundabout to increase pedestrian safety.

Project Overview

CCC is proposing to develop Carrigaline Village Public Realm and Waterfront River Park along the north bank of the Owenabue River as a space that will provide a civic identity strongly connected with the water and the river ecology.

In June 2022 the Carrigaline Transport & Public Realm Enhancement Project was published by CCC for Public Consultation. One of the central aims of the Transport & Public Realm Enhancement Project is to rejuvenate Carrigaline’s Main Street so it can fully function, once again, as the community focus of the town. The new Public Realm and Waterfront River Park will complement and enhance the upgraded Main Street.

Key elements of the project include the provision of River Front and Water Activities including a new waterfront public space (reclaimed from the existing car park) which will encourage activities such as walking, cycling, local festivals, community events e.g. pipe band. Upgraded landscaping will include Biodiversity/Pollinator Planting and Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems. High quality urban design and material finishes are proposed throughout the surrounding public realm, setting a benchmark for the quality expected from plot designers. The Carrigaline Village Public Realm and Waterfront River Park will provide an attractive route along the river through the Owenabue Promenade +

Public Connection Routes, reinforcing the public transport multimodal central core in this area to attract people from the City and providing sheltered, inviting space for people to arrive, shop and spend more time in the central core of the town and along the river. A Public Pavilion with performance stage will provide a central focus to the new public realm. This multifunctional Pavilion provides a sheltered performance stage for community events, connected to the waterfront. Public Lighting for People and Place will be carefully considered and a coherent lighting strategy that is sensitive to context and human behaviour will look at the quality of light and use it to best articulate the changing urban environment.