



## Comhairle Contae Chiarraí

### Kerry County Council

Manager's Report and Recommendation, in accordance with Section 179 (3) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2017 for the following development;

#### **TRALEE-FENIT GREENWAY**



from

Ballynahoulort in Tralee to the village of Fenit

**August 2018**

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# MANAGERS REPORT & RECOMMENDATION

for the

## TRALEE to FENIT GREENWAY.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Overview

Kerry County Council has acquired the ownership of the disused railway line from the Limerick County Bounds to Tralee and Fenit and proposes to develop a Greenway on part of this route from Tralee-Fenit, in line with national planning policy and local objectives.

The Tralee Fenit Greenway is a project to progress the completion of approximately 10.65km of rural greenway along the former corridor of the disused Tralee to Fenit railway line which was closed in 1978 as part of the overall closure of the Great Southern railway line. The urban section of the route consisting of approximately 2.2km of amenity trail in Tralee Town centre was completed by Kerry County Council in 2016 and links Tralee (Casement) Railway Station to Mounthawk at Bracker O'Regan Road.

This project aims to complete the remaining rural section of this route from Ballynahoulort to Fenit by constructing a 3m wide greenway suitable for off road walking and cycling in a rural area.

The key objectives of this project are:

- Develop the local tourist economy by building a safe cycling and walking amenity which allow locals and tourists to cycle safely in a car free environment.
- Provide a new link between Fenit, Tralee and the surrounding townlands and thereby improve the social fabric of our local communities.
- Provide an amenity that allows for universal access attracting families, the elderly and disabled persons.
- Compliment a range of existing and future tourism trails throughout County Kerry.

Kerry County Council believes that this project will provide clear positive economic impacts to Fenit and Tralee and will stimulate economic activity between neighbouring townlands. It is consistent with both the *Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)* and the *Kerry County Development Plan 2015-2021* and is supported by the National policy in particular the *National Planning Framework 2018-2027*, *Smarter Travel- A New Transport Policy for Ireland 2009-2020* and *Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways- July 2018*.

There will be close collaboration between the communities along the Greenway and business interests in the design and delivery of the project.

The purpose of this report is to evaluate the proposed development with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in accordance with the criteria set out in Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2017 and Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2018

### 1.2 Proposed Development

The proposed development consists of the construction of a greenway, 10.65km in length, on the route of the disused Tralee to Fenit railway line from the townland of Ballynahoulort in Tralee to the village of Fenit.

The main works will consist of the following:

- The clearance of vegetation on the rail line corridor, retaining boundary hedgerows and boundary vegetation
- The lifting of old railway rails
- The laying of a 3-meter-wide bituminous tarmacadam surface on a crushed stone base to form the cycle and footpath track with a one-meter wide grass verge on each side of the paved surface
- Repair and upgrade of the existing drainage network.

- Reinstatement of two overbridges and associated stone abutments at Kilfenora and Knockanush West
- Reinstatement of existing agricultural underpasses where necessary
- Removal of existing masonry stone abutments where necessary
- Provision of access controls (pedestrian/cycling friendly gates) road makings, traffic calming measures on the greenway
- Provision of agricultural and residential crossings
- Installation of safety barriers where required
- Boundary treatment works including the installation of stock proof fencing, security fencing, privacy screening, planting and boundary walls
- All other associated site works

It is not anticipated that there will be any significant difficulty removing scrub from the existing route corridor.

An invasive species survey of the proposed greenway has been undertaken as per Guidelines on The Management of Noxious Weeds and Non-Native Invasive Plant Species on National Roads Revision 1, December 2010 and species identified will be managed according to these Guidelines

The works will be completed in one phase as described in the associated project brief report. The design of the Greenway will be consistent with the technical requirements of TII DN-GEO-03047, Rural Cycle Scheme Design (Offline), April 2017 (RCD).

The route will remain predominantly within the existing railway corridor as indicated in the planning drawings. Minor deviations are proposed in the townlands of Fenit without.

### 1.3 Site Location and Description

The proposed route is approximately 10.65km in length and will begin at Barrack O'Regan Road near Mounthawk and will follow the corridor of the disused railway line through the townlands of Ballynahoulort, Bawnboy, Clogherbrien, Knockanush East, Knockanush West, Ballygarran, Ballymakegoge, Kilefenora, Tawlaght, and Fenit Without finishing at the existing car park and public amenity area in Fenit Village



Figure 1 Overall Route Corridor from Ballynahoulort Tralee town-Fenit village

## 1.4 Public Consultation



Figure 2: Public Information day and evening in Fenit Parish Hall 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

### Non-Statutory Consultation – Information Day

A public Information day and evening was held in Fenit Parish Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 from 11.00 a.m to 9.00 p.m.

164 people from the local community and surrounding area signed the attendance record on the day but it is estimated that close to 200 people attended the event.

The majority of people in attendance were positive toward the scheme and welcomed the proposed greenway project.

The majority of queries from adjacent landowners related to accommodation works, access points, crossings, fencing and screening to be provided where residential properties abut the proposed corridor.

### Statutory Consultation

In accordance with S.179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2017 a Public Notice regarding the proposed works was advertised in the Kerry's Eye newspaper **from Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

16 No. Site Notices were erected on lands adjacent to the proposed route on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018** and inspected regularly hereafter. The site notices at the trail head in Bracker o Regan road and in the townland of Bawnboy locally known as the 'Black Bridge' were removed when inspected on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June. These were re-instated and removed again when inspected on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

The Plans and Particulars for the development were on display **from Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018** at the following locations:

- ◆ Kerry County Council, Tralee Municipal District, Town Hall, Princes Quay, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
- ◆ Kerry County Council, Roads, Transportation & Safety Department, Room 115, Áras an Chontae, Rathass, Tralee, County Kerry.
- ◆ Kerry County Council Website [www.kerrycoco.ie](http://www.kerrycoco.ie)

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with proper planning and sustainable development of the area were invited on or before **5.00 p.m. on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018.**

277 submissions were received by Capital Infrastructure Unit, Kerry County Council as part of this statutory process.



Figure 3: Site Notice erected at Trail head in Fenit Village



Figure 4: Site Notice erected at Kilfenora.



Figure 5: Site Notice erected at Knockanush West



Figure 6: Plans and Particulars on display at Tralee Municipal District Office during the prescribed period.

## 2. PERSONS OR BODIES WHO MADE SUBMISSIONS OR OBSERVATIONS WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED PERIOD

Table 1 below lists out the statutory bodies, community groups and persons who made submissions to Kerry County Council within the statutory time period.

Table 1; Lists of statutory bodies, community groups and persons who made a submission relevant to the proposed development.

SUBMISSION NO.	NAME
<b>Statutory Bodies</b>	
S-1	Patricia O' Connor Inland Fisheries Ireland, Sunnyside House, Macroom, Co. Cork, Ireland.
S-2	Jana Goold, Irish Water, Blackwater house, Mallow, Business Park, Mallow, County Cork.
S-3	Graham Lennox Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Dublin 2, County Dublin.
S-4	Mary Stack, Environmental & Planning National Tourism Development Authority, Failte Ireland, Dublin 1
S-5	Andrew A. Wilson, senior Track & Structural Engineer, Iarnrod Eireann, Limerick Junction Station, Co. Tippeary.
S-6	Suzanne Dempsey, Spatial Planning and Strategy Specialist, Irish Water Dublin 1, Ireland
S-7	Marie Louise Sheehy , Quality and Safety Advisor, HSE, Unit 9, St. Stephens hospital Glanmire, Co. Cork
S-8	Robert Fennelly, Regional Planning Officer, Southern Regional Assembly, City Hall, Angelsea Street, Cork
<b>Community Groups</b>	
C-1	Fiona Mullins, Tralee Triathlon Club, <a href="http://www.traleetriclub.ie">www.traleetriclub.ie</a>
C-2	Aisling O'Sullivan, St. Brendan's National School, Fenit, Tralee, Co. Kerry
C-3	Dave Elton, Secretary of the Chain Gang Cycling Club.
C-4	Donnacha Clifford, Kerrycycling.com.
C-5	Margaret Lynch, Secretary of Friends of Tralee-Fenit Greenway
C-6	Keith Phelan, Kerry Cycling Campaign
C-7	Colm Ryder, Secretary of Dublin Cycling Campaign
C-8	Niamh Murphy Chairperson Tralee Junior Triathlon Club
C-9	John Moriarty, Treasurer, Fenit Development Association
C-10	Niamh Ni Dhúill, Gorbrack, Tráilí, Co. Chairraí.
C-11	Richard Hurley, Tralee Bay Sailing Club
C-12	John Murry Chairperson Chain Gang Cycling Club
<b>General Submissions</b>	
G-1	Michael Keely, Little Oak, Aughacasla, Castlegregory.
G-2	Aibhe Keoghan Little Oak, Aughacasla, Castlegregory.
G-3	Kieran Ruttledge, CEO, Aqua Dome, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
G-4	Mike O'Neill, O Neills Fresh Produce, Drumtaker, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-5	Padraig McGillicuddy, Propertier, Ballygarry House, Hotel and Spa, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
G-6	Gortbrack Organic Farm, Ballyseedy, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
G-7	Hanora (Noreen) O' Flaherty Unknown Address.
G-8	Maurice Eagan, Taulaght, Fenit, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
G-9	Con and Una O'Connor, 30 The Grove, Mounthawk, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
G-10	Pauline Connelly, Unknown Address
G-11	Liam O' Mahony, Great Southern Greenway, 09 Bishop St., Newcastlewest, Co. Limerick.
G-12	Rodger Garland Keep Ireland Open, No. 43 Butterfield Drive, Dublin 14

G13	Deputy Michael Healy Rae, Sandymount, Kilgarvan, Co. Kerry.
G-14	Liam O Mahony, Great Southern Greenway, 09 Bishop St., Newcastlewest, Co. Limerick.
G-15	Will Andrews, No.7 Ranui road, Stoke, Nelson New Zealand.
G-16	Kevin McNulty Tawlaght, Fenit, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
G-17	Jim Fitzgerald 24 Fenit Without, Fenit Village, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
G18	Joan Godley Snr, 4 Inland View, Fenit, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
G-19	Noel Mooney, 59 Granville road, dunlaghaire, Co. Dublin.
G-20	Eileen Shirsat, 29 Dun Emer Road, Dundrum, Dublin, D16R9X3.
G-21	John Wade, Derry house, Listowel, Co. Kerry
G-22	July O'Grady, BallyEgham, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
G-23	Charlie O Grady, BallyEgham, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
G-24	Gerard White, 19 Fenit Without, Fenit, Co. Kerry
G-25	Brian Stephenson, Block 2, HQ Tralee, Dominic St. Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-26	Fiona and Mike Ryle Unknown address.
G-27	Susan Tugwell, Loughfounder, Knocknagoshel, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
G-28	Sean Walsh, Castle Street Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-29	John Barry Walsh, Clogherbrien, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
G-30	Elizabeth Lynch, Lissane, Fenit, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
G-32	Eddie Stack, Unknown Address.
G-33	Mark Grehan, Unkown Address.
G-34	David Elton, Pluckeen, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-35	Dr. Jane McCafferty Unknown Address.
G-36	Mags O'Sullivan Unknown Address.
G-37	Caroline O Grady, Unknown Address.
G-38	Tim Supple, Unknown Address
G-39	John Joe Sheehy Unknow Address.
G-40	Tomas Zek Unknow Address
G-41	Brian O' Sullivan OSM Park Monavalley Buisness Park, Tralee. Co. Kerry
G-42	Francis Clifford Unknown Address
G-43	John Joe Falvey, Knockanish West, The Spa, Co. Kerry
G-44	Riverdale Residents c/o John and Phil Godsell, Riversale, Kilfenora, Fenit, Co. Kerry
G-45	Breda Doyle and Sean Collins
G-46	John Shanahan Bawnboy, Tralee, co. Kerry
G-47	Anluan Dunne, 4 Riverside, Oakpark, Co. Kerry.
G-48	Diarmaid O'Keefe, Mannor West, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-49	Rachel O'Carroll, 1 lioscarrig Drive, Caherslee, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-50	Derek Comerford, Unknown Address.
G-51	Denise Poff, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-52	Emma Foley, Laharn, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-53	Dijeesh Mani Jelase, 31 Lioscarrig Drive, Caherslee, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
G-54	Graham Hegarty Unknown Address
G-55	Michelle Hegarty, Unknown Address
G-56	Dawid Wasowski, Pembroke Square, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-57	Matthew Lyne, Mucross, Killarney.
G-58	Sean P Barry, 12 Hazelgrove Ardfert, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
G-59	Pawel Bajewicz, Unknown Address
G-60	Mary Campion, Kilflynn, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-61	Roger Price, Mounthawk, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-62	Ian Saul, An Sean Mhuileann, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-63	Peter Jackson, Mounthawk, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-64	Kevin Barry, 1 The Anchorage, The Marina, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
G-65	Aislinn Desmond, Rathmore, Co. Kerry.

G-66	Tom O'Connor, Gap road, Fossa, Killarney, Co. Kerry.
G-67	Kevin Murphy, Ross Road, Killarney, Co. Kerry
G-68	Sergey Udaltsov, 38 The Anchorage, Marina, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
G-69	Steve McCarthy, Castleisland, Co. Kerry
G-70	Patrick O'Neill, Arraglen, Castlegregory, Co. Kerry.
G-71	Padraig Heaphy, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-72	Derek Gibson and Emer Hardiman, Elounda, Fenit without, Fenit, Co. Kerry.
G-73	Des Farrell, Oyster Cottage, Kilfenora, Fenit, Co. Kerry
G-74	Tom O Grady, Ballybeggan, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-75	Anthony Murphy, Unknown Address
G-76	Toni Corkery, Unknown Address
G-77	Joanne Crowley, Unknown Address
G-78	Kate Spillane, Unknown Address
G-79	Frank Kneeshaw Racecourse road, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-80	Patricia Casey, Unknown Address
G-81	Amy O'Brien, Dublin road, Thurles, Co. Tipperary
G-82	Helen O'Connell, Unknown Address.
G-83	Brendan Kennelly, Unknown Address
G-84	Conor Kavanagh, Unknown Address
G-85	Paul Murnal, Kannily House, Lissanerla, Abbeydorney, Co. Kerry
G-86	Sarah Fitzgerald, Sliabh Gearr, Clahane, Ballyard, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-87	Eoin Burns, 29 Lighthouse Village, Fenit, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
G-88	Donal Lawlor, Unknown Address
G-89	Maeve Counihan, Ballyard, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-90	Robert Ryan, ARUP, one Albert Quay, cork, T12 X8N6
G-91	Maggie Fitzgibbon, 36 Mostyn Road, Wimbledon, SW19 3LN London
G-92	Finola Revington, Tralee
G-93	Frank Walsh Unknown Address
G-94	Louise O'Donnell Unknown Address
G-95	Catherine Carty UNESCO Chair Project Manager, Education, Sport, Recreation and Fitness, Institute of Technology, Co. Kerry.
G-96	Ciaran Long, 203 Collins Ave, Whitehall, Dublin 9
G-97	Jack Counihan, Unknown Address
G-98	Kate Counihan, Ballyard, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-99	Dermot Reen, Unknown Address
G-100	Bairbre Reen Buckley, Spa, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-101	Caroline Sullivan, 37 Prembroke Square, Caherslee, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-102	Patrick and Ann Marie O'Connor Clogherbrien, Tralee, co. Kerry
G-103	Anne Galvin Unknown Address
G-104	Laurence Dunne, Laurence Dunne Archaeology, 3 Lios na Lohart, Ballyvelly, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-105	Catherine Moriarty Unknown Address
G-106	Keith Phelan, 4 Kilfenora, Fenit, co. Kerry
G-107	Graham Keliher, Surf N Sail, Abbey Street, Tralee, co. Kerry
G-108	Paul McCarthy, Unknown Address
G-109	Aiden Corkery, 11 Newtown Grove Braemor road, Church town Dublin 14
G-110	Grainne Brick 4 Riverside Oakpark, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-112	Barbara O'Brien, Outraith, Cahir, Co. Tipperary
G-113	Tom O'Grady, Ballybeggan, Tralee
G-114	Tighearnach Dunne, 3 Lios na Lahart, Ballyvelly, Tralee
G-115	Avril O'Shea Unknown Address
G-116	Fiachra Dunne, 1 Old Golf Links road, Oakpark, Tralee

G-117	Maeve O Rahilly Unknown Address
G-118	Helen Burns, 29 Lighthouse Village, Fenit
G-119	Matthew Hopper, Unknown Address
G-120	Colette O’Sullivan, Tralee
G-121	Anna Walsh Unknown Address
G-122	Marguerite Egan, No. 3 Lios na Lohart, Ballyvelly, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-123	Mary McElliggott, Unknown Address
G-124	Gerard, Helen, Ruairi, Aoife & Tomas O Connell, No.8 Carrigmore, Clogher Faili, Tralee
G-125	Marion Hogan Unknown Address
G-126	Anne Marie Fuller, No.15 Lioscarrig Drive, Caherslee, Tralee
G-127	Aidan Kelly, Tralee Chamber Alliance, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-128	Jane Murphy, Woodlands Park, Touring Caravan and Camping Park, Dan Spring Road
G-129	Eileen Moriarty Unknown Address
G-130	Berenice Fitzgibbon, Unknown Address
G-131	Patricia Fox Unknown Address
G-132	Gretta Walsh, Unknown Address
G-133	Syliva Thompson, Unknown Address
G-134	Antoinette Clifford, Unknown Address
G-135	Louis Byrne, Byrnes Spar Oakpark, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-136	Sean Cooke, Unknown Address
G-137	Berenice Fitzgibbons, Belmont, Colohers, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-138	Michael O’Connell, Unknown Address
G-139	Mike McDonnell, woodlands Caravan Park, Dan Sping Road, Tralee.
G-140	Michael Slattery, Oakview, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-141	Peter Linehan, Unknown Address
G-142	Liam Doyle, Unknown Address
G-143	Emer McDonnell, Unknown Address
G-144	Padraig McElliggott, Unknown Address
G-145	Jeremy Walsh, Unknown Address
G-146	Niamh Stephenson, Unknown Address
G-147	Aine MacGillicuddy, Unknown Address
G-148	Noel Cronin, Tawlaught West, Fenit, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-149	Tracey Corkery, Unknown Address
G-150	Stephen Hennessy, Unknown Address
G-151	Josephine Griffin, Unknown Address
G-152	Maira Hogan, Unknown Address
G-153	John Conneely, Unknown Address
G-154	Liam Nolan, Unknown Address
G-155	Mary O’Sullivan, Unknown Address
G-156	Eimear Foley Reen, Unknown Address
G-157	Gloria O’Connor, Unknown Address
G-158	Catherine Daly, Unknown Address
G-159	David Moriarty and Marie Spillane
G-160	The Buckley Family, Ballyard, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-161	Maeve Townsend, Unknown Address
G-162	Dr Jenny Crushell, Unknown Address
G-163	Anthony Clifford, Unknown Address
G-164	Cliona Rurledge, Unknown Address
G-165	Jacqui Browne, Arbi, Fenit
G-166	Sara Ronan, Unknown Address
G-167	Susan Keating and Family, Caherslee, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-168	Cian Mcgarry, Unknown Address

G-169	Gail Groves, Unknown Address
G-170	Andrew Dineen Cul Doire, Kilkeen, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-171	Linda woods, Ireland Walk, Hike, Bike, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-172	Denis McCarthy, Unknown Address
G-173	Maeve Ferris, Ebb and Flow Yoga, Unknown Address
G-174	Denise O'Dowd, Unknown Address
G-175	Nora O'Sullivan, Cluain O'Sullivan, Cluain Gheal, Oakpark, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-176	Emilie and Huw Roberts, Fahamore
G-177	Nathy Feely, Unknown Address
G-178	Nanette Moore, Unknown Address
G-179	Fran McElliggott, Unknown Address
G-180	Frances Clifford, Unknown Address
G-181	Carina Claffey, Unknown Address
G-182	Tomás Crowley, Kelly Foley & Co Accountant & Auditors, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-183	Charlotte Dolan, Unknown Address
G-184	Bertie O'Connor, Unknown Address
G-185	Mairead Markey, Unknown Address
G-186	Sheila McCarthy, Unknown Address
G-187	Norma Moran, Unknown Address
G-188	David Ryall, 22 Quarryvale, Mounthawk, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-189	Patricia Murray, Ballyroe, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-190	Thomas and Eileen O'Shea, Caherslee, Tralee, co. Kerry
G-191	Brian O'Sullivan, OS Marine, Monavalley business Park, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
G-192	Jane O' Loughlen, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-193	Tralee Bay Marine Centre, Unknown Address
G-194	Ronan Arellano, Unknown Address
G-195	Hazel Reid, No. 1 Lighthouse Village, Fenit, Co. Kerry
G-196	Neil Ni Chathasaigh, Unknown Address
G-197	Mary McCarthy, Unknown Address
G-198	Mary Bonner, Unknown Address
G-199	Rev. Jim Stephens, St. Johns Ashe Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-200	Liam Lynch, No. 6 Doire Loin
G-201	Com Boyle, Manor West Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-202	Brian Mehigan, Camp Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-203	Nickie Benner, Unknown Address
G-204	John Quilter, No. 27 Lighthouse Village, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-205	Marie Morris, Unknown Address
G-206	John Moloney, Unknown Address
G-207	Catherine Dolan, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-208	Charmaine Rola, Unknown Address
G-209	Martin, Ciara, Cillian and Anne Tierney Unknown Address
G-210	Anthony o'Shea, No. 18 Lighthouse Village, Fenit, Co. Kerry
G-211	Lillian Rohan, Unknown Address
G-212	Helen Burman – Roy, No. 3 Clogher Li, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-213	Edmond Hyland, Sea Haven, Main Road, Fenit, Co. Kerry
G-214	Treasa Ní Eachthigheirn, Unknown address
G-215	Liam, Bridie, Fiona, Cathal and Aisling and Una Geary, No. 19 Ard Charrig, Caherslee, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-216	Mary Mullins, Unknown Address
G-217	John Barry, No. 1 Ballinahoulort, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-218	Siobhan Cadogan, Unknown Address
G-219	Marie Townsend, No. 30 Oakview, Tralee, Co. Kerry

G-220	Jane Boyle, Manor West Hotel and Ashe Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-221	Robert Dowds, No. 43 Castle Park, Clondalkin, Dublin 22
G-222	Diane Crean, No. 18 Woodbrook Lawn, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-223	Tayna unknown, Unknown Address
G-224	Kate Muller, Unknown Address
G-225	Aoife McCormack, No. 1 golf Course Rd, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-226	Myra Sheehy, Unknown Address
G-227	Bernadette Walsh, Clogherbrien, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-228	Paul Burke, Unknown Address
G-229	Anne Marie Hyland, Seahaven, Fenit, Co. Kerry
G-230	David Buckley, Unknown Address
G-231	Alan Boyle, Riverside, Oakpark, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-232	John O Carroll, Unknown Address
G-233	Kevin Reardon, no.12 Quarryvale, Mounthawk, Tralee, Co Kerry
G-234	Jane Deasy, Unknown Address
G-235	Dan Counihan, Unknown Address
G-236	Gavin Caplis, Unknown Address
G-237	Kate Campbell, Interiors, Willow Lawn, Lovers Lane, Ballyard, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-238	Rosario Kelliher, Unknown Address
G-239	Catherine McCarthy, Seafield, The Spa, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-240	Daithi O'Connor, Unknown Address
G-241	Ronan Murry, Model Farm Road, Cork City
G-242	Collette Lawless, Unknown Address
G-243	Brendan O'Connor, Unknown Address
G-244	Kiah Townsend, Unknown Address
G-245	Kate Slade, Unknown Address
G-246	Ken Feeley, Knockanish West, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-247	Aislinn Kelly, Unknown Address
G-248	Ameli Persson, Unknown Address
G-249	Seamus Cooke, Unknown Address
G-250	Catherine and Vincent Geary, Unknown Address
G-251	Chris Murry, Casey Stephenson Accountants, 3 day Place, Tralee, Co. Kerry
G-252	Luke Prenderville, no. 6 Cathair Lakes, Killorglin, Co Kerry
G-253	Niamh Scully, Department of Health, 76 Eyre Square, Mount Gravatt East, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
G-254	Philip Doyle, Unknown Address
G-255	Johnathon O'Regan, Unknown Address
G-256	Sheila O'Sullivan, Unknown Address
G-257	Vanetia Prendeville Lucid, Tralee, Co. Kerry

### 3. ISSUES RAISED, WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA, BY PERSONS OR BODIES WHO MADE SUBMISSIONS OR OBSERVATIONS, MANAGERS RESPONSE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Submission No. S-1 Patricia O' Connor Inland Fisheries Ireland, Sunnyside House, Macroom, Co. Cork, Ireland.

#### **Submission**

Having reviewed the proposal for the Tralee-Fenit Greenway and subject to a number of conditions, IFI considers that the route can be developed without impact on the aquatic environment.

