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**PROPOSED WIDENING AND BEND REALIGNMENT ON THE
R332 KILMAINE TO FOXHALL ROAD, CO. MAYO**

**PART 8 PLANNING PROCESS
PROJECT DESCRIPTION REPORT**

Mayo County Council
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The Mall, Castlebar
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1. BACKGROUND

Proposed Scheme

The R332 Regional Road commences at the N84 National Secondary Road in the village of Kilmaine and extends eastward to the N17 National Primary Road in Tuam, Co. Galway. It further extends from the N83 road in Tuam to the N63 road at Horseleap Crossroads.

The section from Kilmaine, Co. Mayo to Tuam, Co. Galway is some 22Km in length. Approximately 8.3Km of this length – from Kilmaine to the Galway county boundary (near Foxhall) - forms the subject of this Part 8 planning application.

The subject road is poor in both horizontal and vertical alignment, the width varies and is predominantly not to regional road design standards. The pavement surface condition is poor and is subject to ongoing maintenance needs. High stone walls, trees, hedging and numerous agricultural & residential access points are characteristic along its length.

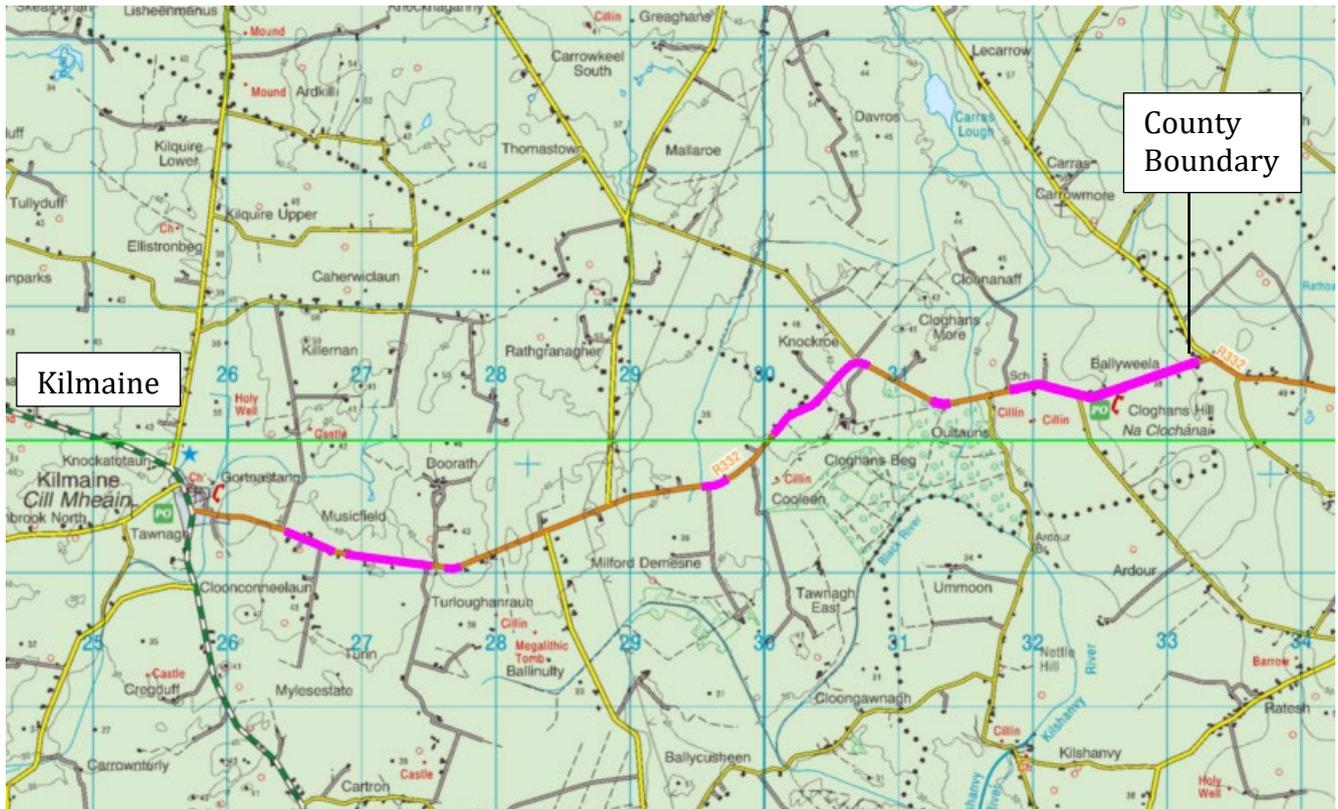
Numerous distinct sections along the route totalling 3km in length have been identified for improvement. These are described in the application documentation and works are anticipated to be completed in stages subject to funding availability and specific grant allocations as made available to Mayo County Council.

