

Donegal County Council



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED)

Nature and Extent of a proposed development in accordance with
Part 8 of the above regulations by Donegal County Council.
(Available for public inspection and download)

R263/L1195 Halls Junction Scheme
At Kilcar, Co. Donegal

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Road Design
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1.0 Introduction

Donegal County Council proposes to widen and improve the alignment of the R263 & L-1195 roads between the Towns of Kilcar & Carrick. The priority of the junction between the R263 & L-1195 will also change based on traffic count validation.

Mainline improvements will commence approximately 300m south of the L-1195 junction with the R263 along the L-1195. Side road improvements of the R263 will commence approximately 120m south of the existing R263 junction with the L-1195 along the R263 leading to Kilcar village.

This report describes the proposed road improvements. It sets out the context and principal features of the proposed project as required by the current Local Government legislation.

2.0 Background

This stretch of road has been identified by both Municipal District staff and An Garda Síochána as a high collision location. Representations have been received by Donegal County Council in relation to same.

Donegal County Council have assessed the details of recorded collisions on this stretch and identified 1 RSA verified minor collision between 2005 and 2016. The unverified statistics however show that there have been 8 accidents at this junction alone in the last year. A combination of excessive speed, poor road geometry and driver confusion is contributing to these accidents. As this is a heavily trafficked tourism route, drivers unfamiliar with the area are more prone to having accidents.

Having reviewed the existing road environment and collision history for this section of the R263 / L1195, it was concluded that the poor geometric alignment, visibility restrictions, narrow road widths and driver confusion make a significant contribution to the causes of the collisions along this scheme.

The proposed scheme seeks to address the safety deficits on this section of road and provide a significant improvement in safety and pedestrian amenity.

3.0 Planning Policy

3.1 County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024

The development of the **R263/L1195 Halls Junction Scheme** is consistent with the following objectives and policies as listed in the County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024;

Strategic Objectives

- ✓ S-O-7: To prioritise key infrastructural investment required throughout the County, such as in transportation networks, water services, waste disposal, energy and communications networks, the provision of education, healthcare, retail, and a wide range of community based facilities and to collaborate on delivery, including in the regional context.

Transportation Objectives

- ✓ T-O-2: To achieve quality strategic and important inter-urban transport corridors giving access to regional and international markets with links to sea, air and rail.
- ✓ T-O-3: To provide for high quality connectivity within the County in line with the Core Strategy through the promotion of a quality Strategic Road Network.
- ✓ T-O-4: To deliver optimum accessibility, ease of movement and to facilitate appropriate proposals for modal shift.
- ✓ T-O-5: To provide good access to the locations of major economic activity.
- ✓ T-O-6: To safeguard the carrying capacity and safety of National Roads and other specified Regional Roads.

3.2 Legislation

Part 8 Planning for the scheme is in accordance with the procedures as identified in the;

- Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).
- Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

4.0 Proposed Scheme

4.1 Nature and Extent of Proposed Development

The proposed **R263/L1195 Halls Junction Scheme** is located on a stretch of the R263 Regional route commencing at a point approximately 750m north of Kilcar village and approximately 120m south of the intersection of the R263 and the L1195. The works continue northwards towards Carrick ending at a point approximately 200m north of the Cashlins Bridge to tie into the existing road realignment.

The nature and objective of the proposed works is to improve the safety on this stretch of the National road network by improving the poor geometric alignment, visibility restrictions and narrow road widths which have been determined as contributing to the causes of collisions.

4.2 Principal Features

The proposed works are as outlined in the drawings made available with this report as outlined in Section 6.0

The principal features of the works are summarised below:

- The change of priority of the junction between the R263 & L1195.
- The provision of a replacement bridge structure is proposed. This structure will be subject to a separate Part 8 project. Cashlins Bridge is a protected structure and as such cannot be widened or altered,
- Resurfacing will also take place at the tie-ins of all terminal points of the scheme.
- Improved surface water drainage systems will be provided with new gullies; carrier drains or filters drains installed where appropriate.
- New road lining will be provided for the entire length and some amendments to traffic signs will be provided throughout the scheme in accordance with the Dept of Transport Traffic Signs Manual.

The following items have been considered in the design and planning of construction of the proposed project.

Road Pavement: The works involved the realignment, overlay, or reconstruction of the existing road pavement throughout the entire scheme. The pavement will be designed in accordance with TII / DTTAS Standards having regard to the number of vehicles that will be using the road and will be constructed in accordance with the TII Specification for Road Works. Typically the carriageway will comprise of an asphalt wearing course over an asphaltic concrete (macadam) pavement.

Structures: There is a requirement for a replacement bridge structure in place of Cashlins Bridge. This is a protected structure and no alterations are permitted on same. The preliminary details are included in the typical cross section drawings and will be developed fully at detailed design stage. This will be subject to a separate Part 8 proposal following completion of detailed design.