The structures currently in place are suitable for use in the development and there will be no direct interference with the water courses. However indirect impact may arise from works on or near these water courses and therefore the following conditions apply:

- Provision to contain and control any contaminated surface water run off which may arise during the works.
- All mitigation measures required to be stipulated in Tender Documents.
- Mitigation measures to be in place prior to commencement of works.
- IFI wish to be consulted on any aspect of the proposal which may directly or indirectly affect water quality or habitat of water courses along the route.

IFI have identified a potential barrier to upstream fish passage at Stream crossing no. 5. This is included in AA screening report. A more detailed assessment of this structure is required to determine the extent of the impasse and mitigation measures required to alleviate the same.

IFI request a commitment from KCC that this will be assessed as part of the Greenway development with mitigation measures IFI would appreciate being kept up to date on any further developments.

#### **Managers Response**

- The submission by IFI is noted and welcomed.
- As part of the EIA screening and AA screening reports Pre-Part 8 consultation was previously undertaken with IFI as detailed in both reports.
- IFI comments are noted and will inform the proposed development as required. In relation to stream Crossing 5 located in Clogherbrien at chainage 8800m as noted in the environmental screening reports, the removal of a possible historic impasse to fisheries at this location will be investigated with the view to improving access to the upstream catchment.
- KCC will work with IFI on this matter during the detail design and construction phase.

#### **Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

Submission No.S-2 Jana Gould, Irish Water, Blackwater house, Mallow, Business Park, Mallow, County Cork

#### **Submission**

Irish Water acknowledges receipt of the Part VIII Planning Application for Tralee-Fenit Greenway. No further comments.

#### **Managers Response**

The submission from Irish Water is noted.

#### **Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission**

This submission from the Office of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and the Marine acknowledges receipt of the Part VIII Planning Application for Tralee-Fenit Greenway. It states that this correspondence will be brought to the Ministers attention at the next practical juncture. In the mean-time the correspondences are forwarded for the attention of the relevant Department Officials.

**Managers Response**

The submission by Office of Agriculture, Food and Marine is noted.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission**

Failte Ireland is extremely supportive of this development which provides for a unique way for visitors to experience Ireland and deliver the type of activities popular to oversea tourist – walking and cycling.

The proposal will provide a key link to the Great Southern trail from Adare to Limerick/Kerry Boarder.

Failte Ireland is also eager that the link between Kerry Border and Tralee is developed to ensure the full extend of the Great Southern Trail is realised.

Activity Tourism continues to grow but only if suitable infrastructure is delivered on the ground and in the right location.

Walking and Hiking tourism is the most popular activity in Ireland especially with overseas visitors. In 2016 34% of visitors to Ireland partook in hiking / cross walking and 6% of visitors took part in cycling activities.

In 2013 failte Ireland undertook significant cycling tourism market research to identify the potential market size for cycling in Ireland and also consumer preference in relation to location and types of trials.

A core market potential of 19.5m people were identified in main European markets alone for cycling in Ireland.

The largest potential market is Germany, due to its size and also the large portion of people who cycle abroad. The research determined that there is significant potential for the development of cycling in Ireland both from oversea visitors and domestic markets. Full details can be found at [www.failteireland.ie/adventuretourisim](http://www.failteireland.ie/adventuretourisim)

The research also found that visitors have particular preference to the type of trails and services which they require while cycling:

- Scenery – beautify scenery and landscape.
- Segregated – Traffic Free
- Safe – flat surfaces and good services
- See and do – lots of activities, attractions and interesting villages.

Failte Ireland is extremely supportive of the proposed greenway in line with all proper planning and environmental criteria being met.

**Managers Response**

The submission by Failte Ireland is noted and welcomed.

This project will deliver on all four criteria set out in the Failte Ireland Report on Activity Tourism.

It is Kerry County Council's intention to progress with development of the North Kerry Greenway from the Limerick / Kerry border to Listowel town. This greenway is currently the subject of a separate Part VIII application.

As requested the proposed greenway will be delivered in line with all proper planning and environmental criteria.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

[Submission S-5](#) [Andrew A. Wilson, Senior Track & Structural Engineer, Iarnrod Eireann, Limerick Junction Station, Co. Tipperary.](#)

**Submission**

Iarnrod Eireann have no objection to the proposed construction of a greenway on the route of the disused Tralee-Fenit railway line from the townland of Ballynahoulort in Tralee to Fenit for the use of pedestrian and cyclists only.

**Managers Response**

The submission by Iarnrod Eireann is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

[Submission S-6](#) [Suzanne Dempsey, Spatial Planning and Strategy Specialist, Irish Water Dublin 1, Ireland](#)

**Submission**

Irish Water has no objection to this proposed development.

Irish Water does however note the proposed development is in close proximity to Irish Water Assets, specifically within the village of Fenit and on the approach to Tralee. There is also a booster pump station at Knockanush.

Irish water recommends a site investigation be carried out prior to the beginning of construction and proposals outlining the details where works would interfere with existing water services infrastructure (water mains, service connections, rising mains, foul and surface water sewers, culverts).

**Managers Response**

It is the intention of Kerry County Council to liaise with Irish Water throughout the design and construction process of the proposed greenway to ensure works will not interfere with the existing water services infrastructure adjacent to the line.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

[Submission S-7](#) [Marie Louise Sheehy, Quality and Safety Advisor, HSE, Unit 9, St. Stephens hospital Glanmire, Co. Cork](#)

**Submission**

This submission is supportive of the Tralee-Fenit Greenway. The development will promote an active lifestyle in a safe environment.

**Managers Response**

The submission from the HSE is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission**

Southern Regional Authority considers it important to engage in this consultation process on a matter of strategic importance with the sustainable economic growth of the region.

The development has been reviewed in accordance with the SWRPG 2010-2022 and relevant National Policy. The location of the greenway is designated as Western Area under the SWRPG 2010-2022. Objective RSS-07 supports economic and tourism role for towns and village in the western area and supports accessibility to its hinterlands in a sustainable manner. The Tralee-Fenit Greenway is consistent as far as it is practicable with these objectives.

The project will promote active leisure and tourism and sustainable travel and is consistent with the relevant objectives and sections of SWRPG 2010-2022.

The SRA have commenced the process of making the Regional Spatial Economic Strategy for the Southern region. The purpose of the RSES is to support the implementation of NPF and the economic policies and objectives of the government by providing a long term strategic planning and economic framework for the region. In this regard key aspects of the NPF which will be explored further is the enhancement of walking and cycling facilities within the region.

The SRA also note that the proposal will be consistent with the Draft Tralee Municipal District Local Area Plan which supports the sustainable development of greenways and amenity trails.

The sustainable development of such a facility should be balanced with protecting the region's natural environment and habitats from adverse impacts assessed under the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and the Environmental impact screening Report.

**Managers Response**

The submission from the Southern Regional Authority is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission**

Tralee Triathlon supports the Tralee-Fenit Greenway initiative by Kerry County Council.

The Tralee triathlon club was founded in 2009. The club promotes active lifestyle through encouraging participation in sports. The club has membership of 240 people and an active junior club with 75 members.

In recent years there has been a number of magnificent walkways amenities developed in the Tralee area such as Glenageenty Trail, Ballyseedy Woods and the Canal banks. However, there is a need for a long Greenway that is completely segregated from busy roads where disabled people and children can enjoy.

Tralee-Fenit Greenway will provide a valued and much needed amenity for the local people and visitors alike. It will add to the social fabric of our society.

It will contribute to the health and well-being of our community.

Each year the Tralee Triathlon Club hosts a triathlon in Fenit. The Greenway would add to this event and to the appeal of visitors coming to the triathlon. This is an opportunity to showcase Tralee and Fenit as tourist destinations for visitors.

Given the proximity of Kerry Airport, the Tralee-Fenit Greenway together with the proposed North and South Kerry Greenway, could create a significant increase in tourism adding to the economic multiplier effect with a number of ancillary business establishing along the greenways.

Tralee Triathlon club fully endorses the proposal to develop the Greenways such as the Tralee-Fenit line.

### ***Managers Response***

The submission from the Tralee Triathlon Club is noted and welcomed. The greenway is being developed as a shared amenity that allows for universal access by both cyclists and walkers of various abilities. It should be noted however that the proposed greenway is for amenity and leisure use only and is a shared pedestrian and walking facility. It should not be used solely for cycling clubs and performance cyclists.

### ***Managers Recommendation***

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

### **Submission No. C-2**

**Aisling O'Sullivan, St. Brendan's National School, Fenit,**

### **Tralee, Co. Kerry**

#### ***Submission***

St Brendan's National School is very supportive of the project and would welcome an access point from the Parish Hall onto the proposed route of the Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

The access point could be used for the school community to provide safe walking route to the beach. At present there is a very popular walking club in the school which walks once a week to the beach and back. Our current role has us walking on the main road into the village of Fenit which is dangerous due to large volumes of traffic to the pier (Lierbherr trucks).

### ***Managers Response***

Kerry County Council in partnership with St Brendan's National School are currently exploring the option of providing a local access at Castlevew. Kerry County Council officials are in negotiations with the residents of the locality.

It is envisioned that any agreed access will be controlled and managed by the school to prevent antisocial behaviours which is a concern for the adjacent residents in Castlevew. Negotiations with all relevant parties are on-going and this will form part of agreed accommodation works.

### ***Managers Recommendation***

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

### **Submission No. C-3**

**Dave Elton, Secretary of the Chain Gang Cycling Club**

#### ***Submission***

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

It states that the Tralee-Fenit Greenway would be a great benefit to the club and for leisure cyclists in general. Over the past two years the Chain Gang CC has tried to promote the mile section of the greenway from Bracker O'Regan Road, the River Lee amenity trail and the Tralee-Blennerville canal.

The proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway would be a huge benefit to the club as it would be a great introduction to newer members and less confident cyclists. The proposal would enable them to cycle a significant distance at a relaxed pace in a traffic free environment.

The greenway would be beneficial to local business, potential new business and existing business in Tralee and Fenit, the Spa and Kilfenora.

This development would be the most inspiration and beneficial 15km of tarmac put down in the County for many years.

The Chain Gang club 100% support this project and look forward to the day its completed.

### **Managers Response**

The greenway is being developed as a shared amenity that allows for universal access by both cyclists and walkers of various abilities. It should be noted however that the proposed greenway is for amenity and leisure use only and is a shared pedestrian and walking facility. It should not be used solely for cycling clubs and performance cyclists.

### **Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

### **Submission No. C-4**

*[Donnacha Clifford, Kerrycycling.com](#)*

#### **Submission**

This submission thanks Kerry County Council for trying to progress the greenway from Tralee-Fenit. The proposed greenway will create a safe way for people to enjoy the local countryside with undoubtedly many benefits for the local business and citizens alike.

### **Managers Response**

This submission from kerrycycling.com is noted and welcomed.

### **Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

### **Submission C-5**

*[Margaret Lynch, Secretary of Friends of Tralee-Fenit Greenway](#)*

#### **Submission**

The Friends of the Tralee to Fenit Greenway supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway. This submission welcomes the re-opening of the old Tralee Fenit railway line as a public greenway route as it will be beneficial to the wider Tralee community to have such a facility in the locality.

It is evident from other communities the positive impact Greenways can have on local economies through tourism, but equally as noteworthy are the health and well-being benefits experienced by individuals and families who use the trails. Similar projects, such as the 'Great Western Greenway', in Mayo the 'Great Southern Trail' in Limerick and the 'Waterford Greenway' have proven to be a great success in these aspects.

Routes like Tralee-Fenit greenway are particularly highlighted for their importance within the National Cycle Policy Framework, Objective 3 states:

*Greenways are especially important for, typically, the first 10km along the routes emanating from busy town centres which are heavily trafficked and particularly unattractive for inexperienced or very young cyclists.*

The completion of the remainder of the Tralee-Fenit greenway route would provide utility, tourist and recreational cyclists as well as pedestrians, runners and hikers with a dedicated off-road path from the county's main public transport interchange to the county's main outdoor recreational activity hub. In addition to this the route provides a direct link between the county's largest urban area, its suburbs and its two main commuter villages.

This submission outlines a number of queries and comments on the project:

- Width,

The proposal stated that a surfaced pavement of 3m in width is to be constructed, we note that 3m is 'minimum' standard width for a low volume route as defined in Table 4.1 of TII's 'Rural Cycleway Design' guideline.

- Access points,

The creation of a least 4 access point in Fenit village

- Trailhead

- Island Road
- Tawlaght Lane
- Pump House

- Integrity of the Greenway Route

It is requested that the development utilises the existing rail route in full without deviation.

- Universal Access

It is requested that the 7 Principles of Universal Design are fully adhered to during the design and planning process.

- Planting

Request that contact be made with the National Biodiversity Data Centre for any proposed planting with the possibility of the provision of a biodiversity trail and pollinator plan. That the adjacent pockets of land included within the route be planted with suitable native plants, e.g. wildflower meadow or provide picnic/rest stop, lookout/information stop.

- Signage

That an inventory of any old railway signage, signalling and other artefacts of railway heritage be undertaken and that they are protected and restored.

- Screen fencing

Metal security type fencing should not be used along the route and would propose the use of a timber or screen planting alternative or the re-use of reclaimed rails and sleepers where possible.

- Kilfenora bridge proposal

This bridge, which will have a prominent position, should be made a feature possibly giving reference to the heritage of the former branch line. It is not clear why bollards are indicated on the detail drawing or why they would be required. It is noted on the detail drawing that 'Residential Screening and Security Fence subject to agreement' is proposed on or near the bridge. We would disagree with the usage security fencing given the prominent position of the bridge and suggest that the required screening be in keeping with the scenic rural location while meeting the needs of the residents.

- Requiring cyclist to dismount

It is noted that the proposals indicate the use of chicanes to encourage cyclists to dismount. This is contrary to the guidelines of TII's 'Rural Cycleway Design' of which 7.4.2 Single Carriageway Crossings states that 'chicanes or on approach stagger should be provided to slow cyclists on the approach crossings. This is for speed control rather than access control measure and should not force users to dismount'.

### ***Managers Response***

Kerry County Council are committed to providing access points at the trail heads at Fenit village and Ballynahoulort. Local public access points at other sections may be accommodated by agreement at a later stage subject to local needs and approval.

Currently it is proposed that the entrance to the greenway will begin at or near the existing footbridge in the vicinity of the playground area in Fenit. There is one other public access point in the townland of Ballymakegoge at chainage 4850m before the exit from the greenway at Bracker O'Regan road junction in Ballynahoulort.

Kerry County Council in partnership with St Brendan's National School are currently exploring the option of providing a local access at Castlevew. Kerry County Council officials are in negotiations with the residents of the locality. It is intended that the proposed access will be controlled and managed by the school to prevent antisocial behaviours which is a main concern for the adjacent residents in Castlevew. Negotiations with all relevant parties are on-going and this will form part of agreed accommodation works post the part 8 process.

It is not intended to have a local access from the R558 onto the greenway at the pump house at the entrance to Fenit village. The land required for access between the greenway and the R558 is in private ownership.

In the interest of residential amenity as indicated on the drawing, the route is being re-routed at Castlevew.

Kerry County Council are committed to implementing the 7 principles of universal design into the detail design of the proposed greenway. These include:

- Principle 1: Equitable Use
- Principle 2: Flexibility in Use
- Principle 3: Simple and Intuitive Use
- Principle 4: Perceptible Information
- Principle 5: Tolerance for Error
- Principle 6: Low Physical Effort
- Principle 7: Size and Space for Approach and Use

The design principles as set out in the TII Publication (April )2017; *'Rural Cycle Design Manual'* shall be considered and implemented during the detailed design process. Kerry County Council will also consult with the National Council of the blind Ireland (NCBI) and Disability Federation of Ireland (DFI) to ensure the project is suitable for all users.

All propose planting and landscaping shall be native and indigenous species.

Existing boundaries consist of existing ditches or land drains, earth mounds, vegetation (trees and hedgerows), fencing, walls, slopes or embankments, grassed areas, structures and roads.

Where new boundary treatment are required they will consist of one of the following:

- Natural earth mounds
- Fencing – timber post and railing (stock proof) fencing
- Residential screenings (panel fencing)
- Grassed verge or hedgerows or open areas (existing embankments)

All residential screening will be in keeping with the scenic rural location, in particular at Kilfenora, while meeting the needs of the residents.

Where the proposed greenway crosses a public road speed control mechanisms such as chicanes in association with appropriate advance signage and road markings will be erected along the route to require cyclist's to stop and give way in accordance with the *Department of Transport Tourism and Sport (2010); 'Traffic Signs Manual'*. The arrangement at crossings of the greenway with private roads and residential access roads shall be treated in the same manner as public roads with the exception that yield signs rather than stops signs will be used on approach.

For safety reasons cyclists will be required to give way to traffic using the access road. Refer to additional detail drawings 203, 204 and 205 in appendix 1 of this report for further details.

Kerry County Council will be responsible for the operational management and future maintenance of the greenway and ancillary infrastructure including the boundary walls and fencing. Kerry County Council will ensure that a Management and Maintenance Plan for the greenway will be fully developed in line with the National Greenway Strategy.

### **Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

### **Submission C-6**

**Keith Phelan, Kerry Cycling Campaign**

#### **Submission**

- The proposed development in conjunction with the North Kerry Greenway / Great Southern Trail to Listowel has the potential to open up North Kerry to increased tourism levels, to encourage greater

levels of walking and cycling locally and in the immediate Tralee-Fenit corridor and in particular revitalise the villages of Fenit and Spa as desired destination.

- The Fitzpatrick's report commissioned by Failte Ireland on the economic impact of Mayo Greenway notes that all direct expenditure associated with the greenway would contribute to a projected €7.2m in spending in the local economy. Similar dividend should also apply to the proposed greenways and serve s a major economic boost to the area.
- Overall, Kerry Cycling Campaign are very supportive of the proposed scheme and have a number of specific comments to make:

Requiring cyclist to dismount at crossings – contrary to TII Rural Cycle Design of which 7.4.2 Single carriage Crossing states:

*chicanes or on approach staggers should be provided to slow cyclists on the approach crossings. This is for speed control rather than access control measure and should not force users to dismount.*

#### Safe and easy access to the greenway is essential.

- Adequate parking spaces at each end of the trail need to be provided. 2 access points at either end would not meet the needs of local people who would primarily use it for commuting.
- National Cycle Policy Framework has an objective (4.1) that all schools be provided with a cycle route:  
*Provide Cycle Friendly Routes to all Schools, provide adequate cycle parking facilities within schools an colleges and provide cycle training for all school pupils.*
- There are 3 schools along this section of greenway, Mercy Mounthawk Secondary School, Fenit National School and Spa National School which have not been considered in this proposal.
- One proposal is to design and construct a ramp directly to the school from the greenway, this would also serve Fenit Community Centre and Church and other sports grounds.
- With regard to Spa National School, a pedestrian and cycle pathway is required to safely connect the greenway at chainage 6500m to the school.
- A further access point is required at the Spa Station House Chainage 5550m for those travelling to the school from the west.
- The busy intersection in Spa centre would also have to be redesigned to allow for non-motorised traffic.

Developing these access point would have many benefits aside from the school, they would also link with the North Kerry way, the current shoreline walk connecting Spa to Cockleshell Bay and Tralee Canal walk.

#### Width of the greenway

The greenway is 3m wide along the entire route. Kerry Cycling Campaign request that 3m is the minimum width. If the route is promoted well, and being in close proximity of Tralee town, it would be expected to have a high volume of usage.

#### Signage

Adequate signage required along the route indicating access points.

The existing greenway from Mounthawk to Tralee Town Centre is not sign posted and practically invisible to people unfamiliar with the town.

Signage is critical for promotion.

#### **Managers Response**

Refer Submission C-5 response.

Signage shall be provided along the entire length of the route. This will include improved signage along the entire route. All signage along the route shall be in accordance with the Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht; 'Greenway Branding and Signage Guidelines'.

The development of ancillary facilities including the provision of additional car parking facilities, if necessary, will require the acquisition of new lands not currently within the ownership of Kerry County Council. This is a matter that will be addressed in the future.

## **Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

### Submission C-7

*Colm Ryder, Secretary of Dublin Cycling Campaign*

#### **Submission**

Cyclist.ie is Ireland's national cycling advocacy network, and the Irish member of the European Cyclists Federation.

This proposed scheme has the potential to open up this area of Kerry to increased tourism levels, to encourage greater levels of walking and cycling locally in the immediate Tralee to Fenit corridor, and in particular to revitalise the village of Fenit as a desired destination. It should also help to increase the daily use of bicycles to access schools and to commute

Overall this submission is supportive of this scheme and the reasonable design quality. Dublin cycling campaign commend Kerry CC for advancing this proposal, but have a number of comments to make, and seek clarification on, in relation to the posted documentation, and the route details.

The drawings does not provide enough detail or actual cross sections to enable a critical examination of the overall proposals, particularly at critical bridge sections and road crossings. At this stage of development clear technical drawings should be supplied, to provide clarity on the actual proposals at a variety of locations along the route.

There appears to be no clear proposals to provide a range of access points on to the Greenway, particularly at schools, housing units, sports facilities and gathering points.

It is also not clear what arrangements, if any, will be put in place at any access points to the Greenway to ensure that motor vehicles will be unable to access it.

Specific comments relate to the following:

- Major Access Points

New Greenway routes such as these need to have clear outlines of these major access points, including proposed upgrading of the existing area, information boards and signage. Nowhere in the supplied documentation is this issue addressed.

- Increased Number of Access Points

For this proposed route to be successful the County Council initially need to encourage local use and local access. Along the proposed alignment there is a number of schools, a number of businesses and hospitality locations, and also sports facilities. These facilities should be prioritised to create desirable access to the Greenway.

There needs to be more entry points on to the existing 2.2km town section of Greenway. points from neighbouring estates are promoted

- Greenway Width

Cyclist.ie suggests that this 3 metres is 'minimum' standard width for a low volume route as defined in Table 4.1 of TII's 'Rural Cycleway Design' guidelines

- Surface Type

Cyclist.ie are happy to see that a bituminous tarmacadam surface is proposed for the greenway surface. This type of surface is the preferred surface for cyclists in general, but also for wheelchair and pram users.

#### **Managers Response**

Refer to managers response to C-5 and C-6.

Where the proposed greenway crosses a public road speed control mechanisms such as chicanes in association with appropriate advance signage and road markings will be erected along the route to require cyclist's to stop and give way in accordance with the *Department of Transport Tourism and Sport (2010); 'Traffic Signs Manual'*. The arrangement at crossings of the greenway with private roads and residential access roads shall be treated in the same manner as public roads with the exception that yield signs rather than stops signs will be used on approach.

For safety reasons cyclists will be required to give way to traffic using the access road. Refer to additional detail drawings 203, 204 and 205 in appendix 1 of this report for further details.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendment to the project that went on public display.

**Submission C-8**

**Niamh Murphy Chairperson Tralee Junior Triathlon Club**

**Submission**

Tralee Junior Triathlon Club supports of the proposed Tralee to Fenit Greenway.

A large percentage of the junior members are from the local Spa, Fenit, Barrow and Tralee area. The greenway would be used regularly by our members for both training and leisure activities.

Triathlon is a rapidly growing multidisciplinary sport that involves swimming, cycling and running. Junior triathlon has distances for all ages from 6 -18 years. The club currently has 65 junior members and is growing every year.

Unfortunately for safety reasons the club are not able run a full triathlon as the main road is just too dangerous for our juniors to cycle on. The greenway would be invaluable to the club.

Locke's beach in Fenit is the safest swimming beach in the area. The juniors run from the beach to the Tralee Bay bathing slip, all off road and very safe.

Cycling however is not possible at the moment without a closed road or greenway. Triathlon Ireland rules for running a junior cycling event prohibit juniors from cycling on open roads. They must cycle on a closed road/greenway or grass.

Tralee Junior Triathlon Club committee, parents and members are in full support of the Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission from the Tralee Junior Triathlon Club is noted and welcomed. The greenway is being developed as a shared amenity that allows for universal access by both cyclists and walkers of various abilities. It should be noted however that the proposed greenway is for amenity and leisure use only and is a shared pedestrian and walking facility. It should not be used solely for cycling clubs and performance cyclists.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission C-9**

**John Moriarty, Treasurer, Fenit Development Association**

**Submission**

Fenit Development fully support every aspect of this projects and believes that it will bring significant socio-economic development to the area.

This submission states that the development will benefit local people and visitors alike by providing a resource that can be used to commute and engage in activities that do not require motorised transport.

The Development Association suggest that Kerry County Council consider incorporate access to the walkway at the point where is runs adjacent the parish centre and primary school, this will allow people, specifically children, access the playground and beach without having to travel on the main road, which currently does not have a footpath as is especially dangerous at the sharp bend at Sullivan's bar.

Fenit in recent years has become a hub for a number of land and sea based clubs and enterprises, the annual Triathlon event bring significant number of visitors and this piece of infrastructure will enhance their

activities. We have also run a number of nature based events over the years and a development like the greenway will show a commitment to promoting developments that are sustainable.

**Managers Response**

Kerry County Council are committed to working with Fenit Development Association in relation to the delivery of the proposed development.

In relation to access points refer to Managers response to submission C-5

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission C-10**

**Niamh Ni Dhúill, Gorbrack, Tráilí, Co. Chairraí**

**Submission**

This submission supports fully the development of Tralee -Fenit Greenway. This greenway is much needed and wanted by the people in these communities.