Works will comprise both online and offline carriageway construction, bend removal / realignment, road widening, boundary treatments and road pavement overlays. The proposed cross section typically consists of a 6m wide carriageway, a 3m wide two-way cycleway/ pedestrian shared facility with 2m wide segregation area, 0.5m min. lateral clearance for cycleway, and 3m wide verge.

2. LOCATION MAP

The proposed Scheme is located between the village of Kilmaine and Foxhall on the Galway border as shown on the drawing below.

Area Shaded Indicates Location of Proposed Overlay, Widening and Realignment Works



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3. PLANNING

Pursuant to the requirements of Part XI of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, notice is hereby given that Mayo County Council proposes to carry out development, particulars of which are set out in the Schedule in Section 4 hereunder.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for viewing on the online portal <https://consult.mayo.ie/> and also for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy of the documents, at the following offices of Mayo County Council:

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During normal opening hours for a period ending **Friday 20th January 2023**.

Mayo County Council, as the competent authority, has carried out an Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report and has determined that a full appropriate Assessment is not required in respect of this proposed development.

Mayo County Council has carried out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report and has determined that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and has concluded that an EIA is not required.

As prescribed in the regulations Mayo County Council has placed an advertisement in a local newspaper and a site notice at the location of the proposed works. Site notices are located at the seven proposed works locations along the route as detailed in the location drawing.

Submissions or observations with regard to the proposed development, dealing with proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made online at <https://consult.mayo.ie/> or in writing, clearly marked **Submission on Proposed Widening and Bend Realignment on the R332 Kilmaine to Foxhall – Part 8** to Senior Planner, Mayo County Council, Aras An Chontae, The Mall, Castlebar, Co. Mayo not later than **4.00pm of the Tuesday 7th day of February 2023**.

4. SCHEDULE

LOCATION	NATURE AND EXTENT OF DEVELOPMENT
<p>Along the existing route of the R332 regional road between Kilmaine village at the most westerly point and the Mayo/Galway County Boundary at the most easterly point; within the townlands of:</p> <p>CLOONCONNEELAUN, MUSICFIELD, DOORATH, TURLOUGHANBAUN, MILFORD DEMESNE, KNOCKROE, COOLEEN, CLOGHANS BEG, CLOGHANS MORE, CLOONANAFF, OULTANS and BALLYWEELA.</p>	<p>The proposed scheme consists approximately 3000m length (7 sections) of both online and offline carriageway construction involving vertical and horizontal realignment, road widening and road pavement overlay.</p> <p>The proposed cross section typically consists of a 6m wide carriageway, a 3m wide two-way cycleway/ pedestrian shared facility with 2m wide segregation area, 0.5m min. lateral clearance for cycleway, and 3m wide verge.</p>

5. SCOPE OF WORKS

The proposed works will include the following:

- Land acquisition to accommodate the improvement works;
- Removal of existing roadside wall at locations of bend realignments;
- Vegetation clearance to accommodate road construction;
- Earthworks - predominantly in offline construction locations;
- Road formation;
- Drainage works; Carriageway runoff collection will be in accordance with TII DMRB and will comprise of a system of either filter drains, over the edge drainage or combinations of drainage constructions along the edge of the proposed road.
- Pavement overlay;
- Pavement construction (offline);
- Utilities diversions (watermain diversion);
- Adjustment to local telecom/ESB services, as required to facilitate the works;
- Construction of shared use cycle facility.

6. RATIONALE AND USERS

The existing R322 Regional Road is substandard in terms of horizontal and vertical alignment, pavement strength and condition and carriageway width. Traffic volumes on this road have also increased since the opening of the M17 motorway to Tuam. The motorway now attracts traffic in South Mayo travelling to Dublin and the East, the South and the South East of the country.

