



NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT BY A LOCAL AUTHORITY

Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) Article 81 of Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

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

Anne Valley Walk: Improvement Works at Kilcannon and Ballynagorkagh, Co. Waterford.

The Anne Valley Walk is a 5km recreational walking trail between Dunhill and Annewstown. The initial phase of the project from Ballyphilip Bridge to Dunhill Castle was completed in 2013. Phase 2 which saw the walk developed southwards to Annewstown was officially opened in 2018. Since its development the walk has proved very popular.

The current proposal (phase 3) is to raise a 940 metre (approx) section of the walk in the townlands of Kilcannon and Ballynagorkagh, south of Dunhill Castle by an average of 850mm, as this section has been prone to flooding, particularly during periods of heavy rainfall. Waterford City & County Council and Dunhill Tourism Walking Trail CLG have secured funding under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme in order to carry out the proposed improvement works.

In accordance with Section 250 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended, the Council has carried out an appropriate assessment screening and has determined that an Appropriate Assessment is not required. In accordance with Article 120 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended, the Council has carried out an EIA screening and has determined that an EIAR is not required. Any person may, within 4 weeks from the date of this notice, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

A Stage II Flood Risk Assessment has been carried out in accordance with 'The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (DoEHLG, 2009), and has been appended to the Part VIII Planning Application.

An Ecological Impact Assessment (EclA) has been carried out to assess any potential adverse impacts to the local ecology, including Annewstown Stream and associated habitats and species. The EclA report is appended to the Part VIII Application.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, plans and particulars of the proposed development will not be available for inspection in our public offices but can be accessed anytime online at www.waterfordcouncil.ie for the period **Wednesday 28th April to Wednesday 26th May 2021 inclusive**.

A copy of the plans and particulars can also be requested by contacting Johnny Brunnock on 0761 102020 or by email at the address below.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development would be situated, may be made in writing, to Johnny Brunnock, Trails Officer, Economic Development, Waterford City & County Council, Civic Offices, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford or by emailing jbrunnock@waterfordcouncil.ie before **4p.m. on Wednesday 9th June 2021**.

All comments, including names of those making comments, submitted to the Council in regard to this process may form part of the statutorily required report to be presented at a meeting of the elected members. Accordingly, they may appear in the public domain.

**Mr Michael Quinn, Director of Services,
Planning & Economic Development.**

28th April, 2021.