It will be a very valuable addition to the growing need to spend time outdoors in nature, with the acknowledged health, wellbeing and recreational benefits.

It will also create a valuable wildlife corridor, increasing and protecting local biodiversity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission C-11**

**Richard Hurley, Tralee Bay Sailing Club**

**Submission**

The development of the Tralee - Fenit Greenway would have a hugely positive impact on Tourism in the area, and the development of sailing as a sport.

**Managers Response**

This submission from the Tralee Bay Sailing club is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission C-12**

**John Murry Chairperson Chain Gang Cycling Club**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed development and expresses how important it is that this greenway is progressed to the next stage and work to begin as soon as possible.

This link between Fenit and Tralee and further on to Limerick in the coming years will be a fantastic addition to the town of Tralee and to Kerry in general and will greatly advance Cycling and Walking tourism in our beautiful county.

Experience from Waterford Greenway shows the positive effect the link between Dungarvan and Waterford has done for tourism in the South East. The same can happen in Tralee and North Kerry.

**Managers Response**

This submission from the Chain Gang Cycling club is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-1**

**Michael Keely, Little Oak, Aughacsla, Castlegregory.**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed scheme. It states that while progress on this project is slow for the last decade, while other greenways are finishing and operational in other parts of the Country, it is positive that the project is finally in sight.

It references the success of the Waterford greenway and states that the proposed development would be beneficial to both Tralee, Fenit and the North Kerry region.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-2**

**Aibhe Keoghan Little Oak, Aughacsla, Castlegregory**

**Submission**

The submission supports the development of the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway due to the enormous economic benefits it will bring to the local community.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-3**

**Kieran Rutledge, CEO, Aqua Dome, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. It states not only will the development be an excellent facility for the locals and visitors alike but it will also ensure that trips to Fenit from Tralee are safer than currently the case. It states that the road is currently unsafe for both pedestrians and cyclist alike.

**Managers Response**

This submission from the CEO of the Aqua Dome is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-4**

**Mike O Neill, O Neills Fresh Produce, Drumtaker, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission expresses support for the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

It states that the project is long overdue and should be welcomed wholeheartedly by all. The benefit of the scheme range from health, tourism, business and it's social amenity value.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-5**      **Padraig McGillicuddy, Ballygarry House, Hotel and Spa, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee-Fenit greenway.

Hiking and walking is a vital part of the tourism offering that enhances and help promote Tralee as a destination. The Ballygarry house hotel team are fully behind the project and willing to help progress the matter if possible.

**Managers Response**

This submission from Ballygarry House Hotel and Spa is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-6**

**Gortbrack Organic Farm, Ballyseedy, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission lends support to the Tralee-Fenit Greenway. The only provision is that they are truly green and not tarmacadamed sufficiently to run a truck down as in other project.

**Managers Response**

To ensure that the proposed greenway complies with the 7 principles of universal design and the amenity is accessible to all users, i.e. families with buggies, cyclists and disabled users, Kerry County Council proposes to finish the amenity to the highest possible standard. The greenway shall be surfaced with bitumen tarmacadam for the entire 10.65km route.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-7**

**Hanora (Noreen) O' Flaherty**

**Submission**

This submission set out concerns regarding the proposed greenway. The author's house (former Spa Station House) is in an isolated area adjacent to the line and the following observation are set out:

1. Security and maintenance of the property and residential amenity.
2. Measures to ensure that any anti-social behaviour will be prevented and dealt with.
3. Concerns about the unauthorized access to her property.

**Managers Response**

It is proposed to locate the greenway greenway as far as practically possible away from the cottage but within the corridor of the railway boundary ownership

Privacy screening and boundary fencing be installed to provide adequate screening between the greenway and the dwelling to ensure that the residential amenity and security of the property is protected. These accommodation works shall be agreed with the landowner prior to the completion of the works.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-8**

**Maurice Egan, Tawlaght, Fenit, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission set out concerns regarding the proposed greenway. Mr Egan is the owner of the lands set out in Folio KY127N.

There is one agricultural crossing indicated on the Part VIII drawings located at chainage 1,700m along the eastern side of the property. There is a second crossing at chainage 1,525m which is currently being used and his family have historical use to access the lands to the south of the road. This second crossing is not marked on the drawings. Recent aerial photographs validate the existence and use of this access point.

The submission states that it's imperative that this access and that requests that Kerry County Council recognise this.

The submission also states that the author is in favour of the greenway project that runs in front of his lands.

### **Managers Response**

Kerry County Council officials are currently negotiating accommodation works and access points at this location. All existing agricultural access and residential crossings at this location will be honoured and regularised where possible.

### **Managers Recommendation**

Drawings amended to include the existing agricultural access ch.7400m – proposed amendment no. 2.

## **Submission No. G-9**

**Con and Una O'Connor, 30 The Grove, Mounthawk, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

### **Submission**

This submission sets out concerns regarding the proposed greenway. These are as follows:

- Their property is adjoining the proposed greenway. A high block wall with capping and gates the same as Casement Avenue is requested along their property.
- No public lighting to be provided outside their property. There is a public light to the front of their property and the submission states that there has been a number of attempted robberies due to its location on dark nights.
- CCTV not to be placed at the end of their property.

This submission strongly objects to any future pedestrian crossing over the Bracker O' Regan road linking the skinny mile due to safety reasons. Cars drive at excessive speed on the Bracker O' Regan road in both directions. Traffic light at this crossing and reducing the speed limit to 30kph with traffic calming measures would be much safer.

### **Managers Response**

Boundary treatments will be agreed with the landowner prior to the completion of the works.

No public lighting is proposed along the greenway as it is inconsistent with the rural setting of the proposed development.

No CCTV is proposed at this location.

A full survey shall be carried out at the trail head at Mounthawk, linking this scheme with the existing Mounthawk-Edward Street section of greenway. On foot of a detailed survey and design the crossing and traffic calming measures on the Bracker O'Regan road shall be subject to a separate assessment in accordance with section 38 of the Roads Act 1994.

### **Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

## **Submission No. G-10**

**Pauline Connell**

### **Submission**

This submission relates to the Shinawill Railway cottage in Bawnboy, Clogherbrien. This property is adjacent to the proposed route.

The submission sets out the type of facilities required to the property to ensure privacy and security.

- A dwarf wall (approx.. 2ft high) with railings on top (approx..5ft) surrounding the house and garden.
- Removal of hedgerow from the garden.
- New planting of hedgerow required along the new railing on the garden section.
- Tall gates at the entrance enclosing the property.
- Parking facilities for 2 cars.
- A plinth at the beginning of the garden.
- The former railway line has a tendency to flood and new storm drains are required.
- Standard Council railing will not be accepted – photographs required of type of railing in advance of construction.
- Tall gates are essential for security.
- During construction the property owner will be present at the property to ensure a number of trees are retained.
- If possible Shinawill railway cottage to be included in all promotion of the greenway.
- Exact measurements of the proposed greenway is required.
- Provide exact measurement of the land left over that will revert back to the property owner.
- Require the same paving as the greenway from the gate to the end of parking area (tarmacadamed)
- Request that the railway lines be left in the front of the cottage for historical decorative purposes.
- As Shinawill Railway cottage is one of the few remaining “gate keepers cottage” on the Tralee – Fenit line all salvaged railway memorabilia (small items) should be retained as part of the historical importance of the cottage.
- Any signage that will be posted near the cottage to be in keeping with a gatekeepers cottage built in 1863.
- If lighting is to be erected outside our cottage in the greenway, shutters or blinds are required to block out the light.

### ***Managers Response***

Accommodation works such as boundary treatments, gates, planting etc shall be agreed with the landowner prior to the completion of the works. This body of work is ongoing and will be finalised post this process. The type of fencing will be negotiated with the landowner prior to erection, having regard to their requirements relating to residential amenity and security.

The Council will endeavour to ensure existing vegetation is retained where it does not impact negatively on the construction or operation of the proposed development.

The Council will strive to ensure all existing railway structures / heritage along the route will be promoted as part of the overall scheme, with the agreement of the registered owner and railway memorabilia recorded and retained as much as possible.

Kerry County Council propose to rehabilitate and maintain the existing drainage networks in addition to any other required drainage improvements to facilitate the greenway.

The width of the proposed carriageway shall be 3m with an additional 1m wide verge and additional buffer provided at either side of the carriageway. The design of the scheme will be in accordance with the design standards as set out in ‘TII Publication; *Rural Cycle Scheme Design (Offline)*’, April 2017.

All signage along the route shall be in accordance with the Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht ‘*Greenway Branding and Signage Guidelines*’.

No public lighting is proposed at this location along the greenway as it is inconsistent with the rural setting of the proposed development.

### ***Managers Recommendation***

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission No. G-11 Liam O' Mahony, Great Southern Greenway, 09 Bishop St., Newcastlewest, Co. Limerick.**

**Submission**

This submission requests deadline dates and email address for making submissions.

**Managers Response**

Kerry County Council responded to Mr O Mahony's request regarding dates and email address for submissions.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission No. G-12 Rodger Garland Keep Ireland Open, No. 43 Butterfield Drive, Dublin 14**

**Submission**

This submission is in support of the Tralee-Fenit greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission No. G-13 Deputy Michael Healy Rae, Sandymount, Kilgarvan, Co. Kerry.**

**Submission**

This submission wholeheartedly support this long awaited positive development. This local project will have national and international positive impacts on people who visit and use it.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission No. G-14 Liam O Mahony, Great Southern Greenway, 09 Bishop St., Newcastlewest, Co. Limerick**

**Submission**

The Great Southern Trail Ltd wholeheartedly supports the completion of the greenway from Tralee-Fenit. It is 30yrs since the Sustrans Report on the North Kerry Greenway was commissioned by Shannon Development.

The failure of statutory bodies to proceed with this project led to the establishment of the voluntary organisation (GST) which succeeded after lengthy campaigning in realising the Rathkeale to Kerry border section. GSYT managed this section until it was handed over to Limerick city and County Council in 2015.

It has always been GST's objective to see the entire project completed to Tralee/Fenit and in this regard we urge Kerry County Council to plan and make a funding application for the additional 27km link to incorporate the remainder of the North Kerry railway route through Lixnaw, Abbeydorney and Ardfert, which you now own, thereby providing a continuous 90km+ Greenway from Rathkeale to Fenit.

This submission urges both local authorities to take cognisance of the response (below) of Minister Shane Ross to a recent Parliamentary Question (from Limerick T.D. Tom Neville) in which the Minister acknowledges the tourism potential of a Limerick to Tralee/Fenit Greenway:

*The Greenways Strategy will provide a framework for the development of Ireland's greenways and will determine the type of project to be funded by my Department over the coming decade. This is a long*

*term Strategy with the aim of increasing the number, length and regional spread of greenways across the country. It will set out guidance to project promoters including strategic nature, length, design standards, accommodation works and early consultation with communities and land owners along proposed routes.*

*I plan to publish the Strategy in the coming month following which I plan to announce a funding call later in 2018 with a view to awarding funding to a number of projects for drawdown between 2019 to 2021. I was pleased to secure additional funding for greenways last year bringing the total available for the period 2018 to 2021 to €55.9m.*

*There is no doubt that the extension of the Great Southern Greenway towards Limerick City and to Listowel/Tralee would increase the tourism potential of this route both in Limerick and Kerry.*

**Managers Response**

This submission from GSTis noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission No. G-15**  
**Zealand**

**Will Andrews, No.7 Ranui road, Stoke, Nelson New**

**Submission**

This submission strongly supports the application to construct the Tralee-Fenit Greenway. There is huge dividend that local communities earn from the tourist dollar that follow greenways.

Tourism is huge in EU and Kerry is missing out on a major market.

The proposed greenway will enhance the local environment , contribute to the national economy by attracting active, big spending tourist from Germany, France and beyond.

The proposed greenway will reduce dependence on cars and injection to the local economy.

This submission requests that the Council overcome NIMBY and self-interested opposition arising and proceed the planning and construction of the greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission No. G-16**

**Kevin Nulty Tawlaght, Fenit, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission relates to a site in Tawlaght, Fenit. The proposed greenway will pass in front of this site. The adjacent landowner has a right of way over the existing railway line. A number of queries are raised in this submission:

- Will this right of way be preserved?
- How will the existence of the greenway affect any planning application for a private dwelling on the site?
- When services are provided to the site there will be a need to dig up the greenway – who incurs the cost?
- Will there be a ducting placed underneath the greenway to facilitate provision of the services to the site?

**Managers Response**

All existing established rights-of-way across the greenway shall be honoured and regularised where possible.

The proposed greenway will not impact on any individuals submitting planning applications, under section 34 of the Planning & Development Act. All future private planning applications will be assessed on their own merits and in accordance with the requirements of the Development Plan for the area.

Services associated with a private planning application and development is a matter for the developer involved. All cost associated with these services shall be incurred by the individual involved. However, service ducts may be provided as part of the accommodation works subject to the granting of planning permission on the subject site.

### **Managers Recommendation**

The existing right of way across these lands shall be maintained and regularized.

### **Submission No. G-17**

**Jim Fitzgerald 24 Fenit Without, Fenit Village, Tralee, Co.**

### **Kerry**

### **Submission**

This submission raises questions in relation to the proposed development:

1. Why is the proposed greenway not terminating at the pumphouse at the entrance to the village as previously agreed? The original plan would bring people onto the public road into the village passing shops and local business.
2. Why was this plan changed without further consultation with the village residences.
3. The garden wall of this property backs onto the railway line and is originally stone railing wall. This is not completely sound along its full length. Will the council give written indemnity if this wall falls into the greenway?
4. Will the greenway have lighting? If so, what type of lighting?
5. The former railway line has become over grown and formed an ideal and safe habitat for many species. This project will now destroy this.
6. Will litter control and maintenance be the responsibility of Kerry County Council?
7. This plan as shown are lacking in details and should be expanded and explained to residence adjacent to the route. This submission requests that the project not proceed without full agreement of all those affected.

### **Managers Response**

The proposed route of the greenway is in line with national policy and local objectives for off-road cycleways and offers the most direct and safest route to Fenit. It also complies with the design requirements with respect to gradients and this allows universal access and use for all in a car free environment. It follows the line of the original railway line and stays predominantly within the curtilage of this property which has now been transferred to Kerry County Council. The economic benefits of this type of infrastructure has been clearly demonstrated elsewhere and it is expected that similar benefits will occur in Fenit.

Kerry County Council presented the current proposed route to the Community at a public display event in Fenit Parish Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018.

Liability for the proposed development will remain with Kerry County Council.

No public lighting is proposed along the greenway as it is inconsistent with the rural setting of the proposed development.

A full assessment of habitat loss was conducted and set out in the Environmental Assessment Screening Report associated with this development. This report concluded that loss of local predominately scrub habitat along the line and the trimming of hedgerow vegetation is not deemed significant. It is a commonly occurring habitat type/land use in the context of the local landscape.

Maintenance of the proposed development will be the responsibility of Kerry County Council. The council also propose to implement the leave no trace ethos along the development.

Accommodation works shall be agreed with the landowner prior to the completion of the works.

***Managers Recommendation***

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

***Submission No. G-18***

***Joan Godley Snr, 4 Inland View, Fenit, Tralee, Co. Kerry***

***Submission***

This submission objects to the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway for the following reasons:

The proposed greenway will be approximately 4meter from the authors house. The embankment all along our property is cause for concern. There is nothing hindering visibility into the dwelling and garden along the entire boundary of the site.

Screening and planting along the route is vague, security is an issue. Due to the proximity of the railway line and encroachment of this property there is no deterrent to accessing and trespassing onto this property.

The economic impact needs to be questioned. The original plan was to come off line at the pumphouse on the entrance to the village. This would allow cyclist and walkers to go through the village using the cycle lane and footpaths. By passing the townland entering at the pier will bring little economic effect to upper section of Fenit.

On the new plan the route is being re-routed at Castleview as there is an encroachment into their gardens. These are local authority houses and the private property owners feel they are being discriminated against. The embankment is higher, and it also encroaches the privately owned dwellings and gardens.

***Managers Response***

On further assessment and subsequent meetings with the local residents directly impacted at this location it was clarified that the embankment would be sufficiently excavated and the proposed greenway lowered to a level that would ensure that their privacy and security is preserved. The exact level of the proposed greenway will be subject to final design but it will be at a depth that will allow uninterrupted enjoyment of their residential amenity.

The greenway will also be relocated away from the residential properties in so far as the design permits. Any supplementary privacy screening is likely to be minimal.

Kerry County Council presented the current proposed route to the Community at a public display event in Fenit Parish Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018.

The proposed route of the greenway is in line with national policy and local objectives for off-road cycleways and offers the most direct and safest route to Fenit. It also complies with the design requirements with respect to gradients and this allows universal access and use for all in a car free environment.

The route follows the line of the original railway line and stays predominantly within the curtilage of this property which has now been transferred to Kerry County Council. The economic benefits of this type of infrastructure has been clearly demonstrated elsewhere and it is expected that similar benefits will occur in Fenit.

***Managers Recommendation***

The existing embankment will be sufficiently excavated from chainage 400m to chainage 800m to allow the depth of the proposed greenway to be lowered to a level that will ensure that the privacy and security of adjoining residents is protected. Any supplementary screening is to be agreed with the residents.

**Dublin**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee – Fenit development. The submission states that it will add greatly to Kerry Tourism attractions. It also requests that the Listowel to Tralee section of the line be added to the existing greenway at a future date.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**D16R9X3**

**Submission**

This submission is opposed to the proposed Tralee-Fenit greenway. The following issues are raised:

- They own land at both sides of the line with two crossings one of which is a Bothareen and the other an agriculture access only.
- The land has been in the family since 1907. The land for the railway line was acquired by CIE for the sole purpose of operating a train service from Tralee-Fenit.
- CIE abandoned the line in 1978 and as a result the land reverted back to the farm owners.
- Lack of maintenance by CIE has resulted in flooding of the family lands and adjacent road, endangering driving conditions.

**Managers Response**

All existing established rights of way across the greenway shall be honoured and regularised where possible.

CIE ceased operation of the line in 1978. In 2017 CIE transferred ownership of the former railway line to Kerry County Council and the land is in public ownership.

The existing drainage system associated with the railway line has become overgrown in places due to the lack of maintenance. Kerry County Council propose to rehabilitate and maintain the existing drainage networks in addition to any other required drainage improvements to facilitate the greenway.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission**

This submission raises concerns that any gates placed on the Greenways may not be user-friendly for wheelchair users, cyclists and persons pushing buggies.

This submission suggests that gates were installed on other Greenways which meant that the above named users were unable to go through them.

**Managers Response**

Gates shall be provided onto the greenway from adjacent agricultural lands/residential properties where required.

The scheme shall be designed to ensure access for all users; including families with buggies, wheelchair users and cyclists.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission**

This submission welcomes the Part 8 stage of this project and supports the proposal to extend the present Greenway from Tralee to Fenit.

The conversion of the disused rail line has long been an objective in the current and previous County Development plans and is also a goal in the Smarter Travel plan for Tralee.

The submission makes the following suggestions:

- For maximum usage and 'buy in' from host communities the route should be provided with as many dedicated access points as possible.
- Consideration should be given to the provision of a safe crossing at the completed head of the route on the Oakpark Road to lead directly into a bike park/rental facility within Tralee train station.
- Consideration should be given to consulting with the National Biodiversity Data Centre regarding any proposed planting to comply with an overall pollinator planting plan.
- The adoption of the '7 Principles of Universal Design' in the design and planning process should be undertaken to maximise access for all users .
- That an inventory of the railway signage and signalling be undertaken and that where possible they are protected and restored.
- The success of the completed urban section in Tralee indicates the widespread support and desire for this overdue public amenity.
- Apart from the tourist value to the region, its completion will offer a safe alternative to the busy and at times congested R558 to commuters, students and leisure pedestrians/ cyclists along the route. It will also provide an ideal facility for the 'Lets Talk & Walk' scheme launched in 2017 by the IFA aimed at encouraging farming families to socialise through walking excursions.
- The proposal is unique as it will complete a 13km off road route from the main county train station to a tourist village with a blue flag beach on the Wild Atlantic Way.
- Funding for the development of this Greenway is now available under the recent 'Strategy for the Future Development of National & Regional Greenways'. In comparison with other developed and proposed Greenways the Tralee-Fenit proposal will provide a greater return for investment due to this dual role in providing a dedicated commuter route in the county's capital town as well as a tourist amenity along the WAW.
- The public ownership of this route ensures that the realisation of the project is relatively straightforward in comparison to schemes where lands need to be purchased or CPO's are required. Having widespread local public support from business, tourist and sporting organisations as well as from TD Brendan Griffin (Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport with special responsibility for Tourism and Sport) this presents the opportunity for the first flagship Greenway in Co. Kerry to be realised within a year.
- The summer excursion train from Tralee to Fenit was popular with local and tourist day-trippers and ran up to the late 1970's.

**Managers Response**

Refer to the managers response to C-5 and G-9 regarding access points.

The completion of the Tralee-Fenit section will alter the section of the current urban cycle track from one of urban cycleway to a greenway. This will necessitate a review of the current road crossings and signage throughout its length.

A full inventory of all railway memorabilia will be recorded and where possible where possible it will be reinstated and maintained.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission raises the following issues:

- A previous commitment to bring the greenway to the start of the village in Fenit is now superseded by the current proposal. How did this change come about?
- Was there an understanding further to the series of public meetings in Ballyroe hotel that any development of a greenway would end at the entrance to the village?
- What are the benefits of the new route to the village?
- Clarification is required.
- The public information day had very little information on how the greenway would look when complete.
- The concerns of Castlevew Fenit about the proposed route would appear to have been addressed and under consideration before the public consultation event. The other residents in Fenit, whose properties adjoin the railway line should be afforded the same consideration.
- Privacy/security
- The proposed route raises issues of security and privacy. How will this be managed. What access points are planned?
- What screening / buffering measures for security /privacy will be taken?
- The type of fence / wall might equally affect my enjoyment of my property.
- Re-routing the alignment away from existing properties and maximising buffers to properties is a minimum requirement.
- Management of the greenway – who is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of amenity and its environs? For example my property shares a dividing wall with the railway. This wall is in poor state and requires ongoing attention. Who will be responsible for the wall?
- Is lighting planned for the development?

**Managers Response**

Kerry County Council acquired the ownership of the Tralee to Fenit railway line from CIE in 2017 and now wishes to progress the development of a greenway along this route. The proposed route is in line with national policy and local objectives for off-road cycleways and offers the most direct and safest route to Fenit. It also complies with the design requirements with respect to gradients and this allows universal access and use for all in a car free environment. Maximising the length of the off road section will maximise safety and usage as well as making it accessible for the elderly and disabled.

The economic benefits of this type of infrastructure has been clearly demonstrated elsewhere in Waterford and Mayo and it is expected that similar benefits will occur in Fenit and the surrounding hinterland.

On further assessment and subsequent meetings with the local residents in Fenit Without it was clarified that embankment would be sufficiently excavated and the proposed greenway lowered to a level that would ensure that their privacy and security is preserved. The exact level of the proposed greenway will be subject to final design but it will be at a depth that will allow uninterrupted enjoyment of their residential amenity. Any supplementary privacy screening is likely to be minimal.

The specific requirements with respect to accommodation works will be agreed with landowners individually in the case of specific needs and/or collectively as appropriate.

Kerry County Council are committed to providing access points at the trail heads at Fenit village and Ballynahoulort. Local public access points at other sections may be accommodated by agreement at a later stage subject to local needs and approval. Currently it is proposed that the entrance to the greenway will begin at or near the existing footbridge in the vicinity of the playground area in Fenit. There is one other public access point in the townland of Ballymakegoge at chainage 4850m before the exit from the greenway at Bracker O'Regan road junction in Ballynahoulort.

Kerry County Council will be responsible for the operational management and future maintenance of the greenway and ancillary infrastructure including the boundary walls and fencing. Kerry County Council will ensure that a Management and Maintenance Plan for the greenway will be fully developed in line with the National Greenway Strategy.

There is no lighting planned.

#### ***Managers Recommendation***

The existing embankment will be sufficiently excavated from chainage 400m to chainage 800m to allow the depth of the proposed greenway to be lowered to a level that will ensure that the privacy and security of adjoining residents is protected. Any supplementary screening is to be agreed with the residents.

**Submission No. G-25** **Brian Stephenson, Block 2, HQ Tralee, Dominic St. Tralee, Co. Kerry**  
***Submission***

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway. This is an essential amenity for the town and it's a relatively straightforward development compared to other proposed greenways in the county.

#### ***Managers Response***

This submission is noted and welcomed.

#### ***Managers Recommendation***

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-26** **Fiona Cooke and**  
**Mike Ryle**

#### ***Submission***

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

- The proposal will be a wonderful resource for the area. Current and future generations in our locality will be able to enjoy the amenity and it will have enormous benefits for their health.
- The economic gains from employment to little and large businesses will be huge.
- This submission asks all councillors to support the application.

#### ***Managers Response***

This submission is noted and welcomed.