The annual average daily traffic (AADT) figures for this route show an 82% increase in numbers, rising from 1135 in 2010, to 2063 currently.

There are a number of hazardous bends and blind summits on the existing route which lead to impaired and substandard forward sight visibility. The reduced carriageway width over significant

lengths of the route is substandard and insufficient to accommodate larger vehicles passing safely. Journey times are reduced and there is increased risk of traffic incidents, accidents.

The overriding objective of the proposed scheme is to increase capacity while improving safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. The works proposed will achieve this.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL, ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE, ARCHAEOLOGY

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There are 17no. recorded sites and monuments within 500m of the proposed development. A further 5no. designated structures, within 500m of the proposed development are under the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). These are:

- Turin House (Gate Lodge), Reg No. 31312203
- Milford House (Gate Lodge), Reg No. 31312205
- Milford House (Gates/railings/walls), Reg No. 31312206
- Clohans House (Farm house), Reg No. 31311912
- Clohans National School (now in private residential use), Reg No. 31311913

There are 2no. protected structures located immediately offline of the existing R332 in the vicinity of where works are proposed. Namely, Turin House gate lodge (RPS 0227) (Section 2 of proposed works) and Milford House (RPS 0266). It is not envisaged that the works will impact Turin House gate lodge as it is located at the end of the proposed pavement overlay section.

At Milford House, it is proposed to realign the bend but due to it being a short section the requirement for a cycleway is being removed and will therefore mitigate any works on the Milford House side of the road.

Cloghans House is a protected structure (RPS, 2065) located approx. 450m from Section 5 of the proposed realignment works. As part of the proposed works, the boundary wall the Cloghans House will be directly impacted as it will have to be removed to accommodate the proposed bend realignment.

The boundary wall is a defining feature of Cloghans House and the limestone ashlar piers with pyramidal capping of the perimeter wall, has been referenced under the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) description. Therefore, the proposed works will likely result in moderate negative effects.

The following management & mitigation measures are proposed:

- The recording (inclusive of photographic evidence) of the extent of boundary wall to be removed to be undertaken by a suitably qualified built heritage specialist prior to the commencement of construction works, a conservation method statement shall be prepared by a suitably qualified built heritage specialist
- Proposed conservation or reinstatement works will be (a) undertaken by a contractor with proven experience of the conservation and repair of historic masonry structures and (b) under supervision of a suitably qualified consultant/architect. If any unknown cultural heritage assets are unearthed during excavations, then works will cease until an Archaeologist can be brought to site to advise if and what mitigation is required.

8. TRAFFIC

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9. DRAWINGS

A following schedule of drawings refers to the proposal.

5774/22/01	Part 8: Site Location Map	5774/22/10	Part 8: Proposed Boundary Treatments CH 1540 - 2200
5774/22/02	Part 8: Proposed works CH 680 - 1540	5774/22/11	Part 8: Proposed Boundary Treatments CH 3900 - 5100
5774/22/03	Part 8: Proposed works CH 1540 - 2200	5774/22/12	Part 8: Proposed Boundary Treatments CH 5100- 5700
5774/22/04	Part 8: Proposed works CH 3900 - 5100	5774/22/13	Part 8: Proposed Boundary Treatments CH 6100 - 7100
5774/22/05	Part 8: Proposed works CH 5100- 5700	5774/22/14	Part 8: Proposed Boundary Treatments CH 7150 - 7750
5774/22/06	Part 8: Proposed works CH 6100 - 7100	5774/22/15	Part 8: Proposed Boundary Treatments CH 7800 - 8367
5774/22/07	Part 8: Proposed works CH 7150 - 7750	5774/22/16	Part 8: Vertical Sections and Cross Section CH 650-1140 and CH 1950-2070
5774/22/08	Part 8: Proposed works CH 7800 - 8367	5774/22/17	Part 8: Vertical Sections CH 4060- 4220 and CH 7390- 7520
5774/22/09	Part 8: Proposed Boundary Treatments CH 680 - 1540	5774/22/18	Part 8: Typical Cross Sections and Fencing Detail

10. NOTICES

Newspaper & Site Notice

Planning and Development Act 2000 – 2018 (as amended)

Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2019 (as amended)

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Signed:

Mr. Paul Dolan
Head of Roads
Mayo County Council

Dated: 13th December 2022.