Safety Barrier: An assessment of requirements for safety barrier will be carried out at detailed design stage and appropriate barriers provided as required under current TII Standards.

Road Markings: Road markings will be used for the extent of the works to clearly show the new carriageways, turning lanes and traffic flows.

Signage: Signage will consist of both directional and safety signage to give a clear understanding of the road layout and junction layouts.

Landscaping: Areas of road verge which may be impacted by works will be grass seeded. Compensatory planning outside the junction and mainline visibility splays will be provided where possible with native species.

Temporary Road Diversions: Temporary road diversions may be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme. However, it is envisaged that in so far as possible online traffic management will be utilised to construct the scheme.

Site Compound: A site compound may be located within the confines of the Site Boundary identified (or in close proximity) during the construction stage of the works.

Surface Water Drainage: Existing surface water drainage will be assessed and improved as required. A new drainage system will be installed in the kerbed section comprising road gullies and carrier pipes discharging to a suitable outfall. Any existing culverts crossing the road within the scheme will be assessed and improved or replaced if required.

Services: The works are generally confined within the extents of the existing pavement. Where impact occurs to services, utility providers will be contacted to discuss impacts and requirements.

Third Party Accommodation Works: To be agreed with each affected landowner at the detailed design stage of the project as appropriate.

5.0 Environment

5.1 Overview

The proposed works are mainly confined within the extents of the existing pavement with some offline widening. There is a requirement for a new bridge structure to preserve the integrity of the protected Cashlins Bridge.

Waste material, which may be generated as a result of constructing this scheme, will be disposed of in accordance with the relevant Waste Management Legislation.

5.2 Screening for Appropriate Assessment

An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report undertaken by Donegal County Council has determined that the proposed development does not require appropriate assessment. A copy of the report is included in the accompanying documentation.

6.0 Part 8 Drawings

Detailed drawings are provided in Appendix D: Drawings and include the following;

Drawing No.	Title
755-000	Cover Page
755-001	Contents

755-002	Site Location
755-003	Site Extents
755-004	R263_L1195 Mainline Plan + Profile (1 of 3)
755-005	R263_L1195 Mainline Plan + Profile (2 of 3)
755-006	R263_L1195 Mainline Plan + Profile (3 of 3)
755-007	Realigned R263 Plan + Profile
755-008	Side Roads Plan + Profile
755-009	Cross Sections

7.0 Summary and Recommendation

The information contained in this report, together with the drawings provided describe the nature, extents and principal features of the proposed works as required under Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

The background to, and need for, the project has been identified in section 2.0 of this report. The scheme is consistent with objectives of the County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 as outlined in section 3.0 of this report. The scheme will improve the R263 & L-1195 horizontal and vertical alignment and will enhance road safety. It is concluded that the completed road project will provide benefits to all road users and is line with proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made in writing to The County Secretariat, Donegal County Council, Lifford, County Donegal, before 4.00pm on 30th of September 2020 as outlined in the public notices.

Appendix A – Newspaper Notice



Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

AN TACHT PLEANÁLA AGUS FORBARTHA 2000 (arna leasú)
NA RIALACHÁIN PHEANÁLA
AGUS FORBARTHA 2001 (arna leasú)
ALT 81

FÓGRA DE BHUN ALT 81, CUID 8 DE NA RIALACHÁIN
THUAS, MAIDIR LE FORBAIRT ATÁ BEARTAITHE AG
COMHAIRLE CONTAE DHÚN NA nGALL

TABHAIR FAOI DEARA go bhfuil sé i gceist ag Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall na forbairt seo a leanas a dhéanamh, mar atá, stráiceanna de bhóithre an R263 agus an L-1195 a fheabhsú agus athrú tosaíochta le haghaidh Acomhal Halls idir bóithre an R263 agus an L-1195 ar an taobh ó thuaidh de Chill Chartha, Contae Dhún na nGall sna bailte fearainn Cill Chathasaigh agus Caiseal Carna, suite i gCeantar Bardais Bhaile Dhún na nGall, mar atá sa sceideal thíos.

SCEIDEAL NA NOIBREACHA ATÁ BEARTAITHE

Uimh.	Teideal	Bailte Fearainn	Le Pleananna a Fheiceáil
1	Scéim Feabhsúcháin Sábháilteachta Acomhal Halls R263/L-1195, Cill Chartha	Cill Chathasaigh agus Caiseal Carna	www.donegalcoco.ie Seirbhísí > Seirbhísí Bóithre > Comhairliúcháin Poiblí na Seirbhísí Bóithre

Cur Síos agus Méideanna

Tá beartaithe ag Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall an R263 agus L-1195 mar atá siad a fheabhsú tríd an bhóthar a leathnú agus feabhas a dhéanamh ar an ailíniú idir bailte Chill Chartha agus na Carraige. Beidh athrú ar an tosaíocht atá ag Acomhal Halls idir an R263 agus an L-1195.