#### ***Managers Recommendation***

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission No. G-27** **Susan Tugwell, Loughfounder, Knocknagoshel, Tralee, Co. Kerry**  
***Submission***

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway. The benefits include;

- Safe cycle route for children
- increase tourism to the areas involved.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-28****Sean Walsh, Castle Street Tralee, Co.****Kerry****Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

As a regular cyclist many local routes unsafe and unsuitable for cycling. The Greenway would provide a very safe alternative.

It would also be a great tourist attraction and provide employment for Tralee. The success of greenways in Westport and Waterford are proof of the huge positive impact it would undoubtedly have.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-29****John Barry Walsh, Clogherbrien, Tralee, Co. Kerry****Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

The proposed greenway will be a fantastic addition to the town, and will hopefully become one of the main factors to promote Tralee in years to come.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-30****Elizabeth Lynch, Lissane, Fenit, Tralee, Co.****Kerry****Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-32****Eddie Stack****Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway. It will be a fantastic safe amenity for both local and tourist alike. Very excited by this project.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-33****Mark Grehan****Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

We visited Banna last week to visit friends and the obvious benefits if the cycleway could be seen. The area around the old station was hopping with visitors and locals enjoying the water.

Add in a cycleway you have all sorts of options such as bike and water sports rental, walkers, bicycle maintenance, cafes etc etc. This will become a destination on the Wild Atlantic Way.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-34****David Elton, Pluckeen, Tralee, Co. Kerry****Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

The project has the potential as an enormous boost to the local economy from both local and tourism use. Cycling offers such a positive reach for so many people and the idea that you can cycle from the centre of Tralee to the seaside on traffic free lanes would be of huge benefit to families and people who find the roads too busy and dangerous.

For Tralee and Fenit it would see an increase in Bike Hire and Bicycle services as well a many of the people cycling, would all like to take food to eat and drink something on their way to and from the route.

The usual benefits of such a scheme would apply; a fitter population in both body and mind.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission No. G-35****Dr. Jane McCafferty****Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway

The road is a deathtrap and it is only a matter of time before cyclists and pedestrians are killed. No upgrade to the road will make it any safer unless it's along the whole 10km

The whole business of cycling tourism is growing exponentially, both with local tourists and those from overseas. This is a huge opportunity and Tralee has always been the poor cousin when it comes to attracting tourists.

The health benefits of having a safe, defined walking and cycling space are massive. We now know that a sedentary lifestyle is as bad as being a smoker, so any opportunity to promote a more active lifestyle should be grabbed with both hands.

The greenway would be beautifully cohesive to the return of the diving boards, the sailing club, probably the safest beach near Tralee for swimming.

Fenit is a fantastic seaside resort and should be made as accessible as possible.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-36**

**Mags O'Sullivan**

**Submission**

This submission is in favour of the proposed Fenit Greenway Cycle route to make this a safe passageway route for all cyclists.

There are too many road accidents & deaths caused on the roads at present as there are insufficient safe cycling routes available.

Also, this Greenway will add as a tourism amenity & the spin off will have huge positive benefits for the local & wider communities.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-37**

**Caroline O Grady**

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway

It will be such a positive asset to the area on all levels , social , environmental, health and fitness , economical Also the potential to feed into the larger North Kerry proposed Greenway is an absolute gem . Looking forward hopefully to seeing this realised. It is exciting and positive project and the benefits are potentially huge.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-38**

**Tim Supple**

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway on foot of the success of Waterford and Mayo Greenways.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-39**

**John Joe Sheehy**

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

It will bring back memories of many trips to Fenit on the Train that used to leave at the Co Ops at the top of Rock Street.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-40**

**Tomas Zek**

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

I would like to express my full support for the Tralee-Fenit Greenway. It will have a positive impact on local community and the examples from other counties (Waterford, Mayo) are showing also a positive impact on local economy. Please make it happen!

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-41**

**Brian O' Sullivan OSM Park Monavalley Buisness Park, Tralee. Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

Greenways can positively impact our community and economy. Not only do Greenways offer a safe recreation amenity, they also provide countless opportunities for social and economic renewal and growth. Greenways have been shown to increase tourism and recreation-related spending, increase property values and encourage a more healthy and active lifestyle, while ensuring a cleaner and safer environment through the promotion of sustainable transport.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-42**

**Francis Clifford**

**Submission**

This submission supports and endorsement of the Tralee - Fenit Greenway project.

This is a project that when finished will have a huge positive effect on local leisure activities and tourism.

It will also support the cycle to work programme and allow many locals to access Tralee-Fenit safely off-road.

What are the proposed access points on and off the route in the section from the start of Fenit Village to the playground beside the pier\beach?

**Managers Response**

Currently it is proposed that the entrance to the greenway will begin at or near the existing footbridge in the vicinity of the playground area in Fenit. The detailed design for the trailhead facilities will need to be finalised to accommodate all existing and future needs of the area. There is one other public access point in the

townland of Ballymakegoge at chainage 4850m before the exit to the greenway at Bracker O'Regan road junction in Tralee.

Local public access points at other sections may be accommodated by agreement at a later stage subject to local needs and approval.

### **Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

### **Submission No. G-43**

*John Joe Falvey, Knockanish West, The Spa, Co. Kerry*

### **Submission**

This submission is opposed to the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway for the following reasons:

#### **1. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report.**

The submission asserts that Kerry County Council (KCC) failed in its assessment of the project and it likely impacts on the environment in compliance with the EIA Directive and that a full EIA would be required to fully assess the impacts.

It also claims:

- KCC failed to mention the proposed works at a local road crossing at chainage 7150-7200 in Knockanush West where the drawings indicate that the existing embankment and remaining underbridge masonry stone abutments will be removed for an at grade road crossing.
- The Part 8 application is premature due to the lack of detail provided in the application including the type of accommodation works such as privacy screening and security measures for the residents along the line.
- Substantial remedial works are required to the existing drainage network and that a detailed drainage assessment and report is required.
- KCC failed to provide adequate public consultation with respect to the Part 8 application
- Full details of the screening and security measures for the residents along the line
- Inquires as to whether KCC has prepared a detailed cost estimate and recommends that adequate contingency be allowed for in the estimate to ensure the project if granted planning and continues to construction will be completed in its entirety.

#### **2. Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report**

The submission asserts that KCC did not adequately assess the likelihood of significant impacts on effected European (Natura 2000) sites in its assessment of the project and that a full AA would be required to fully assess the impacts.

#### **3. Part 8 Planning**

The submission claims that the Part 8 process may not be appropriate given that the existing drainage system associated with the old railway requires an extensive survey and that the works would not comply with proposed development allowed for under Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act (as amended)

#### **4. Irish Constitution - Fundamental Rights.**

The submission claims that project as proposed is a breach of his fundamental rights as an Irish and EU Citizen by allowing the change of use from a railway line to a greenway impacting negatively on his privacy and security and reducing the value of his property.

#### **5. Other**

The submission also claims that the greenway would be in contravention to the County development plan and not in keeping with the local environs and that no sanitation facilities are mentioned over the length of the proposed greenway.

### **Managers Response:-**

#### **1. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report.**

- Section 22 of the EIA Directive - the EIA Screening/Decision Report provided with the application does include an assessment of the likely significant effects of all elements of the project. The report

provides a description of the entire track noting and recording existing infrastructure where it occurs along the line including the track, bridges; water crossings, former railway stations/cottage, stone walls, gates and other built infrastructure. Due to the nature, scale and type of construction works required at construction, operation and/or demolition phase, the EIA screening reports determines that they are not likely to have a significant effect on the environment, and EIA is not required. This is detailed in Section 3 of the screening report.

- Section 23 of the EIA Directive - the EIA Screening/Decision Report, AA Screening Report and the plans and particulars of the proposed development were placed on public consultation. As stated in the two screening reports, all submissions made as part of that statutory process – including any supplementary information that may arise which are considered prior to a final determination being made as required by Section 23 of the EIA Directive.
- Section 25 of the EIA Directive - Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act (as amended) and corresponding Article 80 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2000 (as amended) lists developments that fall within the scope of *Local Authority Own Development*. Section 179(6) goes on to state that developments that require an EIA or AA, cannot be considered under Section 179. Having undertaken a EIA screening and AA screening of the development it was concluded that the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway was not subject to the provisions of Section 175 and/or Section 177AE. Therefore Section 179 of the Act applies and a Part 8 procedure was applicable to this development. This process, as detailed above is compliant with the EIA Directive as transposed into Irish planning legislation.
- Section 3.1.1 – The EIA screening report should have noted in greater detail the nature of the works proposed at this location as follows: the bridge structure at Knockanish West is the old underbridge crossing directly adjoining and fronting chainage 7175. The proposal called for the removal of the remaining stone abutments and the existing embankment to be lowered for an at grade crossing. On further assessment and subsequent meetings with the local residents directly impacted at this location it is now proposed to reinstate the underbridge at this location allowing sufficient clearance for agricultural vehicles. The embankment will remain to accommodate the reinstated underbridge.
- Section 3.1.2 (Compounds) – as noted in the report site compounds will occur at trailheads. Existing trailheads include the car park at Fenit and the existing trailhead in Rock Street. As described in the Project Brief KCC anticipates that there will be at least 5No compounds established at various points along the route. The purpose of the compounds is to provide adequate storage space and welfare facilities to allow the construction of the greenway in an efficient and safe manner. The compounds will have safe access to the public road network. The approach to all compound junctions will be adequately signed indicating construction traffic. Securing approval for the temporary access point and compounds will form part of the detailed design and contract preparation process.
- Section 3.1.2 (Watercourse Works) – as stated in the screening report the works required at the location highlighted are minor in nature. The nature and scale of the works informed the conclusion that significant effects on the environment were deemed unlikely and that an EIA was not required. The potential for the development to significantly effect a European site/Natura 2000 sites was addressed separately in the AA screening report that accompanied the Part 8.
- Section 3.1.3 – Japanese knotweed was recorded on the track as recorded in the screening report. The management of this infestation will be undertaken as per NRA guidelines which includes the recommendation that depending on time lags between the consenting of a project and the construction of same, pre-construction surveys will be undertaken. This will identify any changes in invasive species growth in the intervening period between the original survey work and construction of the project. This approach reflects best practices and is in recognition of the fact that flora and fauna are not static but live in a dynamic natural environment.
- Section 3.1.7, Section 3.2.1 & Section 3.3.5 – the EIA screening report and AA screening report details the local environment. Both reports conclude that there will no significant effects on the environment and/or European sites that warrant the undertaking of an EIA and/or AA.

- Section 3.2.3 – the impact on archaeology from the proposed scheme has been undertaken by the County Archaeologist. The EIA screening report details site of architectural heritage including vernacular and industrial heritage along the proposed greenway.
- Section 3.3.6 & 5.2.1 – the potential for the development to impact on both the natural heritage of the area and archaeological deposits is detailed in the EIA Screening report (and AA screening report). Both reports conclude that there will no significant effects on the environment and/or European sites that warrant the undertaking of an EIA and/or AA. As noted the impact on archaeology from the proposed scheme has been reviewed by the County Archaeologist who made a number of recommendations in relation to same. The EIA screening report and AA screening report detail the habitat types found along the length of the scheme. Both reports detail the mammal use including the results of a Bat Survey. The potential for habitats/species to be impacted by the scheme are detailed in both reports and includes the recommendation that depending on time lags between the consenting of the project and the construction of same, pre-construction surveys will be undertaken. This is standard practice and is undertaken to ensure that prior to the commencement of construction works any changes in use of the line by mammals in the intervening time since the original survey are identified. It is in recognition of the fact that flora and fauna are not static but live in a dynamic natural environment. Further to the assessments undertaken, in accordance with guidelines referenced, no significant effects on the environment or European Sites were identified that required an EIA or AA.
- Section 5.2.3 – as stated in the EIA screening report and AA screening report there will be no disturbance of the watercourse at this point.
- Section 5.2.4 – the information provided in the EIA screening report on badgers is the pre-planning survey as part of the assessment of possible impacts of the scheme. The screening report goes on to state that pre-construction surveys will be undertaken. This is standard practice – as discussed above.
- Section 5.2.4 – a Bat Survey was undertaken, and the results discussed in the EIA screening report – no impacts on bat population were identified as detailed in the EIA screening report. A pre-construction bat survey will be undertaken. It is required to identify any changes in bat activity since the original surveys were completed.
- Section 5.4.1 & Conclusion- the potential for the development to impact on both the natural heritage of the area, aquatic environment and geological deposits is detailed in the EIA Screening report (and AA screening report). Both reports conclude that there will no significant effects on the environment and/or European sites that warrant the undertaking of an EIA and/or AA.
- There has been an extensive engagement with the public as part of the consultation process associated with this Part 8 proposal. Most recently there was a pre-planning public consultation in Fenit Parish Centre on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018. This was well attended with over 164 signatures registered in the attendance sheet. There is ongoing active engagement with all adjoining landowners and interested parties.
- A full and detailed cost estimate will be prepared once the detailed design is completed.

## **2. Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report**

- Section 3.4 – as stated in the AA screening report several survey dates were undertaken of the route as listed. The most recent was in 2018.
- Section 3.4.3 – As noted in the report evidence of mammal use along the scheme was recorded – as would be expected in a rural, predominately agricultural landscape. The potential for mammals to be impacted by the scheme are detailed in both screening reports and includes the recommendation that depending on time lags between the consenting of the project and the construction of same, pre-construction surveys will be undertaken. This is standard practice (see previous comments above

in relation to same). Further to the assessments undertaken, in accordance with guidelines referenced, no significant effects on the environment or European Sites were identified that required an EIA or AA.

- The potential for the proposed development to significantly effect European sites is assessed in the AA screening report that accompanies the Part 8. No significant effects on the qualifying interests of European sites are considered likely.
- Section 3.4.5.1 & Section 3.4.5.2 – none of the habitats recorded along the line of the proposed green way is annexed habitat for which a European site is designated – as detailed in the AA screening report that accompanies the Part 8. No significant effects on the qualifying interests of European sites are considered likely.
- Conclusion: European sites within 15km of the proposed development are listed in the AA screening report that accompanies the Part 8. This report give reason as to why significant effects on all European sites within 15kms of the scheme have been ruled out and a AA not required. Further to the assessment undertaken, in accordance with guidelines referenced, no significant effects on European Sites were identified, an AA is not required.

### **3. Part 8 Planning**

- Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act (as amended) and corresponding Article 80 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2000 (as amended) lists developments that fall within the scope of Local Authority Own Development. Section 179(6) goes on to state that developments that require an EIA or AA, cannot be considered under Section 179. Having undertaken a EIA screening and AA screening of the development it was concluded that the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway was not subject to the provisions of Section 175 and/or Section 177AE. Therefore Section 179 of the Act applies, and a Part 8 procedure was applicable to this development. This process, as detailed above, is in compliance with the EIA Directive as transposed into Irish planning legislation.

### **4. Fundamental Rights**

Refer Submission C-5 in relation to issues of how the project will address privacy, security and screening will be adequately addressed ensure

Kerry County Council believes that this project will provide clear positive economic impacts to Fenit and Tralee and will stimulate economic activity between neighbouring townlands. It is consistent with both the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) and the County Development Plan and is supporting National policy.

#### ***Managers Recommendation:-***

On further assessment and subsequent meetings with local residents directly impacted at Knockanush West it is now proposed to reinstate the underbridge at chainage 7175m allowing sufficient clearance for agricultural vehicles. The embankment will remain to accommodate the reinstated underbridge – proposed amendment no. 5.

#### **Submission No. G-44 Riverdale Residents c/o John and Phil Godsell, Riversale, Kilfenora, Fenit, Co. Kerry Submission**

This submission refers to the following issues regarding the proposed development:

1. Screening, security and privacy.
2. Upkeep and maintenance.
3. The walkway should be cut in and centred on the railway and not deviating from the centre to the south.
4. Concerns about safety and privacy at the proposed bridge.
5. Concerns of flooding into the railway and gardens.

### **Managers Response**

On further assessment and subsequent meetings with the local residents at this location it was clarified that the bridge will be reinstated and the embankment on either side of the bridge would be sufficiently excavated and the proposed greenway lowered to a level that would ensure that their privacy and security is preserved. All screening will be in keeping with the scenic rural location, in particular at Kilnenora, while meeting the needs of the residents.

Kerry County Council will be responsible for the operational management and future maintenance of the greenway and ancillary infrastructure including the boundary walls and fencing. Kerry County Council will ensure that a Management and Maintenance Plan for the greenway will be fully developed in line with the National Greenway Strategy.

It is proposed to stay on the former railway line at this location and not deviate onto the existing road or agricultural passage to the South. This is as per the project brief and associated drawings.

The existing drainage system associated with the railway line has become overgrown in places due to the lack of maintenance. Kerry County Council propose to rehabilitate and maintain the existing drainage network in addition to any other required drainage improvements to facilitate the greenway.

### **Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

### **Submission No. G-45**

*Breda Doyle and Sean Collins*

#### **Submission**

This submission requests that Kerry County Council consult with them with regard to the rear of their property.

The main concerns are:

- Privacy,
- Security,
- Child protection / at risk situation.
- Clarity regarding the height and levels of the proposed screening.

### **Managers Response**

Privacy screening, security fencing, boundary walls will be installed to provide adequate screening between the greenway and the dwelling to ensure that the residential amenity of the property is protected. These accommodation works shall be agreed with the landowner prior to the completion of the works.

### **Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

### **Submission No. G-46**

*John Shanahan Bawnboy, Tralee, Co. Kerry*

#### **Submission**

This submission expresses concern regarding security and flooding associated with the proposed greenway and its impact on the laneway to his property.

### **Managers Response**

The existing drainage system associated with the railway line has become overgrown in places due to the lack of use and maintenance. Kerry County Council propose to rehabilitate and maintain the existing drainage networks in addition to any other required drainage improvements to facilitate the greenway.

### **Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

- The greenway provides an excellent opportunity for the local area by improving quality of life and promoting healthy outdoor activities.
- It also has the potential to enhance Kerry's existing tourism offering and economic drive in rural areas adjacent to the proposed greenway.

As regards the plans as published by KCC for the project, the following suggestions are proposed:

- De-prioritising the road and prioritizing the greenway at the Bracker Regan Road.
- Greenway should be controlled by signalised traffic lights in favour of pedestrian crossing.
- Bollards in place at Bracker O Regan Road to prevent obstruction of cars. Enforcement this far out of town will not work.
- A connection from the existing section of the greenway to Mounthawk School should be constructed to promote walking and cycling by students.
- A connection to the CBS school on brewery road should be constructed.
- The existing rail sidings at old Spa station should be cleared to provide an amenity space.
- Linkages between proposed greenway and the North Kerry way. Cycle parking to be provided in all villages and amenity areas Along the route.
- Chicanes are not appropriate and forcing cyclist to dismount at roads is at odds with the Tralee Transportation Strategy. Priority should be given to cyclist first and motorized vehicles second.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed. In relation to measure at the Bracker O'Regan Road and access point refer to submission G-9.

Kerry County Council will engage with CBS in relation to a direct access onto the Edward St. to Rock St. section.

Refer to managers response for submission C-5 in relation to details around access point and at junctions between private and public road crossings. The scheme has been designed in accordance with TII DN-GEO-03047, Rural Cycle Scheme Design (Offline), April 2017 (RCD).

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

- The greenway provides an excellent opportunity for the local area by improving quality of life and promoting healthy outdoor activities.
- The route enjoys spectacular views of Slieve Mish Mountains and travels beautiful countryside.
- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

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**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission No. G-50**

**Derek Comerford**

**Submission**

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- The route enjoys spectacular views of Slieve Mish Mountains and travels beautiful countryside.
- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-51**

**Denise Poff, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

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- The route enjoys spectacular views of Slieve Mish Mountains and travels beautiful countryside.
- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-52**

**Emma Foley, Laharn, Tralee, Co.**

**Kerry**

**Submission**

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- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-53**

**Dijeesh Mani Jelase, 31 Lioscarrig Drive, Caherslee, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

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- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-54**

**Graham Hegarty**

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

- The greenway provides an excellent opportunity for the local area by improving quality of life and promoting healthy outdoor activities.
- The route enjoys spectacular views of Slieve Mish Mountains and travels beautiful countryside.
- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-55**

**Michelle Hegarty**

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

- The greenway provides an excellent opportunity for the local area by improving quality of life and promoting healthy outdoor activities.
- The route enjoys spectacular views of Slieve Mish Mountains and travels beautiful countryside.
- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-56**

**Dawid Wasowski, Pembroke Square, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

- The greenway provides an excellent opportunity for the local area by improving quality of life and promoting healthy outdoor activities.
- The route enjoys spectacular views of Slieve Mish Mountains and travels beautiful countryside.

- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-57**

**Matthew Lyne, Mucross,**

**Killarney**

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

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- The route enjoys spectacular views of Slieve Mish Mountains and travels beautiful countryside.
- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-58**

**Sean P Barry, 12 Hazelgrove Ardfert, Tralee, Co.**

**Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

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- The route enjoys spectacular views of Slieve Mish Mountains and travels beautiful countryside.
- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-59**

**Pawel Bajewicz,**

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

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- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-60**

**Mary Campion, Kilflynn, Tralee, Co.**

**Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

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- The route enjoys spectacular views of Slieve Mish Mountains and travels beautiful countryside.
- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-61**

*Roger Price, Mounthawk, Tralee, Co.*

**Kerry****Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

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- The route enjoys spectacular views of Slieve Mish Mountains and travels beautiful countryside.
- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-62**

*Ian Saul, An Sean Mhuileann, Tralee, Co.*

**Kerry****Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

- The greenway provides an excellent opportunity for the local area by improving quality of life and promoting healthy outdoor activities.
- The route enjoys spectacular views of Slieve Mish Mountains and travels beautiful countryside.
- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response****Managers Recommendation****Submission No. G-63**

*Peter Jackson, Mounthawk, Tralee, Co. Kerry*

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

- The greenway provides an excellent opportunity for the local area by improving quality of life and promoting healthy outdoor activities.
- The route enjoys spectacular views of Slieve Mish Mountains and travels beautiful countryside.
- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-64**

**Kevin Barry, 1 The Anchorage, The Marina, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Kerry**

**Submission**

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- The route enjoys spectacular views of Slieve Mish Mountains and travels beautiful countryside.
- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-65**

**Aislinn Desmond, Rathmore, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

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- The route enjoys spectacular views of Slieve Mish Mountains and travels beautiful countryside.
- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission No. G-66**

**Tom O'Connor, Gap road, Fossa, Killarney, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

- The greenway provides an excellent opportunity for the local area by improving quality of life and promoting healthy outdoor activities.
- The route enjoys spectacular views of Slieve Mish Mountains and travels beautiful countryside.
- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-67**

**Kevin Murphy, Ross Road, Killarney, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

- The greenway provides an excellent opportunity for the local area by improving quality of life and promoting healthy outdoor activities.
- The route enjoys spectacular views of Slieve Mish Mountains and travels beautiful countryside.
- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-68****Sergey Udaltsov, 38 The Anchorage, Marina, Tralee, Co. Kerry****Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

- The greenway provides an excellent opportunity for the local area by improving quality of life and promoting healthy outdoor activities.
- The route enjoys spectacular views of Slieve Mish Mountains and travels beautiful countryside.
- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-69****Steve McCarthy, Castleisland, Co. Kerry****Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

- The greenway provides an excellent opportunity for the local area by improving quality of life and promoting healthy outdoor activities.
- The route enjoys spectacular views of Slieve Mish Mountains and travels beautiful countryside.
- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-70****Patrick O Neill, Arraglen, Castlegregory, Co. Kerry****Kerry****Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

- The greenway provides an excellent opportunity for the local area by improving quality of life and promoting healthy outdoor activities.
- The route enjoys spectacular views of Slieve Mish Mountains and travels beautiful countryside.
- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-71****Padraig Heaphy, Tralee, Co. Kerry****Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

- The greenway provides an excellent opportunity for the local area by improving quality of life and promoting healthy outdoor activities.
- The route enjoys spectacular views of Slieve Mish Mountains and travels beautiful countryside.
- The railway heritage adds to the attractiveness of this amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-72 Derek Gibson and Emer Hardiman, Elounda, Fenit without, Fenit, Co. Kerry****Submission**

This submission objects to the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

- The submission refers to a meeting at Ballyroe Hotel and an agreement that the greenway would terminate at the pumphouse on the Tralee side of the entrance to Fenit village, cyclists would avail of a cycling lane and walkers avail of the footpath through the village.
- Kerry County Council have widened the road at the entrance to the village, installed cycling lane and extend the footpaths.
- The latest plans now show the greenway terminating at the public car park where during summer there is insufficient parking as Liebherr use this area to store cranes. The area could not be considered safe.
- Since the meeting in Fenit Parish Hall no-one from KCC has contacted us.
- By passing Fenit village will be of no economic benefit to existing commercial enterprises including the village shop. By routing the greenway away from the village of Fenit the majority of local residents will have no potential gain from the greenway.
- The existing eco system on the former railway line which has developed over the last 40 years will be destroyed. There are protected species like bats, owls and birds along the route.
- What security measures will be implemented to ensure the same level of security as is currently in place.

