



# Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo Mayo County Council



## Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Determination N60 Breaffy Active Travel and Safety Measures Scheme Upgrade Project.

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report was carried out on the **N60 Breaffy Active Travel and Safety Measures Scheme Upgrade Project**.

A review of the Characteristics of the Proposed Development, the Location of the Proposed Development and the Characteristics of potential Impacts was undertaken.

The proposed development includes the following principal elements:

- Implementation of an 80kph speed limit (recommended in the National Speed Limit Review and accepted by TII) from the new N60/N5 junction (Ch. 1+460) to the eastern end of Breaffy village (Ch. 3+040 N60/L5783 junction)
- Introduction of a periodic 60km/h zone at school drop-off and pick-up times over a 0.5km distance with VMS signage.
- Maintain a 100kph speed limit from the eastern end of Breaffy village (Ch 3+040) to the eastern extent of the scheme (L5760 Ch.4+090)
- A formalised pedestrian crossing between the available footpaths (Ch.2+645) with the introduction of splitter islands.
- Provision of a shared use two-way cycle facility with pedestrians north of the N60 from the new Compact Grade Separate Junction (Ch 1+460) to the proposed pedestrian crossing (Ch. 2+645) and south of the N60 from the proposed pedestrian crossing (Ch. 2+645) to L5760 (Ch. 4+090), following the DMRB standard recommendations.
- Provision of bus laybys (south and north of the N60) to allow buses to continue to pull off the traffic lane when stopping.
- Narrowing of the road cross section to achieve the self-explaining or self-regulating recommendations of the Speed Limit Guidelines Para 5.3.6.
- Provision of pedestrian and cycle facilities on both sides of the road in accordance with Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) from the IDA roundabout (Ch. 0+000) up to the new CGSJ (Ch. 1+460) on the N60.
- Provision of a new Jug Handle crossing at Ch. 1+475 (at 80km/h speed limit change to 60km/h speed limit) to support cyclists using the proposed cycle facilities cross the N60.
- Provision of a new pedestrian crossing at Ch. 1+955 (in the vicinity of the local road L5757), to facilitate access to the proposed active travel provisions on the north side of the N60.
- Provision of new pedestrian crossing at Ch. 4+105 (in the vicinity of local roads L5782 and L5760) to allow cyclists to join the L5782 local road on the north side of the N60 or to continue their journey on the correct side of the road to Manulla.
- Extension of existing culvert at Ch. 3+240 to facilitate the shared use two-way cycle facility.
- Existing lighting on the more urban area of N60 (60km/h speed limit zones) is to be maintained, with columns re-located to the back of the new facility where required under the scope of the proposed works. Additional street lighting will be introduced at the new crossing points.

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report concludes that the proposed road development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

Mayo County Council having considered the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report has determined that the **N60 Breaffy Active Travel and Safety Measures Scheme Upgrade Project** does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

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**Paul Dolan**  
**Head of Roads**



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## Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination N60 Breaffy Active Travel and Safety Measures Scheme.

An Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report was carried out on the **N60 Breaffy Active Travel and Safety Measures Scheme**.

In accordance with Regulation 250(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, (S.I. No. 600 of 2001) as inserted by Regulation 26 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations, 2011, (S.I. No. 476 of 2011), concerning "Screening for appropriate assessment", which states:

*"In order to ascertain whether an appropriate assessment is required in respect of a development which it proposes to carry out a local authority shall carry out a screening of the proposed development to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge, if the development, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would be likely to have a significant effect on a European site."*

Having considered the "**N60 Breaffy Active Travel and Safety Measures Scheme Appropriate Assessment Screening Report**" which concluded that:

*"this AA Screening Report has examined the details of the proposed N60 Breaffy Active Travel and Safety Measure Scheme and its potential to significantly affect European sites. This report has concluded, on the basis of objective information, that the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is not likely to give rise to impacts which would constitute significant effects on the River Moy SAC, in view of its Conservation Objectives.*

*In light of this conclusion, it is the considered opinion of ROD, as the author of this AA Screening Report, that Mayo County Council, as the Competent Authority in this case, in completing its AA Screening in respect of the proposed development, should find that the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is not likely to have a significant effect the River Moy SAC, in view of their Conservation Objectives. Therefore, Mayo County Council should determine that AA is not required in respect of the proposed development. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report concludes that the proposed road development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment."*

Mayo County Council having considered the Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report has determined that the **N60 Breaffy Active Travel and Safety Measures Scheme** does not require an Appropriate Assessment.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

Paul Dolan  
Head of Roads