



PART XI PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (as amended)
PART 8 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (as amended)

Notice is hereby given by Westmeath County Council propose to carry out the development as described below:-

Location of the proposed Active Travel development:

R916 University Road, Garrycastle Road and Bushfield Road, Athlone, approximately 2.3km long.

Nature and extent of the proposed Development:-

- **The provision of a 2.2m wide one-way segregated cycle track both sides of the carriageway, reducing in places where constraints exist.**
- **The provision of 2.0m wide footpaths on both sides of the carriageway, reducing in places where constraints exist.**
- **Vehicular carriageway width of 6m, minimum width of 3m per lane.**
- **Junction realignments and the introduction of raised crossings on all side roads.**
- **Straight through cycle lane/track crossings on side road junctions.**
- **The provision of signalised crossings for pedestrians and cyclists.**
- **Upgrading of the Garrycastle Roundabout and Altown Roundabout to roundabouts with provisions for pedestrians and cyclists.**
- **The provision of landscaping along the route.**

The proposed Part 8 development has undergone **Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening** under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and an **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening** under Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2025. No likely significant effects were identified during the AA and EIA Screening processes. Therefore, there is no requirement to proceed to the next stage of AA or for a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) to be produced. In addition, the proposed development is not a type of development that triggers the requirement for an EIA and subsequent preparation of an EIA Report as per the prescribed classes of development and thresholds set out in Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). Any person may, within 4 weeks from the date of publication of this notice, apply to An Coimisiún Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

Plans and Particulars of the proposed development are available for inspection at

<https://consult.westmeathcoco.ie/en> and can be inspected or purchased, at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of **Westmeath County Council, Aras An Chontae, Mount Street, Mullingar, N91 FH4N** and **at the Civic Centre, Church Street, Athlone, N37 DN02** between the hours of 9.30a.m. to 4.00p.m. each day, excluding weekends and Bank Holidays, from 05 May 2026 to 02 June 2026.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development may be made via the Council's Consultation Portal at <https://consult.westmeathcoco.ie/en> or written submissions or observations in relation to the proposed development, may also be submitted to **Administrative Officer, Planning Department, Westmeath County Council, Áras an Chontae, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath N91 FH4N** to arrive not later than **4.00pm on 16 June 2026**.

Submissions should be labelled '**LAA1 2026 Active Travel Scheme Cornamaddy to Garrycastle (Route F) Athlone**'

Written submissions or observations received will form part of a statutory report to be presented to a meeting of Westmeath County Council and will form part of a public document. The information contained in submissions may be available for public inspection on the Council's website and available at the Council's public counter. Details, including the names of those making submissions, may be shared with relevant Council Departments or their agents involved in this Part 8 process.

Signed: Leo Buckley

Date: 23/04/2026