**Managers Response**

Refer to Managers Response to Submission G-24

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-73 Dr. Des Farrell, Oyster Cottage, Kilfenora, Fenit, Co. Kerry****Submission**

This submission refers to access points on/off the greenway.

The proposal makes reference to a small access point on the greenway opposite to the Tankard restaurant/pub.

There is a blind bend on the road at this point, vehicles turning right or left onto the R558 are unable to see the traffic coming from the Fenit side.

If this access point is to be part of the greenway there will be more people using this junction visibility at this junction needs to be improved by removing the wall.

Also suggestion that traffic calming measures are put in place to slow traffic from Kilfenora to Fenit.

**Managers Response**

Kerry County Council are exploring the option of providing pedestrian access point to the greenway between chainage 3250-3320m at Kilfenora. This access will be subject to a full detailed assessment and design.

### **Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

### **Submission No. G-74**

*Tom O Grady, Ballybeggan, Tralee, Co.*

#### **Kerry**

#### **Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

The disused railway line has long been an objective of the Kerry County Development Plan and a goal of the smarter travel plan for Tralee.

The submission makes the following suggestions:

- For maximum usage and 'buy in' from host communities the route should be provided with as many dedicated access points as possible.
- Consideration should be given to the provision of a safe crossing at the completed head of the route on the Oakpark Road to lead directly into a bike park/rental facility within Tralee train station.
- Consideration should be given to consulting with the National Biodiversity Data Centre regarding any proposed planting to comply with an overall pollinator planting plan.
- The numerous archaeological ringforts and places of interest adjacent to the route should be noted and finger-post signed where practical.
- The adoption of the '7 Principles of Universal Design' in the design and planning process should be undertaken to maximise access for all users .
- That an inventory of the railway signage and signalling be undertaken and that where possible they are protected and restored.
- The success of the completed urban section in Tralee indicates the widespread support and desire for this overdue public amenity.
- Apart from the tourist value to the region, its completion will offer a safe alternative to the busy and at times congested R558 to commuters, students and leisure pedestrians/ cyclists along the route. It will also provide an ideal facility for the 'Lets Talk & Walk' scheme launched in 2017 by the IFA aimed at encouraging farming families to socialise through walking excursions.
- The proposal is unique as it will complete a 13km off road route from the main county train station to a tourist village with a blue flag beach on the Wild Atlantic Way.
- Funding for the development of this Greenway is now available under the recent 'Strategy for the Future Development of National & Regional Greenways'. In comparison with other developed and proposed Greenways the Tralee-Fenit proposal will provide a greater return for investment due to this dual role in providing a dedicated commuter route in the county's capital town as well as a tourist amenity along the WAW.
- The public ownership of this route ensures that the realisation of the project is relatively straightforward in comparison to schemes where lands need to be purchased or CPO's are required. Having widespread local public support from business, tourist and sporting organisations as well as from TD Brendan Griffin (Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport with special responsibility for Tourism and Sport) this presents the opportunity for the first flagship Greenway in Co. Kerry to be realised within a year.
- The summer excursion train from Tralee to Fenit was popular with local and tourist day-trippers and ran up to the late 1970's.

### **Managers Response**

Refer to Managers Response to Submission C-5, G-6 and G-22

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-75****Anthony Murphy****Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-76****Toni****Corkery****Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

Greenways as a leisure pursuit is getting more popular than golf. The greenway can be walked or cycled. The Waterford/Dungarvan greenway is going from strength to strength and has hugely benefited the local businesses along the way. Also a lot of new enterprises have started up as a result.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-77****Joanne Crowley****Submission**

The proposed Tralee-Fenit greenway would be invaluable to the area. As a mother of 2 young children the safety it would offer us would be amazing as the road can be treacherous with the high volumes of traffic.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-78****Kate****Spillane****Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

- The development of the Greenway would make Fenit even better.
- The greenway would provide an area for walking, bike riding & jogging etc. It's so important to be able to enjoy the amazing country we live in. But to be able to do it safely & with the whole family is even more important.
- The Greenway would offer people from all over Kerry & beyond, the perfect opportunity to get out and enjoy their surroundings.
- It would support biodiversity education.

The Greenway would also add economically to the area. There are a number of businesses in the area who work extra hard & often don't do as well as they deserve. The Greenway would contribute dramatically to the success of these businesses.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-79**

*Frank Kneeshaw Racecourse road, Tralee, Co. Kerry*

**Submission**

The cycle path infrastructure all over Europe is very well developed and cycling without fear of vehicle traffic is so much more enjoyable.

The choice in Ireland is limited and any additions to it, such as the Tralee-Fenit Greenway, would be very welcome and a great boost to the cycle tourism that Ireland is sadly missing out on.

The benefits of the Tralee- Fenit Greenway include:

- Safe environment in which to cycle,
- Attract tourism to the area
- Create employment, i.e. bike hire, restaurants, etc.
- Positive image for the Tralee area.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-80**

*Patricia Casey*

**Submission**

As a landowner on the fenit greenway route my family and I would like to express our wholehearted support for this greenway project to go ahead.

The benefits of the Tralee- Fenit Greenway include;

- Tourism,
- Health,
- Safe place to cycle in the local area.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission No. G-81**

*Amy O'Brien, Dublin road, Thurles, Co. Tipperary*

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission**

This would be such a huge asset to the area both financially and health wise.

As a mother of 3 children we would love the opportunity to cycle safely to feint & when they are older they would be able to safely cycle with friends to the beach.

I have heard such positive feedback from friends who have used the Waterford greenway & that it is accessible to all ages and all levels of fitness.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission No. G-83**

**Brendan Kennelly**

**Submission**

Having cycled the greenway from Castlebar to Westport today, full of families and tourists walking and cycling in a safe environment.

The Fenit Greenway will be a fantastic addition to sustainable tourism in Kerry as well as a great safe family activity for locals.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-84**

**Conor Kavanagh**

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

It would be a wonderful amenity for residents and tourists alike. The development would add to the attraction of Tralee, as have similar initiatives in Mayo and Waterford.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-85**

**Paul Murnal, Kannily House, Lissanerla, Abbeydorney, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

This would be a great benefit for the entire community.

The benefits of the Tralee- Fenit Greenway include;

- Safe area to cycle and walk for all,
- Increased Tourism

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-86**      **Sarah Fitzgerald, Sliabh Gearr, Clahane, Ballyard, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-87**      **Eoin Burns, 29 Lighthouse Village, Fenit, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway

- It would enhance the whole area of North Kerry and provide great safe space in which to be outside on a bike or on foot.
- In tandem, this would enhance road safety by reducing the volume of pedestrians and cyclists using the Tralee to Fenit main road on which there are daily near misses.
- It would be an attractive proposition for the people of Tralee and along the route to Fenit.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-88**      **Donal Lawlor**

**Submission**

I am living in Tralee but come from Waterford, which you are probably aware has developed its own greenway. The greenway has had a hugely positive effect on the region. Rural nearby villages have been lifted both socially and economically. Renewed and reinvigorated sense of pride in Waterford and it has served to bring tourists attention to other Waterford attractions.

The same benefits will come to Tralee, Fenit and North Kerry, from such a greenway. It will be a fantastic amenity for locals but also increase tourism to North Kerry, quality outdoor healthy tourism.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-89**      **Maeve Counihan, Ballyard, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway

This initiative would be a great asset for both communities and tourists alike.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-90**      **Robert Ryan, ARUP, one Albert Quay, cork, T12 X8N6**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

Having cycled on greenways in Ireland and across Europe and have seen at first hand the benefits this brings to local community. These benefits include:

- Increased Tourism to the region,
- Economic benefits,
- Social Benefits through increase recreation and pride of place in the community.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-91**      **Maggie Fitzgibbon, 36 Mostyn Road, Wimbledon, SW19 3LN London**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway

The local community will benefit both financially and socially and enhance the area to tourist.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-92**      **Finola Revington, Tralee**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

Having cycled on greenways in Westport, Achill and the Wild atlantic way, Kilkenny and seen at first hand the benefits this brings to local community. These benefits include:

- New life to sometime forgotten villages and towns,
- Increased Tourism to the region,
- Economic benefits through new café, shops
- Improving mental and physical health

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-93**      **Frank Walsh**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-94**      **Louise O Donnell**

**Submission**

The Tralee/Fenit greenway is a hugely important structural aspect to Kerry County and should be ring-fenced as vital to the county for current and future generations.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission G-95**      **Catherine Carty UNESCO Chair Project Manager, Education, Sport, Recreation and Fitness, Institute of Technology Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

Tralee hosts the only UNESCO Chair in inclusive physical activity.

The Education, Sport, Recreation and Fitness Dept 100% support the greenway and are in no doubt as to its benefits for all. It is imperative that the Greenway is accessible to all- while showcasing accessible features for those with physical intellectual and sensory disabilities and their families. The length of the route - origin and destination make it very appropriate for those with many types of disability.

The ITT are happy to advise on available features and technology.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

Kerry County Council would welcome the opportunity to work with the Institute of Technology Tralee to utilize technology for the promotion and enhancement of visitor experience when using the greenway, such as QR codes, mobile apps, etc.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-96**      **Ciaran Long, 203 Collins Ave, Whitehall, Dublin 9**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway

As a frequent visitor to Tralee and Fenit proper infrastructure developed between the two towns would be welcome for tourists/cyclists/walkers alike.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-97**      **Jack Counihan**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway

An amenity like this walkway would be a major draw to this area and would influence any decision to come back and invest in the area.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-98**      **Kate Counihan, Ballyard, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway  
Having cycled on greenways in Mayo and Waterford and seen at first hand the benefits this brings to local community. The local community would benefit enormously both financially and socially. The proposed development would be a wonderful asset and great achievement for Kerry County Council.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-99**      **Dermot Reen**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-100**      **Bairbre Reen Buckley, Spa, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-101**      **Caroline Sullivan, 37 Prembroke Square, Caherslee, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway  
A greenway would be hugely advantageous for a safer and more relaxed cycle for families and tourists alike.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-102**      **Patrick and Ann Marie O'Connor Clogherbrien, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission strongly objects and are opposed to the proposed project.

The following concerns are raised:

- The development will strongly impact on the family livelihood and farm business at present and into the future,
- Privacy,
- Littering,

- Unauthorized trespassing
- Harassment,
- Anti-social behaviour,
- Vandalism,
- Parking and Access issues,
- Maintenance both present and future,
- Added expense such as insurance premiums,
- Stock/ animal safety,
- Security of farm contents,
- Misuse of regulations implemented for greenway
- Users not co-operating with farm needs,
- Animals habitats being disturbed on the greenway trial.

In the event that the Part 8 is approved, the following are required:

- Refurbishment of existing stone wall,
- Underpass where necessary at existing crossings
- An electrical duct to accommodate adequate fencing for livestock
- Adequate signage
- Privacy fencing(Steel/Galvanised),
- Stock and dog proof fencing,
- Crossing gates( Steel),
- Right of way passage for livestock between the two crossings located at the bridge as a registered right of way,
- CCTV and sensory lighting,
- Litter bins,
- Drainage along the greenway,
- Monetary compensation to land holders needs as the agricultural land with loose both its purpose and value.

#### ***Managers Response***

Kerry County Council are currently negotiating accommodation works and crossings at this location. All existing agricultural access at this location will be honoured and regularised where possible. Accommodation works shall be agreed with the landowner prior to the completion of the works.

#### ***Managers Recommendation***

Existing agricultural crossings to be retained at the following locations: Ch 9050, Ch 9450 and Ch 9525 – proposed amendment no. 3.

#### **Submission G-103      Anne Galvin**

##### ***Submission***

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway

##### ***Managers Response***

This submission is noted and welcomed.

##### ***Managers Recommendation***

No amendments to the project that went on public display

#### **Submission G-104      Laurence Dunne, Laurence Dunne Archaeology, 3 Lios na Lohart, Ballyvelly, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

##### ***Submission***

This submission summaries the archaeology associated with the area. This summary is being submitted as a positive contribution to the cultural context and sense of place as one would walk and cycle the proposed

greenway. This summary commences in the Iron Age in Tralee circ.200BC and focuses largely on the Early medieval Period between 400AD-1100AD.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed. This information will supplement the archaeological Impact Assessment for the proposal prepared by Kerry county Councils County Archaeologist.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-105 Catherine Moriarty Unknown Address**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway  
It would greatly for the area and bring many tourists who could enjoy the beautiful scenery of the area.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-106 Keith Phelan, 4 Kilfenora, Fenit, co. Kerry**

**Submission**

The re-opening of the old Tralee Fenit railway line as a public greenway route is welcome as it will be very beneficial to the community to have such a facility in our locality, this will provide a safe off-road route between Kilfenora and Tralee.

As seen from other communities in Mayo and Waterford the positive transformative impact Greenways can have on local economies through tourism, but just as noteworthy are the health and well-being benefits experienced by individuals and families who use the trails.

The following observations are noted and should be taken into consideration:

- o access to the greenway.

Unfortunately there is no information on access to the greenway except for the trail heads in Tralee and Fenit and the 'Pedestrian Access point - Subject to Detailed Design' note at Kilfenora.

If the potential of this route is to be realised for both locals and tourist alike it is essential that access points are provided along the route especially in the Fenit, Kilfenora and the Spa, ideally with access points as close as possible to our schools, church, shops and restaurants etc.

- o Archaeology

There are 2 sites which may be of interest within the bounds of this project which were not noted in the plans,

The first of these is a well in Ballymakegoge this is listed as a Ritual site - holy well by the National Monuments Service (SMR No. KE028-092----).

The second is a pit located at between the road and the rail-bed due south of the site of Kilfenora church (52.276681, - 9.835369) this seems to be man made and possibly a spring as it fills and empties regularly depending on the weather. This is not marked on any maps, it's origin and use. This may have been used to allow steam trains to take on water. Regards if this has historical significance or not it might make for an interesting feature along the Greenway and is worthy of investigation.

**Managers Response**

In relation to access points refer to Managers response to submissions C-5 and G-73  
In relation to archaeology refer to Managers response to submissions G-104

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission G-107      Graham Keliher, Surf N Sail, Abbey Street, Tralee, co. Kerry****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-108      Paul McCarthy, Unknown Address****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-109      Aiden Corkery, 11 Newtown Grove Braemor road, Church town Dublin 14****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway

The existing road is unsafe to cycle due to the speed of traffic and road alignment. Having a dedicated cycle / walkway would be idea.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-110      Grainne Brick 4 Riverside Oakpark, Tralee, Co. Kerry****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway

As an active family this greenway would provide a safe cycle route for children without the burden of traffic and the danger this poses.

Any opportunity to enhance the people's health and enjoyment of the beautiful scenery should be encouraged., Examples from other locations such as Waterford demonstrate how successful projects like these areas.

It would also have a positive impact on tourism and local business.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-112**      **Barbara O'Brien, Outraith, Cahir, Co. Tipperary**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway. Having cycled on greenways in Westport and Waterford and have seen the benefits this brings to local community.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-113**      **Tom O'Grady, Ballybeggan, Tralee**

**Submission**

Refer to submission G-74

**Managers Response**

Refer to submission G-74

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-114**      **Tighearnach Dunne, 3 Lios na Lahart, Ballyvelly, Tralee**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway. This will be a great additional to the area.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-115**      **Avril O'Shea**

**Submission**

This development is vital for children's safety when cycling.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-116**      **Fiachra Dunne, 1 Old Golf Links road, Oakpark, Tralee**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway. The development will provide a fun and safe way to access Fenit from Tralee.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-117**      **Maeve O Rahilly Unknown Address**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway. The development will be a fantastic addition to the community and it will be of great benefit to many people and the community.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-118**      **Helen Burns, 29 Lighthouse Village, Fenit**

**Submission**

Concerns are raised in this submission regarding the safety for road users of the Tralee-Fenit road. For safety reasons alone it would be negligent not to provide a Greenway as soon as possible. The development of the greenway will also provide social and aesthetic benefits also. Other benefits include: access to scenery in the area and links to local community facilities.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-119**      **Matthew Hopper**

**Submission**

Wild Atlantic Way' has had enormous success in attracting additional visitors to the West coast of Ireland. However, if the success of what is essentially a marketing concept is to be sustainable and continue to promote growth in tourist numbers it must have investment in infrastructure, attractions and tourist destinations. Thus the proposed greenway has the potential contribute to the 'product' that is the 'Wild Atlantic Way'.

The potential in terms of the local economy would no doubt be significant with all segments of the tourism/ hospitality/ travel sectors of the economy benefitting from people spending time in the region rather than passing through en-route to better resourced tourism destinations elsewhere in Ireland.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-120**      **Colette O'Sullivan, Tralee**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway. Having cycled on greenways in Westport, Waterford and across Europe and seen at first hand the benefits this brings to local community. It will be a fantastic addition to the tourist attraction in the Tralee area.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-121**      **Anna Walsh**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway. As a Tralee native living in Sydney and intending on returning to Kerry shortly the proposed greenway would be a substantial factor in deciding where to live. The proposed impact of the greenway on the quality of life for Tralee residents is profound for a number of reasons including:

- Enterprise opportunities,
- Safe exercise facility,
- Safe family facility,
- Benefits to the local economy,
- Unlocking tourism potential due to proximity to beautiful beaches.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-122**      **Marguerite Egan, No. 3 Lios na Lohart, Ballyvelly, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit greenway. This will be a great amity for local community and indeed for the people of Kerry and beyond as it will provide a safe amenity off road.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-123**      **Mary McElliggott, Unknown Address**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway for the benefits it will provide to the town through tourism and local amenities.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-124**      **Gerard, Helen, Ruairi, Aoife & Tomas O Connell, No.8 Carrigmore, Clogher Faili, Tralee**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit greenway. The Kerry area is lacking in such facilities. This project when finished will have a hugely positive effect on the local community and will enhance tourism, promote healthy activities such as cycling, walking and jogging.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-125**      **Marion Hogan**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit greenway.

This development would benefit individual and club cyclists and encourage tourism in an area which needs support.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-126**      **Anne Marie Fuller, No.15 Lioscarrig Drive, Caherslee, Tralee**

**Submission**

This project is an amazing opportunity to improve the general Tralee/Fenit area for the following reasons

- a great public amenity in the area that will encourage more cycling and walking which are known to have great benefits for health and wellbeing. This will improve life satisfaction of people in area and reduce HSE spend in long run.
- with improved public amenities in area businesses will have more reason to stay and set up in Tralee as it will be seen as an even better area for families to settle.
- it will encourage more tourism Tralee/Fenit area as it would be a great activity for people and families.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-127**      **Aidan Kelly, Tralee Chamber Alliance, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit greenway.

This is a major development for the Tralee area. The Tralee chamber alliance fully supports this project.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-128**      **Jane Murphy, Woodlands Park, Touring Caravan and Camping Park, Dan Spring Road**

**Submission**

This development would be a fantastic addition to an already vibrant town which relies heavily on tourism. Such a facility would bring a huge wave of interest to the town not only for locals but for tourists far and wide.

Apart from the income it would generate for local business, in a world where obesity is a national epidemic

providing a safe environment for people to get out and get exercising for free should be an incentive in itself for young kids and adults and an ever ageing population.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-129 Eileen Moriarty Unknown Address**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit greenway

The existing walkways around Tralee and the extension of the walkway from Mounthawk to Fenit would be a huge benefit to local living in the area.

The extension of same would allow for a safer cycle route and walking route towards Fenit for all non vehicle users.

The increase of cyclists runners and walkers on the roads raises many concerns for the safety of all, both the above category and those driving on our roads.

The Tralee to Fenit road is such a busy road and popular with so many tourists that the opportunity for other categories of road users to avail of the direct road route to Fenit from Tralee is very dangerous.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-130 Berenice Fitzgibbon, Unknown Address**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit greenway.

Having cycled on greenways in Westport, Waterford and seen at first hand the benefits this brings to local community. It's obvious that the local communities benefit both financially and socially.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-131 Patricia Fox**

**Submission**

The Tralee Fenit Greenway is crucial to the area as it will provide a great leisure facility for all. This includes families and people in general. It will take cyclists and walkers off a dangerous road to Fenit also.

It will also provide a welcome boost to the tourism industry in the Tralee area which I think is in the shadow of Killarney and South Kerry. It has the potential to provide more employment to the area which is badly needed as we are being overlooked by the IDA constantly.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission G-132      Gretta Walsh****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit greenway and expresses how important and attractive the Tralee-Fenit Greenway will be to lifestyle and quality of life for individuals, families and visitors.

The greenway will be an attraction in itself and will not be weather dependent.

The benefits of the scheme will manifest and multiply.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-133      Syliva Thompson****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-134      Antoinette Clifford****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

Having cycled on greenways in Waterford Greenway such an amenity can only have a positive impact on the area. This project is overdue in Tralee where unemployment, emigration, lack of investment etc. have left a fractured and ailing economy.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-135      Louis Byrne, Byrnes Spar Oakpark, Tralee, Co. Kerry****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

Having cycled on greenways in Waterford, Westport and Limerick Greenway such an amenity will have social and economic benefits of such facilities. This is a growing tourist segment and one which ties in with government policy going forward. It is relatively economical to complete versus other tourism infrastructure projects and has potential for great returns for all whilst also tying in with the eco tourism concept and the promotion of health and well being in general.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-136**      **Sean Cooke**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway. The proposed greenway will add greatly to the character and enjoyment of the area. The development will significantly reduce the risk of cycling between Fenit and Tralee.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-137**      **Berenice Fitzgibbons, Belmont, Colohers, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway. The local communities will benefit enormously both financially and socially including enhancing the areas appeal to tourists.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-138**      **Michael O'Connell**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

- The community of Fenit and the wider area needs this project to proceed.
- The greenway would be a safe recreational amenity to the area for all to enjoy.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-139**      **Mike McDonnell, Woodlands Caravan Park, Dan Sping Road, Tralee**

**Submission**

This submission from the founder of Woodlands Caravan Park supports the proposed greenway and expresses the importance of developing this Greenway for locals and tourists alike.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-140**      **Michael Slattery, Oakview, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway. This following observation are noted:

- The road is not suitable for walking or cycling as it is narrow and busy. A greenway would allow people to get to Fenit safely without driving.
- Young children cycling to Fenit would be an excellent way to get them outside.
- The tourism potential of this greenway is enormous, and it would generate a lot of business in both Fenit and Tralee, and encourage new businesses to set up in Fenit.
- The Greenways from Limerick to Tralee/Fenit and the Greenway from Glenbeigh to Renard should merged.

### **Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

### **Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

### **Submission G-141     Peter Linehan**

#### **Submission**

This submission set out concerns regarding the proposed greenway.

These include:

#### **Crossings**

- Crossing number one across the greenway serving Linehans lands is not marked clearly on the map.
- There was always three crossing and would expect that three crossings be reinstated.

#### **Residential Screening**

- Residential screening across these locations- explain?
- Further details of the stock proof fencing to be provided form the greenway and the agricultural land. Concerns regarding livestock breaking out onto the greenway.

#### **Potential Unauthorized parking**

- Concerns regarding authorized parking and access to the greenway through driveways to the residential properties.
- It is requested that the main entrance to the residential property is regularized, i.e. relocation of gates.

### **Managers Response**

Refer to submission C-5 and G-22.

Additionally, KCC intends to honour and regularise any existing historical agricultural crossings. Signage shall be erected along the route informing users of regularised access points onto the greenway only. Private driveways shall not be used or promoted as access points onto the scheme.

### **Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

### **Submission G-142     Liam Doyle**

#### **Submission**

This submission set out concerns regarding the proposed greenway. These include:

- Move the pathway to the southern side of the carriage way
- leave the existing bridge and railway intact as marked on the drawings.
- Close the existing crossing and create a new crossing.
- Indigenous planting to be provided to create privacy.

### **Managers Response**

It is the Council's intention to honour any existing historical agricultural crossings of the old railway line.

The current proposal is to stay on line within the existing rail corridor and reinstate the overbridge at Kilfenora with a suitable bridge structure. The proposed greenway would be cut into the original embankment, lowered and supplemented with additional indigenous planting where necessary to protect adjoining properties residential amenity.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission G-143      Emer McDonnell**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

This would be a fantastic addition to an already vibrant town which relies heavily on tourism.

Such a development would bring a huge wave of interest to the town not only for locals but for tourists, as seen with the Waterford and Mayo Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-144      Padraig McElliggott**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway. The development would be a unique and attractive way of attracting people into the community and a great amenity for locals alike.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-145      Jeremy Walsh**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

The positive benefits of public greenways, from a societal and health point of view, are numerous and well established. Furthermore as roads get busier and more dangerous greenways are needed more than ever to provide safe places to walk and cycle.