Seo a leanas an méid a bheidh sa tionscadal:

- Tógáil iomlán bóthair, ar a n-áirítear oibreacha ar line agus athailíne bóthair, ar an R263 ar feadh achar thart fá 960m.
- Tógáil iomlán bóthair, ar a n-áirítear oibreacha ar line agus athailíne bóthair, ar an L-1195 ar feadh achar thart fá 120m.
- Marcanna úra bóthair, comharthaíocht, oibreacha draenála, tírdhreachú, bacainn sábháilteachta agus obair áise.

NÓTA: De bharr na srianta atá i bhfeidhm faoi láthair le linn Covid-19, níl na pleananna agus sonraíochtaí don fhorbairt beartaithe seo ar fáil lena scrúdú ná lena n-íoslódáil ach amháin ar www.donegalcoco.ie faoi na leathanaigh "Seirbhísí > An tSeirbhís Bóithre > Comhairliúcháin Poiblí na Seirbhísí Bóithre".

Nó mar mhalairt air sin, is féidir leat teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an Ionad Seirbhíse Custaiméara ar (074)91 53900 chun tuilleadh eolais a fháil faoi na hOibreacha Beartaithe. Beidh na moltaí ar fáil lena scrúdú ó 9am Dé Luain 17 Lúnasa 2020 go dtí 5pm Dé Máirt 15 Meán Fómhair 2020.

Is féidir aighneachtaí agus breathnúcháin i dtaca leis an fhorbairt beartaithe, ag plé le pleanáil cheart agus forbairt chuí an cheantair ina bhfuil an fhorbairt suite, a dhéanamh i scríbhinn chuig An Oifig Rúníochta, Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, Leifear, Contae Dhún na nGall, roimh **4.00pm Dé Céadaoin 30 Meán Fómhair 2020**.

Tabhair faoi deara, de réir Alt 120(1)(b)(i) de na Rialacháin um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2001 (arna leasú) tá cinneadh déanta ag Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, bunaithe ar réamhscrúdú ar nádúr, ar mhéid agus ar shuíomh na forbartha, nach bhfuil gá le Measúnú Tionchair Timpeallachta.

Marcáil tosach an chlúdaigh, le do thoil, le hainm an tionscadail de réir an sceidil thuas.

John G McLaughlin, Stiúrthóir Seirbhíse

Bóithre agus Iompar,

Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, Teach an Chontae, Leifear.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (as amended)
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
REGULATIONS 2001 (as amended)
ARTICLE 81

NOTICE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 81, PART 8 OF THE ABOVE
REGULATIONS, RELATING TO A PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
BY DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

TAKE NOTICE that Donegal County Council propose to carry out the following developments consisting of the upgrade of sections of the R263 and L-1195 roads and the change of priority of Halls Junction between the R263 and L1195 roads north of Cill Chartha, Co. Donegal in the Townlands of Cill Chathasaigh and Caiseal Carna, located in the Donegal Town Municipal District as scheduled below.

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED WORK

No.	Title	Townlands	For Viewing Plans
1	R263/L-1195 Halls Junction Safety Improvement Scheme, Cill Chartha	Cill Chathasaigh and Caiseal Carna	www.donegalcoco.ie Services > Roads Service > Roads Service Public Consultation

Description and Extents

Donegal County Council proposes to upgrade the existing R263 & L-1195 with the provision of road widening and to improve the alignment between the Towns of Chill Chartha and na Carraige. The priority of Halls Junction between the R263 & L-1195 will also change.

The project will include:

- Full road construction of both online works and road realignments of the R263 for a length of approximately 960m,
- Full road construction of both online works and road realignments of the L-1195 at Halls Junction for a length of approximately 120m,
- New road markings, signage, drainage works, landscaping, safety barrier and accommodation work.

NOTE: Due to COVID-19 restrictions currently in place, viewing of the plans and particulars for this proposed development will only be available for inspection or download at www.donegalcoco.ie under section "Services > Roads Service > Roads Service Public Consultation".

Alternatively you can contact our Customer Service Centre on (074) 91 53900 to find out more about the proposed Works.

The proposals will be available for inspection from 9am Monday 17th August 2020 to 5pm Tuesday 15th September 2020.

Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and development of the area in which the development is situated may be made in writing to The Co. Secretariat Office, Donegal County Council, Lifford, County Donegal, before **4.00pm on Wednesday 30th September 2020**.

Note that in accordance with Article 120(1)(b)(i) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) Donegal County Council has concluded, based on a preliminary examination of the nature, size and location of the development, that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required.

Please mark the front of the envelope with the project name as per the above schedule.

John G McLaughlin, Director of Service

Roads & Transportation,

Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford.

Appendix B – Appropriate Assessment Screening Report

Appendix C – EIA Preliminary Examination

Appendix D – Drawings