The submission states that a small handful of objectors should not delay the project for the long term benefit of the greater Tralee people.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-146      Niamh Stephenson**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway for the following reasons:

- Unlock the scenic potential of the area,
- Create jobs and boost the local economy.
- Provide a safe route for children to cycle to school
- Provide a public amenity which encourage active lifestyle.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-147** **Aine MacGillicuddy,****Submission**

This submission supports the proposal for the Tralee Fenit Greenway for the following reasons:

- The Tralee to Fenit road is currently unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists
- The development would provide a positive green addition to the locality,
- The development would provide a safe, health and enjoyable amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-148** **Noel Cronin, Tawlaught West, Fenit, Tralee, Co. Kerry****Submission**

This submission from a property owner adjacent to the route supports the proposed for the Tralee Fenit Greenway. The positives associated with the development include:

- Increased tourism,
- Health benefits through increased walking and cycling,
- Increase jobs/business opportunities similar to Waterford and Westport.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-149** **Tracey Corkery, Unknown Address****Submission**

This submission supports the proposal for the Tralee Fenit Greenway for the following reasons

- Road safety – segregated safe cycle and walking route,
- Unlocking Stunning views
- Increased Tourism

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-150** **Stephen Hennessy, Unknown Address****Submission**

This submission supports the proposal for the Tralee Fenit Greenway for the following reasons:

1. Increase participants in leisure cycling,
2. Increase number of member for local cycling clubs,
3. Increased tourism.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-151      Josephine Griffin****Submission**

This submission supports the proposal for the Tralee Fenit Greenway. It will be an important amenity for families, tourists and active people wishing to run, cycle and walk.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-152      Moira Hogan****Submission**

This submission supports the proposal for the Tralee Fenit Greenway as it will provide a vital route for the town of Tralee and its environs for the health and wellbeing of both children and adults alike.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-153      John Connelly****Submission**

This submission supports the proposal for the Tralee Fenit Greenway for the following reasons:

- Social/health/ well being
- Increase tourism
- Increase local business
- The landscape and planned route will match both Waterford and Westport Greenways.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-154      Liam Nolan****Submission**

This submission supports the proposal for the Tralee Fenit Greenway due to the potential increased Tourism in Tralee Town and Fenit village. Waterford to Dungarvan is an example of how a greenway has added to the local economy and become renowned locally, nationally and internationally.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-155**      **Mary O’Sullivan**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposal for the Tralee Fenit Greenway as it is important to the community.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-156**      **Eimear Foley Reen**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposal for the Tralee Fenit Greenway due to the health and wellbeing benefits. The greenway will also provide a safe active environment.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-157**      **Gloria O’Connor**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposal for the Tralee Fenit Greenway for the following reasons:

- Existing Tralee to Fenit road is unsafe to cycle or walk due to the narrow alignment and volume of Traffic,
- Increased tourist to Fenit and surrounding area.
- Encourage more people to get active.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-158**      **Catherine Daly**

**Submission**

This submission supports the Tralee-Fenit greenway for the following reasons:

- an essential part of our heritage -
- The road has become very dangerous with increased traffic and the greenway would give a safe healthy route for cyclist and walkers

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-159**      **David Moriarty and Marie Spillane**

**Submission**

This submission from residents of a property adjacent to the line supports the scheme. The development will have both economic, social and environmental benefits to the entire county and beyond.

The existing road is unsafe to cycle and walk.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-160**      **The Buckley Family, Ballyard, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposal for the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-161**      **Maeve Townsend**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposal for the Tralee Fenit Greenway as it would great to have a safe and accessible-to-all route to Fenit for walkers and cyclists.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-162**      **Dr Jenny Crushell**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposal for the Tralee Fenit Greenway for the following reasons:

- Physical and mental Health and well being for the local population.
- Create a sense of community in the town as it will bring people together in a safe place.
- Allow generations to mix in a safe environment.
- Increased tourism and benefit the local economy.

It would be a tragedy for a few objectors to get their way and for this fantastic amenity for Tralee to be missed out on.

There have been great additions to Tralee in the past such as the Aqua dome which the locals now benefit from immensely and this would be another project from which generations to come would reap the rewards.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-163**      **Anthony Clifford**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposal for the Tralee Fenit Greenway.

Having visited Waterford Greenway the proposed greenway will Transform Tralee, Fenit and North Kerry as it has done for Waterford. This is welcome in an area of high unemployment and emigration. New business

will be created as a result of the development. Long term, the North Kerry, Tralee-Fenit should link to the South Kerry Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed. It is the intention of Kerry County Council to develop the North Kerry Greenway from Limerick/Kerry County Bounds to Listowel and long-term to Tralee, via the townlands of Tubrid and Abbeydorney, thus connecting with the Tralee-Fenit Greenway. This development is the subject of a separate Part VIII application.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-164      Cliona Rutledge**

**Submission**

This submission states that the advantages of developing the Tralee/Fenit greenway are immeasurable. Along one of the most scenic parts of the country, a cycle path that will provide locals and visitors to our area, a most beautiful and safe way to enjoy the natural beauty of Tralee bay.

Tralee needs more amenities for local and to attract tourists.

Experience from the level of users on the Canal walk indicates that the Tralee-Fenit greenway is needed in the area.

Not to develop this would be an enormous opportunity missed.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-165      Jacqui Browne, Arbi, Fenit**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

It states that accessibility and inclusion for everyone must be incorporated from the beginning and the project design team should ensure that at a minimum it consults with a range of people with different impairments, disabilities and access needs.

The UNCRPD and the 7 Principles of Universal Design below should be applied at all stages of the walkway and indeed any other associated developments in Fenit.

- Principle 1: Equitable Use
- Principle 2: Flexibility in Use
- Principle 3: Simple and Intuitive Use
- Principle 4: Perceptible Information
- Principle 5: Tolerance for Error
- Principle 6: Low Physical Effort
- Principle 7: Size and Space for Approach and Use

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

Kerry County Council are committed to creating infrastructure that allows access for all.

Kerry County Council officials shall consult with the National Council of the blind Ireland (NCBI) and Disability Federation of Ireland (DFI) to ensure the detail design is in accordance with the principles of Universal Design and inclusive for all able and disable users.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-166**      **Sara Ronan****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

It states that there is a lack of walking and cycling facilities in the area. The proposal will encourage people to engage in healthy activities in a safe environment, free from traffic.

It will also benefit the Fenit economically as a result of potential increase visitors.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-167**      **Susan Keating and Family, Caherslee, Tralee, Co. Kerry****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. Fenit is under developed and footfall would only improve this. More people would embrace healthier lifestyle and route would offer a safer environment in which to cycle.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-168**      **Cian McGarry****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-169**      **Gail Groves****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as the proposed greenway has the potential to be an incredible amenity for the area and for Kerry as a whole. The existing Greenways in operation around the country are testament to the positive impact that they have had on all aspects of life for those areas.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-170**      **Andrew Dineen Cul Doire, Kilkeen, Tralee, Co. Kerry****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

As safe a environmentally sustainable way of travel for people to access the local natural amenity is important for a health future for all.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission G-171**      **Linda Woods, Ireland Walk, Hike, Bike, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as it will have a huge advantage to hiking and Biking providers. The development will enable providers to offer tourists a variety of activities in a safe environment with wonderful scenery to enjoy. This would ensure tourist stay longer in the North Kerry area.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-172**      **Denis McCarthy**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as the roads are too dangerous to run, walk or cycle on. The proposed greenway is an ideal solution.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-173**      **Maeve Ferris, Ebb and Flow Yoga, Unknown Address**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-174**      **Denise O'Dowd,**

**Submission**

In light of growing obesity across all age groups, a social and cultural response from Kerry County Council is desperately required. Supporting access to a tranquil, scenic and safe route between Tralee & Fenit would, highlight and nurture the value the council plays in our society and community. The needs and desires of the people are paramount to a healthy and progressive community.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-175**      **Nora O’Sullivan, Cluain O’Sullivan, Cluain Gheal, Oakpark, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

The proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway is required as an intervention is required to facilitate safe passage of cyclist to and from Fenit from Tralee.

In light of growing obesity across all age groups, a social and cultural response from Kerry County Council is desperately required. Supporting access to a tranquil, scenic and safe route between Tralee & Fenit would highlight and nurture the value the council plays in our society and community.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-176**      **Emilie and Huw Roberts, Fahamore**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

Creating a safe pedestrian and cycle area is important for;

- road safety
- mental and physical health
- Encourage healthy lifestyle
- Reduce isolation.

This submission also states that there are far too few cycleways and public paths in Kerry. Users are in fear of injury or death while using the local roads, especially during the winter months. The proposal would provide a safe place to walk, cycle and run.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-177**      **Nathy Feely**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-178**      **Nanette Moore**

**Submission**

This submission states that the proposed Greenway is essential to both Fenit & Tralee.

The potential of the jobs that will grow as a result of the infrastructure should not be underestimated.

The development will also open this area up to others.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-179      Fran McElligot,****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. This development will in time become a vital asset to the Tralee-Fenit area by supporting the economic, sporting and cultural aspects of the area.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-180      Frances Clifford****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

This project when finished will have a huge positive effect on local leisure activities and tourism.

It will also support the cycle to work programme and allow many locals to access Tralee-Fenit safely off-road!

The submission raises queries in relation to the proposed access points on and off the route in the section from the start of Fenit Village to the playground beside the pier\beach.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

Refer to submission G-22 in relation to access points.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-181      Carina Claffey****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. The benefits of the scheme are as follows:

- Enhance exploration for tourists,
- Provide eco friendly access to amenities,
- Assist employment opportunities and generate economic spin off similar to Waterford Greenway,
- Provide a safe walking and cycle way in the village of Fenit.
- Improve opportunities for children to walk to school.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-182      Tomás Crowley, Kelly Foley & Co Accountant & Auditors, Tralee, Co. Kerry****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

The current public road is unsuitable for cyclists and pedestrians and presents a health and safety risk to those that do use it.

- The benefits of the scheme are as follows;
- A safe attractive route for pedestrians and cyclists between Tralee-Fenit.
- Enhance health and wellbeing of users

- More active community less dependent on public health services
- Economic boost from increased tourist numbers.

Other Greenways in different parts of Ireland have proven the benefits of this type of amenity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-183      Charlotte Dolan**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as it will provide a safe cycleway and walkway to one of the most scenic places in the county.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-184      Bertie O'Connor**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-185      Mairead Markey**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as this will provide a wonderful amenity for local people and visitors to the area and allows for safe and very enjoyable way of exercising and visiting local sights for all ages.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-186      Sheila McCarthy**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

It states that decades of unemployment and increased anti-social behaviour have been detrimental to Tralee's reputation. The greenway will give this part of our beautiful county the injection of enterprise that this greenway would bring to the area.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-187**      **Norma Moran**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as it offers something new to its locals and visitors alike. Towns like Dungarvan have blossomed since their Greenway was developed.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-188**      **David Ryall, 22 Quarryvale, Mounthawk, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-189**      **Patricia Murray, Ballyroe, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.  
The outdoors area for everyone to enjoy no matter what your age / activity or ability.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-190**      **Thomas and Eileen O'Shea, Caherslee, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-191**      **Brian O'Sullivan, OS Marine, Monavalley business Park, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

Greenways can positively impact our community and economy. Not only do Greenways offer a safe recreation amenity, they also provide countless opportunities for social and economic renewal and growth. Greenways have been shown to increase tourism and recreation-related spending, increase property values and encourage a more healthy and active lifestyle, while ensuring a cleaner and safer environment through the promotion of sustainable transport.

Clarification is sought on local access points is sought.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.  
Refer to submission C-5 and G-22 in relation to access points.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission G-192 Jane O' Loughlen, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway due to the tourism potential this will offer to the Tralee and its environs.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-193 Tralee Bay Marine Centre, Unknown Address**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as they provide countless opportunities for social and economic renewal and growth. The greenway also offers a safe recreational amenity. Greenway has proven to increase recreation related spending, increase property value and encourage healthy lifestyle.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-194 Ronan Arellano**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-195 Hazel Reid, No. 1 Lighthouse Village, Fenit, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as it offers safe traffic free environment to cycle to work.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-196**      **Neil Ni Chathasaigh**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as it will assist in educating children on choosing a healthier and environmental friendlier lifestyle.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-197**      **Mary McCarthy**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as it will provide a safe alternative route (to main road) to popular village of Fenit, which would greatly benefit cyclists and motorists alike. It would promote and encourage a healthy lifestyle among our community, boosting sustainable tourism also.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-198**      **Mary Bonner**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. Aside from the benefits to the local community, it will bring to the local people, it is my view that it will be a great tourist attraction for the town. Tralee Bay is a wonderful amenity on our doorstep and is underutilized. Greenways in places like Mayo and Waterford are bringing benefit to local communities. The Greenway will be a safer route to cycle to/from Fenit.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-199**      **Rev. Jim Stephens, St. Johns Ashe Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as these cycle paths and the opportunities they provide for safe cycling in our wonderful countryside.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-200**      **Liam Lynch, No. 6 Doire Loin**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway and requests that it be prioritized by the Council.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-201**      **Colin Boyle, Manor West Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission from a local business supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. From a social and economic perspective, it is imperative that this Greenway project progresses as quickly as possible.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-202**      **Brian Mehigan, Camp Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-203**      **Nickie Benner**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as it would improve the lifestyles of so many people.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-204**      **John Quilter, No. 27 Lighthouse Village, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as it will offer a safe environment for children to cycle, gain access to facilities safely like our soccer pitch, play ground and sea. Fenit community promotes a health life style and this would open another door to facilitate this.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-205**      **Marie Morris**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

The road from Tralee-Fenit is too dangerous to cycle and walk and there are too few cycle lanes in the area. Where available cars occupy/park in them. The proposed greenway would offer a safe place to cycle for locals and visitors.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-206      John Moloney**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as it is a vitalizing concept for the area with potential akin to the effects of the Wild Atlantic Way.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-207      Catherine Dolan, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as it would increase in tourism, and visitors, thus resulting in increased revenue for the area, especially with the BREXIT fallout.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-208      Charmaine Rola**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. It would be invaluable to families, particularly with young children, and also tourists including cyclists.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-209      Martin, Ciara, Cillian and Anne Tierney**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as it will enable families to cycle in a safe car free environment.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-210**      **Anthony o'Shea, No. 18 Lighthouse Village, Fenit, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as it will benefit the local community and well as tourism.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-211**      **Lillian Rohan**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as this is the most important enhancement work to Tralee & Fenit in many years.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-212**      **Helen Burman – Roy, No. 3 clogher Li, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. This is a project which aligns with many of the sustainable development goals for the County.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-213**      **Edmond Hyland, Sea Haven, Main Road, Fenit, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. It will benefit the whole area get bikes off the current totally unsuitable roads they are sharing with the traffic.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-214**      **Treasa Ní Eachthigheirn**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

The opening of the Greenway would provide a safe passage for children to cycle/walk to and from school. Currently, not a single child cycles to school and only a fraction, less than 2% walk to school. This

situation would be remedied by the opening of the Greenway also encouraging children to view walking/cycling as a valid mode of transport.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-215** **Liam, Bridie, Fiona, Cathal and Aisling and Una Geary, No. 19 Ard Charrig, Caherslee, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as a recreational facility for Health and wellbeing of Kerry citizens

The development would create a gateway to the beautiful Tralee Bay/ Fenit area, and Tourism.

It is now some 25 years since a factory ( Beru/ Borg Warner) was allocated to this area, tourism appears our only alternative. This development will create a safe off-road attraction, for the Health and recreational wellbeing, of all.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-216** **Mary Mullins**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as an important amenity for local community and tourists.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-217** **John Barry, No. 1 Ballinahoulort, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission refers to the Waterford & Westport Greenways and their great success.

It requests that North Kerry line link up with Newcastle west etc.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission G-218** **Siobhan Cadogan**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway for the following reasons:

- Health benefits,
- Safe route to cycle and walk,
- Increased Tourism.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission G-219 Marie Townsend, No. 30 Oakview, Tralee, Co. Kerry****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. Having walked the tracks, in the past, there is beautiful views and scenery along the way to be enjoyed by locals and a bonus to tourists visiting this area.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-220 Jane Boyle, Manor West Hotel and Ashe Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway for the following reasons:

- As a tourist draw, to be able to stay in the town and cycle to the beach is unique, it would create fabulous publicity for the area and thus jobs for many local businesses.
- For locals, being able to walk, run or cycle to the beach would have many health and well being benefits .
- It would be another reason to encourage families and businesses to locate to Tralee which will only be of benefit to the town.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-221 Robert Dowds, No. 43 Castle Park, Clondalkin, Dublin 22****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. This submission makes the following request:

- divide the greenways with one path for cyclists and one for walkers.
- The part for cyclists should be tarred while that for pedestrians just needs a loose stone surface.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

Kerry County Council propose to lay of a 3 meter wide bituminous tarmacadam surface on a crushed stone base to form the cycle and footpath track. A one-meter wide grass verge will be provided on each side of the paved surface. This will provide a high-quality finish to the greenway and ensure that the greenway is used and enjoyed by all users; cyclist, walkers and persons with mobility impairments alike.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-222 Diane Crean, No. 18 Woodbrook Lawn, Tralee, Co. Kerry****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-224      Kate Muller**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. Don't let this be a wasted opportunity.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-225      Aoife McCormack, No. 1 golf Course Rd, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-226      Myra Sheehy**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. This greenway would be a wonderful asset to the people of Tralee and surrounding area a local amenity and tourism alike.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-227      Bernadette Walsh, Clogherbrien, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. This greenway would be a wonderful asset to the people of Tralee and surrounding area a local amenity and tourism alike. Tralee needs more facilities that promote outdoor healthy activities which are safe to use

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-228      Paul Burke**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway from a social economic and safety perspective.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-229      Anne Marie Hyland, Seahaven, Fenit, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission from a resident of Fenit village supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-230      Dr David Buckley**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway and encourages Kerry County Council to proceed with this development.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-231      Alan Boyle, Riverside, Oakpark, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. This would become a very attractive tourist amenity attracting thousands to the area.

There would be significant employment created through bike hire, accommodation and cafes / restaurants bringing a much-needed financial boost to Tralee and its environs.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-232      John O Carroll**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. This development is critical for the social, leisure, and economic health of Tralee and its people as well as the actual Health of those living in Tralee. It will also facilitate children cycling to and from school.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission G-233      Kevin Reardon, no.12 Quarryvale, Mounthawk, Tralee, Co Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway not only for the people of Tralee but the county as a whole and an amazing tourist attraction.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-234      Jane Deasy**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-235      Dan Counihan**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission G-236      Gavin Caplis**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-237      Kate Campbell, Interiors, Willow Lawn, Lovers Lane, Ballyard, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as it would be a huge asset for Tralee & Kerry.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display.

**Submission G-238**      **Rosario Kelliher**

**Submission**

This submission from a resident of the Spa supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-239**      **Catherine McCarthy, Seafield, The Spa, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission from a Spa resident supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. Obesity is a big issue in today's society and the proposed development would encourage exercise in a safe environment.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-240**      **Daithi O'Connor**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. The greenway will exploit the fantastic potential for Tralee and its coastal environment for both locals and visitors alike.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-241**      **Ronan Murray, Model Farm Road, Cork City**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as it will have a significant potential to add to the economic fabric of the region. Tralee in particular has huge potential and such a capital project would provide a catalyst to unlock this economic potential. Hopefully you are receiving similar input from the local community.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-242**      **Collette Lawless**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. The greenway will be a fantastic addition to the area in relation to encouraging people too nervous to cycle on roads to get on their bike. This would be a fantastic scenic greenway and would add to the already great tourism attraction.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-243      Brendan O'Connor**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. The development will;

- Create a safe attractive route for children to cycle to school
- Improve children's health

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-244      Kiah Townsend**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. For those that don't drive this would allow people to cycle as far as Fenit off road.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-245      Kate Slade**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. As experience in Dungarvan, greenways can have an increase on tourism, cycle rentals and new local business establish in the area. To reactive the old railway line is a great idea.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-246      Ken Feeley, Knockanish West, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway. The benefits to the area will be huge.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-247      Aislinn Kelly**

**Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as it would be valuable to the people of this town and would be good for the tourism in town.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-248      Ameli Persson****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway for the following reasons:

- A great safety for all our existing cyclists.
- A great way of getting more people on their bikes.
- A great thing for the environment.
- A great tourist attraction

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-249      Seamus Cooke****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as it will add greatly to the character and enjoyment of the area.

- it will significantly reduce the risk of cycling between Fenit and Tralee.
- it will add to the attractions of the county to tourists with a safe and amenable way to enjoy the beautiful scenery we have to offer.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-250      Catherine and Vincent Geary****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

This development is vital to continue developing safe and scenic cycle ways in this area.

These greenways if properly done will be a huge draw year round for family group and serious cyclists bringing lots of sustainable business.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-251      Chris Murray, Casey Stephenson Accountants, 3 day Place, Tralee, Co. Kerry****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

For keen walkers and cyclist it is imperative that this project finally get the go ahead. Greenways have brought increased tourist to the areas as well as encouraging a safe cycling environment for local families.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-252** **Luke Prenderville, no. 6 Cathair Lakes, Killorglin, Co Kerry****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

The benefits of the scheme are as follows;

- Increase in economic activity
- A safe attractive route for pedestrians and cyclists
- More active community are less dependent on public health services
- Development of tourist facility to keep pace with Killarney and ensuring the County remains as the top tourist destination in Ireland.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-253** **Niamh Scully, Department of Health, 76 Eyre Square, Mount Gravatt East, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia****Submission**

The Tralee-Fenit Greenway will provide an ideal opportunity for people to safely visit this beautiful part of the world, while enjoying the scenery and improving their health and wellbeing.

The potential for tourism and the benefits for the local population are boundless, as has been evidenced from similar projects in Ireland and abroad.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-254** **Philip Doyle****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as it will transform the whole bay.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-255** **Johnathon O'Regan****Submission**

This submission supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway as it can only be a positive to have such an attraction in Tralee. The economic benefits will be significant for the town from tourism. It will also add free outdoor activity for locals.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-256      Sheila O’Sullivan**

**Submission**

This submission from a Spa resident supports the proposed Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

**Submission G-257 Vanetia Prendeville Lucid, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

Kerry can be the wellness lifestyle capital of Ireland with natural beauty on our doorstep which is an immense and unique asset to the people of Kerry.

This asset can be leveraged to boost the tourism industry and also encourage people to value Tralee as a town that supports a wellbeing lifestyle our busy lives require.

Experts agree that connecting to nature in a safe way, improves long term mental and physical health benefits which in turn reduces the demands on local health care services and improves the overall quality of life of a community.

It is not safe for cyclists to use the main roads, the risk to life is high due to the narrow roads and volume of increased traffic on the roads. The development will provide a safe environment to cycle/walk/run to the beach.

**Managers Response**

This submission is noted and welcomed.

**Managers Recommendation**

No amendments to the project that went on public display

#### 4. EVALUATE THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPER PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA

The need for the proposed scheme is supported by European, National, Regional and Local Policies.

The development is consistent with the following National, Regional and Local Plans and Strategies:

- Project Ireland 2040: The National Planning Framework
- Project Ireland 2040: National Development Plan 2018-2027
- Smarter Travel: A New Transport Policy for Ireland 2009-2020
- The National Cycle Policy Framework, 2009 – 2020
- Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways- July 2018
- South West Regional Assembly – Regional Planning Guidelines 2010-2022
- Kerry County Development Plan 2015-2021
- The Draft Tralee Municipal District Plan 2018-2024
- The Kerry Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 - 2021
- County Kerry Tourism Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2020

Relevant supporting planning policies and objectives from each of these documents is set out in detail in APPENDIX 3 of this report.

The resulting benefits of the scheme are far reaching and will address the identified need for the project in the area. The benefits can be summarised and grouped into six main categories:

- It will act as a catalyst for increased tourist visiting the area
- It will generate increased economic activity
- It will promote rural regeneration – agri-tourism
- It will enhance cultural and heritage awareness and community identity
- It will provide an accessible recreational amenity for local use
- It will improve health and wellbeing in the Local Community through active living

For a peripheral rural County like Kerry tourism provides the greatest potential to address economic and social decline.

Government policy as outlined in ‘Energising Ireland’s Rural Economy’ recognises the need for rural area to capitalise on their indigenous assets to provide employment and rural regeneration. This proposed development satisfies this policy.

The route is located on and incorporates some of the most magnificent scenery in the County, Tralee Bay, therefore open the area in a sustainable manner to additional tourist who may not have intended to visit the area.

The project will provide direct employment in service related industries in the local economy and, as an activity attraction has the potential to extend the tourism season and provide increased year round demand.

This is a unique local asset and one which can be utilised for the benefit of the local community. The health benefits of cycling are universally recognised and the promotion of cycling is enshrined at all levels of national and local policy.

The greenway has the potential to serve as a sustainable connection to local heritage by providing sustainable access to areas which are not currently easily accessible by pedestrians and cyclists. This will provide a sense of place and understanding of the past by drawing greater attention and appreciation to the railway heritage and cultural assets of the region.

The greenway will provide a safe segregated environment for cyclists and walkers and act as a stimulus to encourage greater participation in outdoor activity for local and visitors alike. Presently cyclists and walkers are using the R558 Tralee-Fenit Road network. This greenway development will be accessible to all users, including locals and visitors, families and the elderly, as a segregated route.

The development will also maximise the safety of vehicle users by minimising the number of pedestrian and cyclist using the busy R558 Tralee-Fenit Road

As part of this planning proposal an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening report was prepared and determined that the proposed work, individually, and in combination with other plans and projects, is not one which requires a Mandatory EIA and is not likely to have a significant effect on the environment. An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required in this instance.

An appropriate assessment screening was also prepared for the proposed project and determined that the proposed work, individually, and in combination with other plans and projects, is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (Natura 2000 Site), and as such, a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment / Natura Impact Statement is not required in this instance.

## **5. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

Proposed amendment no. 1 & 5:

It is intended to reinstating the underbridge - chainage 7175 in Knockanush West instead of the at grade crossing as proposed and displayed at public consultation. This change arose from negotiations and consultation with the adjacent landowners and residents in the area. The bridge detail design shall be finalised but it is intended that it will be similar in scale and height to the proposal at Kilfenora -drawing No.202-204 as set out in Appendix 1 of this report. A full detail design shall be prepared for two new structures at Kilfenora and Knockanush West

Proposed amendment no. 2-4:

Additional existing agricultural crossings are included following discussions and consultation with adjacent landowners.

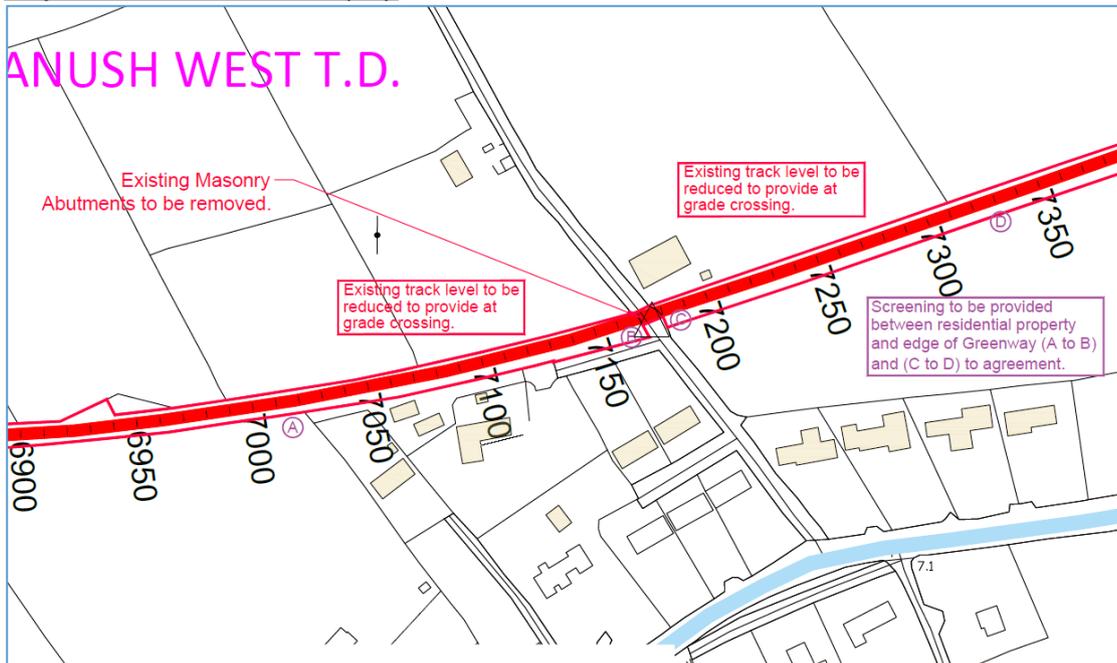
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Additional details provided where the greenway meets existing private road crossings, public road crossings and where residential accesses intersect the proposed greenway are set out in drawings no. 203-205 included appendix 1 of this report.

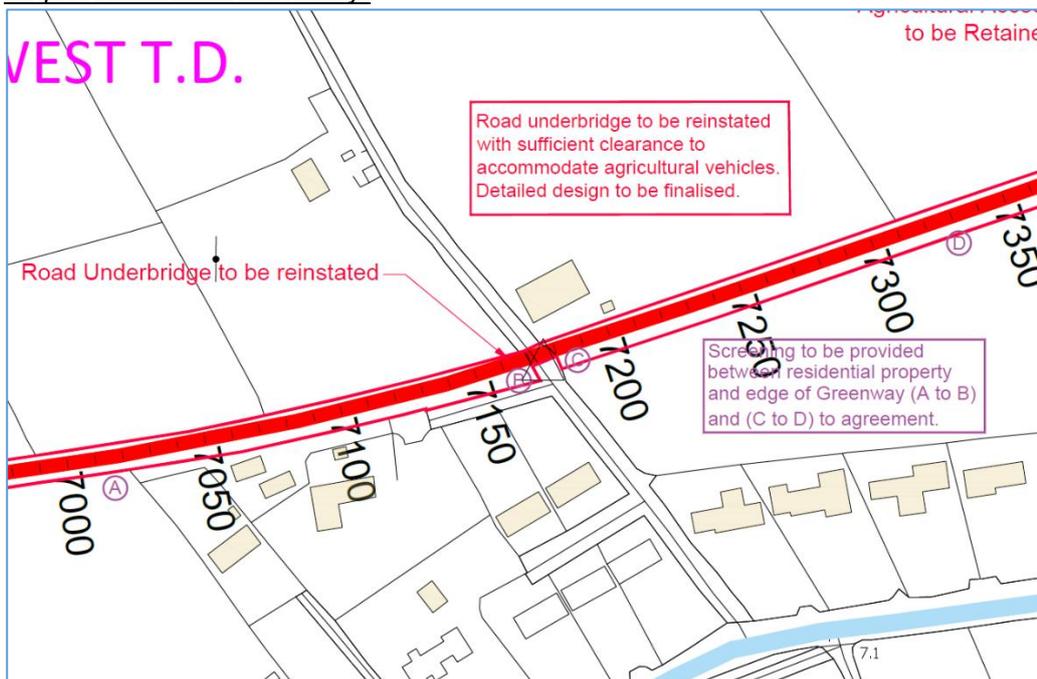
A full survey shall be carried out at the trail head at Mounthawk, linking this scheme with the existing Mounthawk-Edward Street section of greenway. On foot of a detailed survey and design the crossing and potential traffic calming measures on the Bracker O'Regan road shall be subject to a separate process in accordance with section 38 of the Roads Act 1994.

Finally it is considered that the proposed greenway on the route of the former railway line, will not have an adverse effect on the area, but rather will be a positive contribution, socially, economically and environmentally to the North Kerry region, in particular the Tralee and Fenit area.

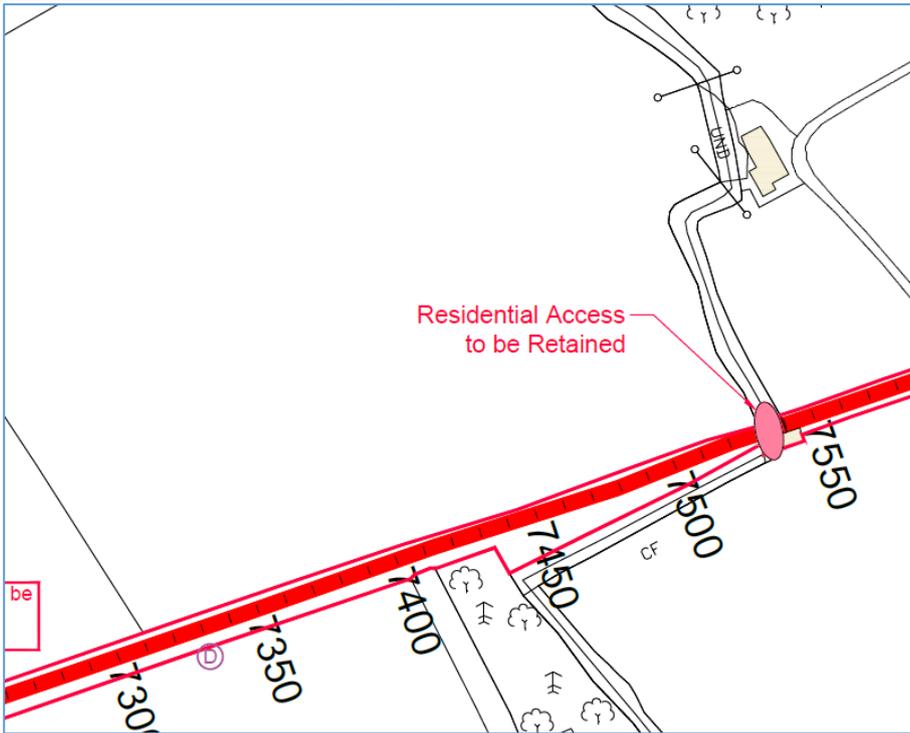
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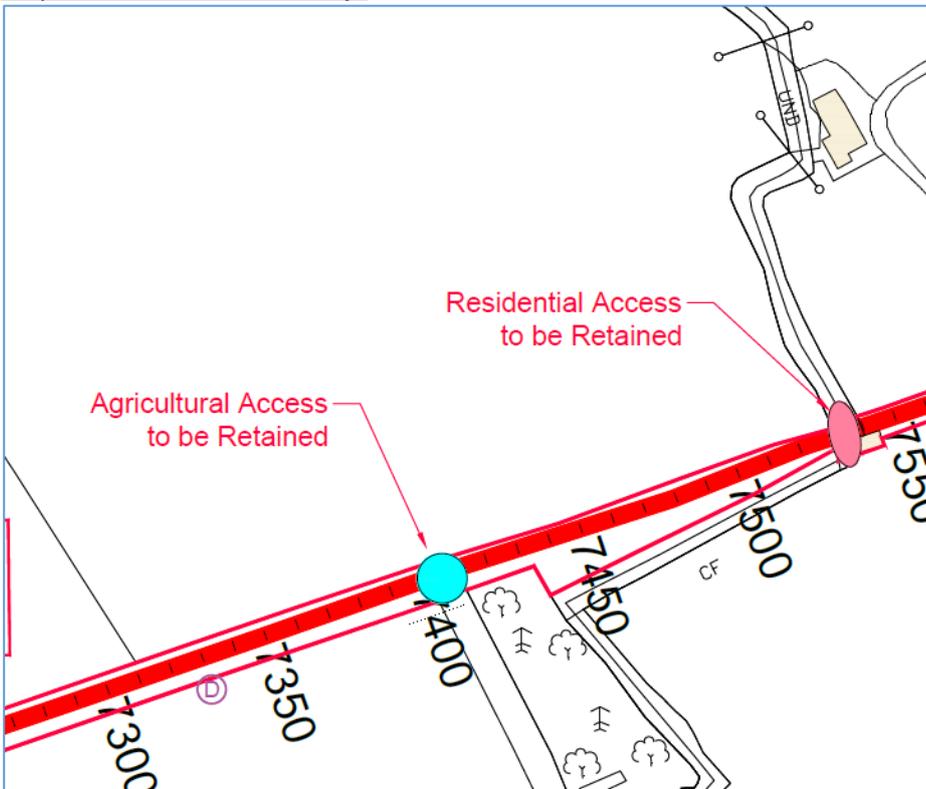
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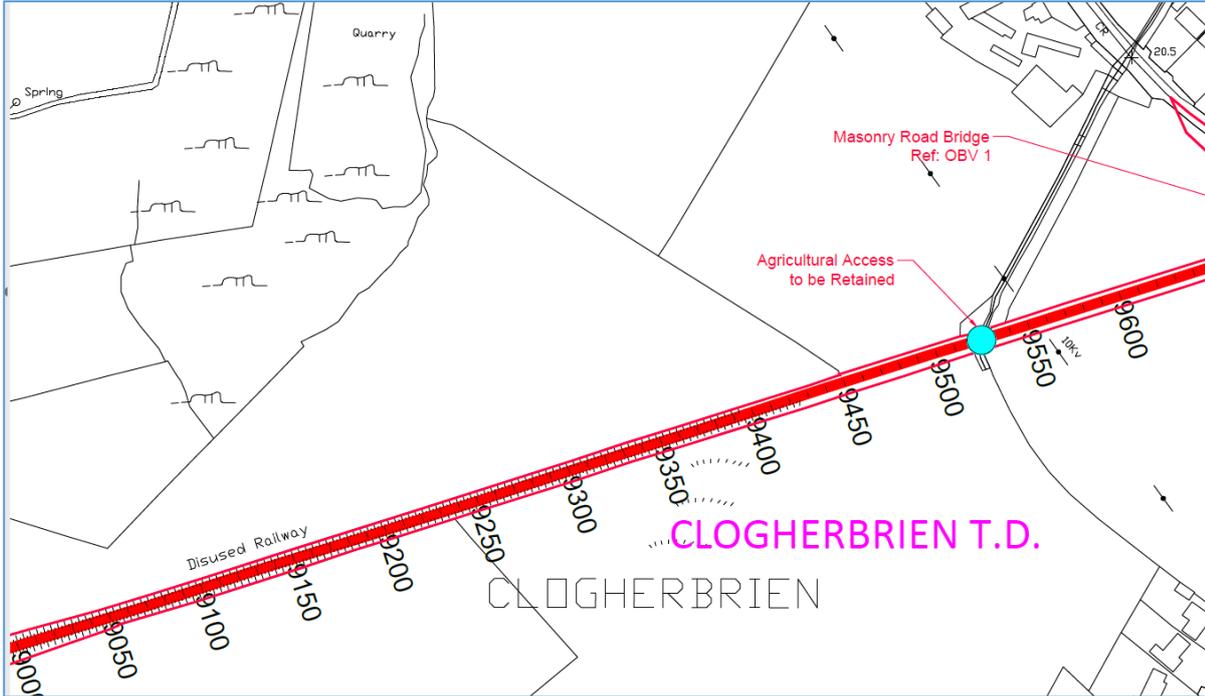
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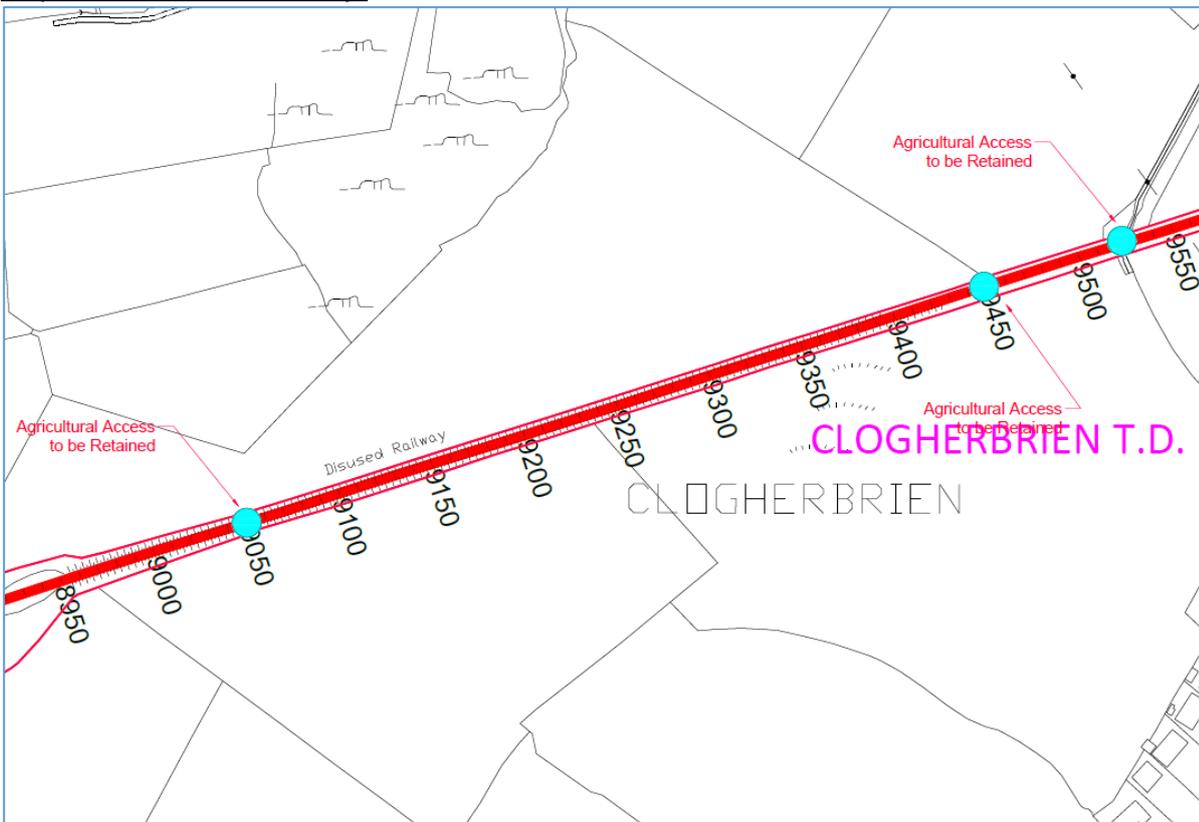
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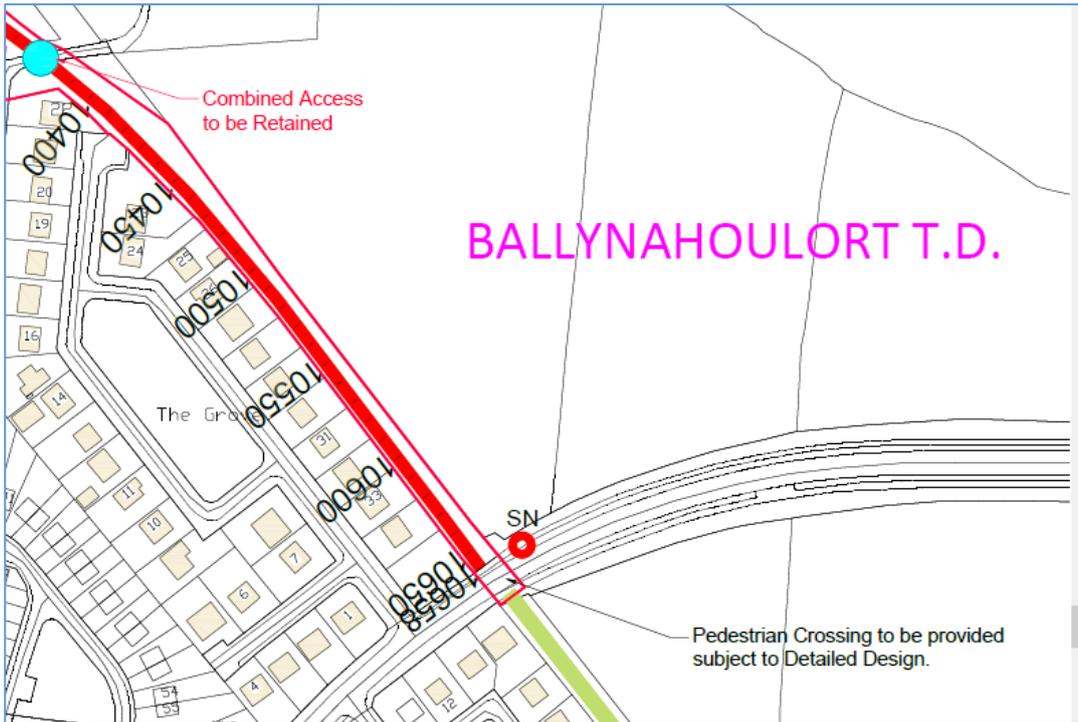
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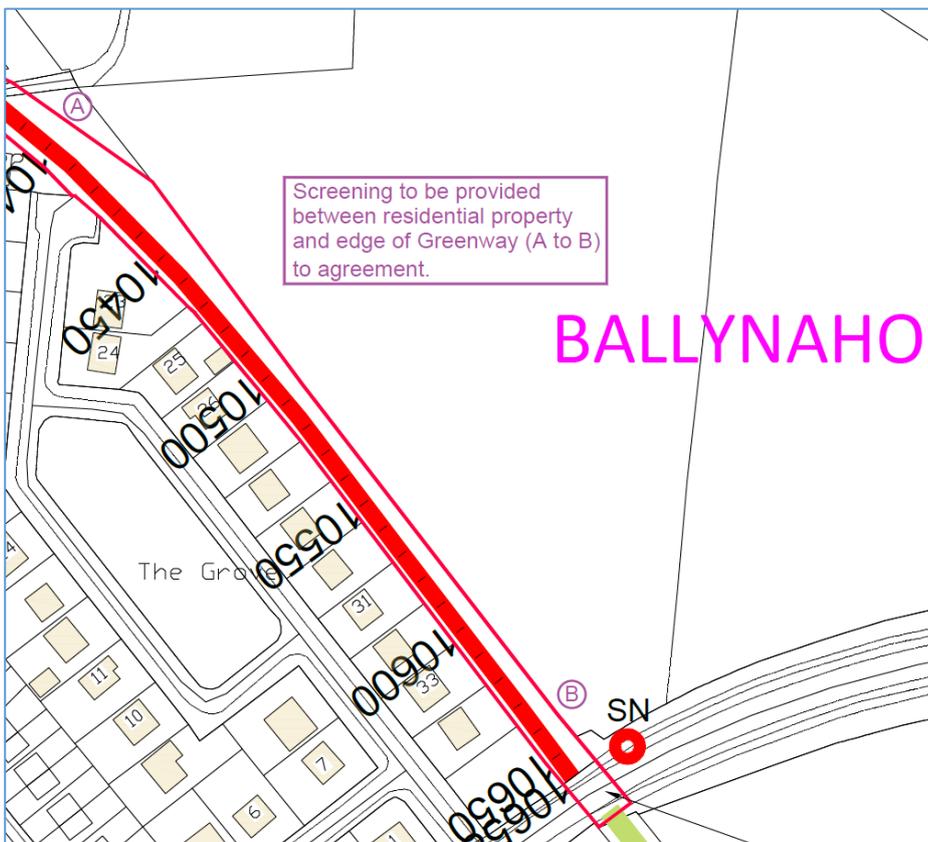
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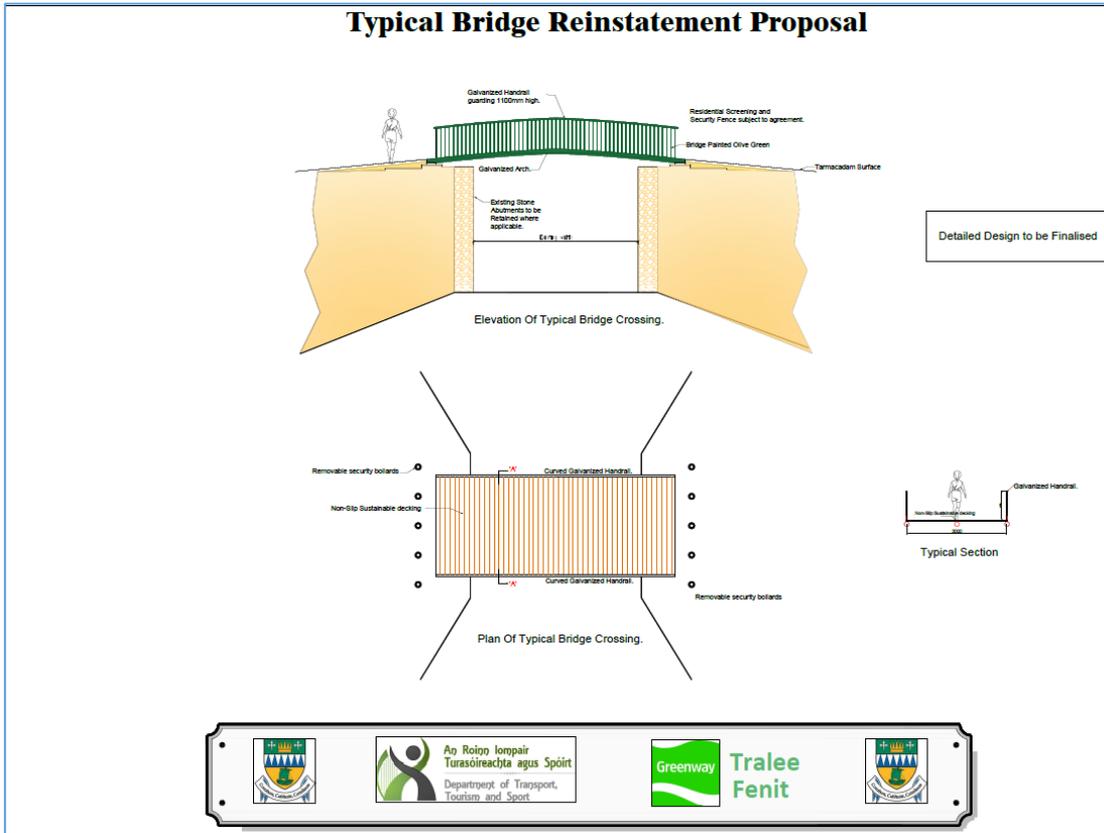
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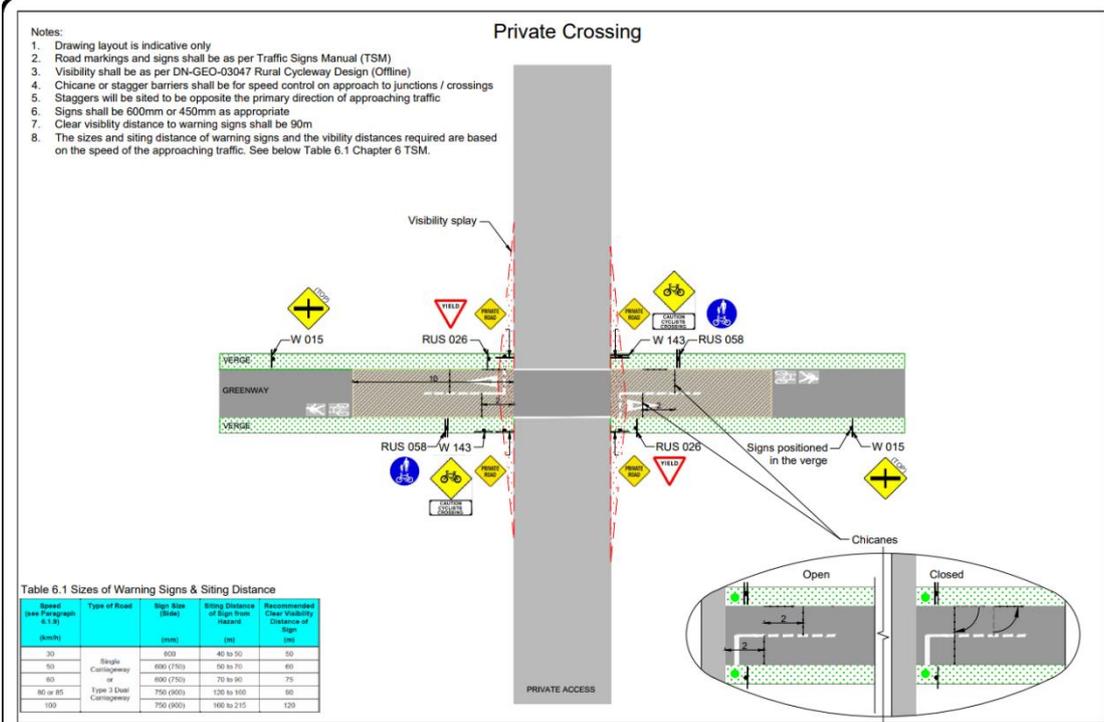
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**Proposed Amendment No. 5**  
Proposed Addition to Draft Plans



**Proposed Amendment No. 6**  
Proposed Additions to Draft Plans





## 6. RECOMMENDATIONS

Having considered the proposed development with regard to section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2016, the proposal is considered to be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. Consequently, it is recommended to proceed with the development with minor amendments to the proposal that went on public display, as outlined in section 5 of this report.

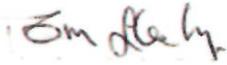
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Anna Meria Costelloe – Assistant Planner CIU

Approved:



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Tom Sheehy – Senior Engineer CIU

Signed:



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Michael Scannell  
Tralee Municipal District Manager - Bainisteoir Cheantair Bardasach Thrá Lí

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**Appendix 1. Drawings**

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**FIRST SCHEDULE**

Having regard to the location of the site within the draft Tralee Municipal District Plan 2018-2024 and to the availability of services, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out in the Second schedule, the proposed development would not seriously injure the amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience and would not therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

The development shall be carried out in accordance with the plans and particulars dated June 2018 and August 2018 and entitled 'Tralee-Fenit Greenway'.

**Reason: To regulate and control the layout of the development.**

All excavations and construction works shall be carried out between the hours of 0800 and 1800 Monday to Friday inclusive, and between the hours of 0800 and 1300 on Saturdays only. No work shall be carried out on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

**Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.**

Good site management practices should be adopted during site construction to prevent discharge of silt/hydrocarbon contaminated waters to storm or surface water drainage systems, e.g. through the use of silt traps and/or interceptors, these shall be maintained at regular intervals during construction.

**Reason: To protect the existing environment.**

During site construction phase, adequate measures shall be implemented in order to prevent the deposition of material from the site on to the public road

**Reason: To avoid a traffic hazard.**

All screening proposals to be agreed prior to the commencement of development

**Reason: In the interests of orderly development.**

Inland Fisheries Ireland shall be consulted and engaged with throughout the construction of the proposed development.

**Reason: To protect the existing environment.**

### **Appendix 3. Supporting Planning Policies and Objectives**

#### Project Ireland 2040: The National Planning Framework

As a strategic development framework, Ireland 2040 - Our Plan sets the long-term context for the country's physical development and associated progress in economic, social and environmental terms.

The vision for Ireland in 2040 is:

For the highest possible quality of life for people and communities, underpinned by high quality, well managed built and natural environments.

Sustainable self-reliance based on a strong circular economy and significant progress towards a low carbon, climate-resilient society while remaining an open, competitive and trading economy.

The Framework sets out the key goals and objectives for the State, and central to this framework is the theme of Planning and Investment to Support Rural Job Creation in particular:

“The development of greenways, blueways and peatways offer a unique alternative means for tourists and visitors to access and enjoy rural Ireland. The development of a strategic national network of these trails is a priority and will support the development of rural communities and job creation in the rural economy, as well as the protection and promotion of natural assets and biodiversity.”

The NPF is supported by a series of National Strategic Outcomes which the Framework seeks to deliver. The most pertinent Outcomes in the context of the proposed development are as follows:

#### National Strategic Outcome 3: Strengthened Rural Economies and Communities

“A strong start has also been made in the development of a national long-distance Greenway/ Blueway Network. Such a network, including rural walking, cycling and water-based recreation routes, as well as ‘peatways’, has demonstrated major potential to bring new life to regional and rural locations through the “win-win” scenario of increased tourism activity and healthier travel. Developing this network further will diversify our rural economy by embracing the potential for a major expansion in the demand for activity based tourism.”

#### National Strategic Outcome 7: Enhanced Amenities and Heritage

“Attractive places include a combination of factors, including vitality and diversity of uses, ease of access to amenities and services supported by integrated transport systems and green modes of movement such as pedestrian and cycling facilities. Appealing places are also defined by their character, heritage and sense of community. This includes attractive buildings and street layouts, civic spaces and parks and regeneration of older areas and making places feel safe through active use and design.”

The proposed Greenway aligns itself with both the strategic outcomes and objectives of this framework. The relevant National Policy Objectives in support of the proposed development are set out hereunder:

Objective No.	The National Planning Framework
National Policy Objective 16	Target the reversal of rural decline in the core of small towns and villages through sustainable targeted measures that address vacancy and deliver sustainable reuse and regeneration outcomes.
National Policy Objective 17	Enhance, integrate and protect the special physical, social, economic and cultural value of built heritage assets through appropriate and sensitive use now and for future generations.
National Policy Objective 18a -	Support the proportionate growth of and appropriately designed development in rural towns that will contribute to their regeneration and renewal, including interventions in the public realm, the provision of amenities, the acquisition of sites and the provision of services.
National Policy Objective 21 -	Enhance the competitiveness of rural areas by supporting innovation in rural economic development and enterprise through the sustainable diversification of the rural economy into new sectors and in particular those with a low or zero carbon output
National Policy Objective 22	Facilitate the development of a National Greenways/Blueways and Peatways Strategy which prioritises projects on the basis of achieving maximum impact and connectivity at national and regional level.

<b>National Policy Objective 27</b>	Ensure the integration of safe and convenient alternatives to the car into the design of our communities, by prioritising walking and cycling accessibility to both existing and proposed developments, and integrating physical activity facilities for all ages.
<b>National Policy Objective 64</b>	Improve air quality and help prevent people being exposed to unacceptable levels of pollution in our urban and rural areas through integrated land use and spatial planning that supports public transport, walking and cycling as more favourable modes of transport to the private car, the promotion of energy efficient buildings and homes, heating systems with zero local emissions, green infrastructure planning and innovative design solutions.

**Project Ireland 2040: National Development Plan 2018-2027**

The National Development Plan 2018-2027 (NDP), published in February 2018 in tandem with the National Planning Framework (NPF), seeks to drive Ireland’s long term economic, environmental and social progress over the next decade, in accordance with the spatial planning context of the NPF.

The key role of the NDP is to set out the updated configuration for public capital investment over the next 10 years to achieve the National Strategic Outcomes as set out within the NPF.

**National Strategic Outcome 3, Strengthened Rural Economies and Communities**

The NDP outlines a number of key rural initiatives, that set out to revitalise rural areas and to enhance economic growth. The Rural Recreation Infrastructure Scheme is regarded as the most applicable scheme to the proposed greenway project:

“The Rural Recreation Infrastructure Scheme supports the development and necessary maintenance, enhancement or promotion of recreational infrastructure throughout Ireland in light of the huge potential to develop the economic value of Activity and Recreational Tourism by Local Authorities, State Agencies and communities. Initiatives funded covered a broad spectrum, and range from walking trails to greenways and blueways.”

Investment in activity based tourism, including greenways, is recognised as a priority over the duration of the NDP lifespan, which will comprise of measures to support further regional investment in existing experience brands, including the Wild Atlantic Way.

Chapter 5: National Strategic Outcomes and Public Investment Priorities, summarises the status of greenway strategies within the State, anticipating the ongoing development of greenways over the duration of the NDP.

The National Development Plan reiterates the core national strategic objectives and outcomes of the National Planning Framework. The NDP earmarks future investment in greenways and recreational based tourism across the State over the duration of its lifespan.

**Smarter Travel: A New Transport policy for Ireland 2009-2020**

Smarter Travel – A Sustainable Transport Future, prepared by the Department of Transport, sets out a broad vision for the future of transportation in Ireland and establishes associated objectives and targets.

The main objectives are to reduce dependency on car travel and long-distance commuting, increase public transport modal share and encourage walking and cycling in line with national policies such as the National Cycle Policy Framework. This policy document sets out key goals, targets and actions, by 2020 and include the following:

“Our vision is to create a strong cycling culture in Ireland and ensure that all cities, towns, villages and rural areas will be cycling friendly. Cycling will be a normal way to get about, especially for short trips. Next to walking, cycling will be the most popular means of getting to school, both for primary and secondary school.”

The proposed greenway will act as a connectivity link between the local communities and in turn encourage a cycling culture locally.

**The National Cycle Policy Framework, 2009 – 2020**

The National Cycle Policy Framework 2009 – 2020 aims to provide a common, integrated basis for the long-term development and implementation of cycling policies among various sectors and levels of government.

The National Cycle Policy Framework outlines key objective which are relevant to the creation of cycle friendly environments including greenways. These key objectives are outlined hereunder:

<b>Objective No.</b>	<b>The National Cycle Policy Framework, 2009 – 2020</b>
<b>Objective 1</b>	Support the planning, development and design of towns and cities in a cycling and pedestrian friendly way
<b>Objective 3</b>	Provide designated rural signed cycle networks providing especially for visitors and recreational cycling

<b>Objective 4</b>	While the main target of the cycle tourism strategy is visitors-both overseas and domestic-the secondary target market is recreational cyclists. From the perspective of the National Cycle Policy Framework encouraging recreational cycling is a key element of creating a cycling culture in Ireland and recreational routes in and around urban areas, which, in turn link to rural areas are very important
<b>Objective 5</b>	Ensure that all the surfaces used by cyclists are maintained to a high standard and are well lit
<b>Objective 6</b>	Ensure that all cycling networks – both urban and rural – are signposted to an agreed standard

Strategy for the Future Development of Greenways (May 2017) – Public Consultation Paper

In May 2017 the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport launched a public consultation process on the future development of Greenways. A key objective identified in the National Cycle Policy Framework published by the Department in 2009 is to “provide designated rural cycle networks providing especially for visitors and recreational cycling”. This Strategy is aimed at responding to this objective as well as also responding to the Draft aims and objectives as set out in the National Planning Framework.

Regional Policy

South West Regional Planning Guidelines 2010-2020

The current South West Regional Planning Guidelines formulate public policy for the functional administrative areas of Kerry County Council, Cork County Council and Cork City Council. The RPGs are clearly linked to and support national investment priorities and are designed to strengthen integrated approaches to policy making and planning at local level, in line with the national planning framework.

Sustainable growth is a key theme of the Guidelines, relating to the development and strengthening of the regional economy; the quantum and location of future housing; environmental improvement and sustainable living with a high level of service integration, all within the context of heightened protection of the region’s biodiversity.

As outlined in Section 1.3.40 of the South West Regional Authority Regional Planning Guidelines 2010 – 2022:

‘The unique landscape and diversity of the South West region has the potential to further contribute to the overall quality of life and attractiveness of the south west as a location in which to settle or visit. Among such is the potential in the region to sustainably develop significantly more walking and cycling routes, yachting marines and other sporting, recreational, cultural and heritage facilities.’

Section 3.2.24 Rural Economy and Diversification of the Regional Planning Guidelines states that:

“The traditional mainstays of rural employment have been in decline for some time. Mechanisation and technological advances have contributed significantly to this decline. There is a need for new initiatives which will support rural diversification, innovation and enterprise development:

-Facilitate innovative approaches to identify new products and markets to increase rural employment (in the existing sectors).

-New sustainable tourism initiatives in appropriate locations.”

The relevant objectives in support of the proposed development are set out hereunder.

Objective No.	South West Regional Planning Guidelines 2010-2020
	It is an objective to;
<b>RES-03 Tourism</b>	Protect existing tourism assets in the region and develop additional sustainable facilities for activity holidays, urban and rural tourism.
<b>RES-05 Rural Diversification</b>	Promote rural diversification through building local rural capacity by upskilling and making appropriate provision in development and local plans to foster local entrepreneurial activity and encouraging innovative and sustainable economic activity.
<b>RTS-03 Cycling and Walking</b>	Encourage the development of strategies for walking and cycling that promote the goals and aspirations of Smarter Travel and the National Cycle Policy Framework. Specifically, the region’s local authorities should prepare plans for improvement to the cycling and walking networks in urban areas, linking areas of population growth and employment, in a sustainable manner.
	Continuously improve the quality of life for residents of and visitors to the region and to create an increased awareness of sense of place.

<b>REAS-07 Social and Community Infrastructure</b>	Ensure that social and community infrastructures in terms of housing, educational, public transport, recreational and health facilities are developed in a timely and sustainable manner to cater for increasing population levels. Special care needs to be taken to ensure that adequate levels of essential service provision continues in rural area of the region.
	It is an objective to encourage local authorities to protect and enhance public open space and recreational facilities in a sustainable manner and recognise the importance of protection of urban wildlife corridors and sites of nature conservation importance.

### Local Policy

Kerry County Development Plan 2015-2021

The Kerry County Development Plan, adopted in February 2015, sets out the strategic framework for the sustainable development and land use planning for the County of Kerry from 2015 to 2021.

The Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010 amended section 10 of the Principal Act by introducing the requirement of a Core Strategy that shall "ensure that the development objectives in the Development Plan are consistent, as far as possible, with national and regional development objectives set out in the National Spatial Strategy/National Planning Framework and Regional Planning Guidelines". Among the strategic aims of core strategy are:

Set out a vision and blueprint for the future sustainable development of the County and maximise the counties potential in the context of the South West region.

Support sustainable tourism development in Kerry and strengthen the contribution that tourism makes to the local communities, culture and economy of the County.

Promote and support the integration of land use and transport and encourage modal shift to greater use of sustainable modes of transport, including public transport, walking and cycling.

As a mechanism to achieving these strategic aims, The County Development Plan encourages the sustainable development of walking and cycling routes, through the re-use of the existing former railway lines as 'greenways' for the purposes of promoting cycling and walking. The relevant policies and objectives in supports of the proposed development are set out hereunder. Of these, Objective T-27 is particularly pertinent.

<b>Objective No.</b>	<b>Kerry County Development Plan 2015-2021 Tourism and Recreation</b>
	It is an objective of the Council to;
<b>T-5</b>	Promote the sustainable development of tourist related infrastructure such as transport access, appropriate facilities and high-quality tourist accommodation, in appropriate locations where proposals are in accordance with the provisions of this Plan.
<b>T-10</b>	Support and facilitate, in conjunction with other bodies and agencies, the sustainable development of Kerry as a world class destination for sports and recreation related tourism.
<b>T-11</b>	Promote and facilitate the sustainable development of outdoor activities, in appropriate locations, such as walking, rambling, cycling and adventure with specialised wellness centres and facilities in association with Tralee IT, Failte Ireland, National Trails Office, Irish Sports Council, Kerry Education and Training Board and other relevant National and County based department and agencies.
<b>T-20</b>	Facilitate the sustainable provision, at appropriate locations, of a network of quality pathways and associated car parks for walkers and cyclists and horse riders that are attractive and free of vehicle traffic.
<b>T-23</b>	Actively encourage and seek to facilitate appropriate and sustainable development of integrated cycle routes throughout the County in association with other agencies.
<b>T-26</b>	Co-operate with the National Trails Office, Fáilte Ireland, National Way Marked Way Advisory Council and other relevant bodies, in order to support the sustainable development, maintenance and enhancement of the trail development throughout the County, both urban and rural, in an environmentally sustainable way.
<b>T-27</b>	Promote and facilitate the sustainable re-use of existing former railway lines for amenity purposes, such as cycleways, walkways and other recreational activities in order to develop a network of 'green routes' throughout the County.

<b>T-28</b>	Support the sustainable development of a national cycle network and the development of a EuroVelo project, in particular the Atlantic Coast route where it passes through the County
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<b>Objective No.</b>	<b>Kerry County Development Plan 2015-2021 Transport and Infrastructure</b>
	It is an objective of the Council to;
<b>RD-4</b>	Facilitate the sustainable provision of the necessary Infrastructure at appropriate locations, required to promote sustainable economic and social development of the County.
<b>RD-8</b>	Support sustainable travel in the County and implement the key goals, targets and actions as contained in Smarter Travel- A Sustainable Transport future – A New Transport Policy for Ireland 2009-2020 and the National Cycle Policy Framework.
<b>RD-13</b>	Encourage an increase of non-car based transport within the County.
<b>RD-14</b>	Promote the sustainable development of walking, cycling, public transport and other sustainable forms of transport such as car sharing and car-pooling, as an alternative to private car, by facilitating and promoting the development of necessary infrastructure and by promoting initiatives contained in Smarter Travel, A Sustainable Transport Future 2009-2020.
<b>RD-28</b>	Promote the sustainable development of walking, cycling, public transport and other sustainable forms of transport as an alternative to private car, by facilitating and promoting the development of necessary infrastructure and by promoting initiatives contained in Smarter Travel, A Sustainable Transport Future 2009-2020.
<b>RD-30</b>	Support the sustainable establishment of a network of “Greenways” as outlined in Table 7.4 within the County and adjoining Counties where it can be demonstrated that the development will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment, including the integrity of a Natura 2000 network. (Table 7.4 - from Farranfore to Caherciveen/ Renard Point).
<b>RD-31</b>	Support the sustainable establishment of a network of interlinked cycle ways and walk ways within the County and the adjoining Counties including: Tralee-Fenit, Lough Leane Loop, Glenbeigh-Renard Great Southern Trail Ballyseedy-Blennerville-Spa and linking them where possible, where it can be demonstrated that the development will not have a significant effect on the environment, including the integrity of the Natura 2000 network.
<b>RD-33</b>	Protect all existing or historical rail lines and associated facilities from redevelopment for non-transport related purposes in order to protect their future use as an operational transportation networks or for green cycle or walking routes.

This plan also promotes sustainable growth by encouraging rural enterprise and rural diversifications. Objective ES-28(13) supports the provision of farm-tourism enterprises such as the renovation of farm buildings for tourism purposes, walking, cycling, angling, pony trekking and bird watching, subject to compliance with normal planning criteria and development management standards.

#### The Kerry Local Economic and Community Plan

The Kerry Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021 sets out the actions and objectives for the promotion and strengthening of the economy and communities of Kerry.

Through the development of a coordinated interagency approach, The Kerry Local Economic and Community Plan identifies three aspects (socio-economic statements) to guide the formation of objectives to tackle the key economic and community concerns for Kerry.

These are as follows:

**Economic Development and Job Creation** - To promote a robust and diverse economy, supported by a well-developed education and training model, enabling a sustainable population and vibrant communities throughout the county.

**Quality of Life** - To promote a high quality of life, based around a clean natural environment, good quality local services, a strong sense of place and culture and meaningful participation in decision making.

Community and Social Inclusion - To promote social and economic inclusion and reduction of social inequalities, particularly targeting areas and communities in Kerry experiencing social disadvantage, marginalised groups or those at risk of exclusion.

These socio-economic statements have assisted in the formation of a number of goals, objectives and actions. The goals, objectives and actions in supports of the proposed greenway are set out hereunder.

Goal	Objective	Action
<b>1.3 Sustainably Maximise Growth Opportunities for Kerry</b>	1.3.8 Actively promote the sustainable development of tourism in the county through the development and implementation of appropriate plans and strategies.	<b>1.3.8.3 Undertake further work on route options and feasibility studies for potential development of Greenways in the county, in line with national Greenways guidelines.</b>
		<b>1.3.8.4 Further to proper planning and sustainable development support completion of existing Greenway development (South Kerry, North Kerry and Fenit Greenways) and investigate the feasibility of linking up the North and South Kerry Greenways.</b>
<b>2.5 Promote population health &amp; well-being drawing on the social determinants of health (covering social aspects including education, environment, sport &amp; physical activity, housing, economic status)</b>	2.5.2 Promote an increase in physical activity levels across the county for all.	<b>2.5.2.1 Promote and develop free recreation facilities as part of a drive to increase physical activity levels and opportunities in the county for all. This work programme to be carried out in cooperation with the Kerry County Tourism Strategy.</b>
<b>3.8 To ensure that appropriate needs based social and community infrastructure is prioritised in creating sustainable communities and a sense of belonging for both new and more established areas throughout the county</b>	<b>3.8.8 Improve the liveability of communities through improved local facilities</b>	<b>3.8.8.1 Support the development of safe walking routes and other recreation opportunities in communities involving vulnerable road users in the design, included in which should be better signage and mapping facilities</b>

#### County Kerry Tourism Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2022

The County Kerry Tourism and Action Plan, adopted in July 2016, set out the priorities and investment plans for the county over the 2016 to 2022 period. The County is hugely dependant on Tourism with one in five employed in this Sector at the present time. The visitor numbers are growing – 1.7 million visitors to the County, and this Plan shows how vital it is that the County has a shared vision and a shared ambition to support this expanding Industry and Enterprise. The Tourism Strategy works to the principles of the National Tourism Policy as outlined in ‘People, Place & Policy – Growing Tourism to 2025’ and forms an integral part of the County Kerry Local Economic and Community Plan. This plan recognises that physical infrastructure forms an integral part of Kerry’s tourism package. Infrastructure determines the future growth potential of the region, its competitiveness and has a direct bearing on the visitor’s holiday experience and whether or not the visitor will return and recommend the destination to others. It covers many areas including transportation links, infrastructure, and product development, quality of the environment, and visitor facilities among others.

Developing and enhancing Kerry’s tourism infrastructure is a key of objective of this strategy.

A key priority in achieving this objective includes upgrading visitor facilities at seaside resorts, trail heads and link up Greenways, walking and cycling trails. One of the key actions identified this plan is the development of greenways, throughout the County and in particular from Reenard to Glenbeigh, as set out in action 1.7 Greenway of this plan

**Appendix 4. Determination Statements on AA and EIA Screening of the Part 8  
Tralee – Fenit**



### Determination Statement on AA Screening of a Part 8 for the Tralee-Fenit Greenway, Co Kerry

It is noted that the Appropriate Assessment Screening reported on in reports dated June 2018 and August 2018 has been carried out giving full consideration to the plans and particulars of the proposed development, to submissions received following the statutory public consultation period, to European sites located in the vicinity and to all of the matters referred to in S177 (U) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

In summary, following the screening of the proposed development for possible significant effects on the European sites listed in the above reports, no significant effects were identified. The reasons are provided in the aforementioned reports but are summarised as follows: the habitat found within and in the vicinity of the former railway corridor is not annexed habitat. No direct or indirect impacts to annexed habitats or species were identified which are predominately marine/coastal in nature. The nature and scale of the works required to facilitate the construction of the greenway within a relatively intact former railway line are not complex. Significant effects were not identified to annexed habitats/species from the proposed works. Finally, the line runs through an actively farmed, agricultural landscape and disturbance/displacement of annexed species was not considered likely from the proposed greenway at either construction or operational stage. The likelihood of significant effects to qualifying interests for which European sites are designated is deemed unlikely.

It is considered that the report contains a fair and reasonable assessment of the likelihood of significant effects of the development on European sites. The assessment as reported is adopted as the assessment of Kerry County Council.

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### Determination Statement on EIA Screening of a Part 8 for the Tralee-Fenit Greenway, Co Kerry

It is noted that the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening reported on in reports dated June 2018 and August 2018, has been carried out giving full consideration to the plans and particulars of the proposed development, to submissions received following the statutory public consultation period and to the EIA Directive (85/337/EEC) codified by Directive 2011/92/EU and as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (EIA Directive). In particular, regard was had to Article 4, Annex I, II/IIa and III as amended, which set out requirements for mandatory and sub-threshold EIA.

In summary, the likely impacts on the environment of the proposed development as outlined in the above reports were assessed. No significant effects on the environment were identified. Further to the objective information provided in the above screening reports, EIA is not required.

It is considered that the report contains a fair and reasonable assessment of the likelihood of significant effects of the development on the environment. The assessment as reported is adopted as the assessment of Kerry County Council.

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