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Wexford to Curracloe Meeting Held on Wednesday 11th January 2017 in the County Hall.

Present: (WCC) T Enright, CEO; G Forde, SE; R O'Mahony, SEE; L Lett, EE: (NPWS SE Region) W Atkinson, Regional Manager, C O'Mahony, D. Regional Manager: (Scott Cawley Ltd) P Scott Director; Maeve Maher McWilliams; Ornithologist
Apologies: None.

Item	Item Discussed/ Action Agreed	Action by
1.	WCC presented a trail proposal to the meeting and NPWS gave their feedback. Primary concern was bird disturbance, both visual and noise. White fronted geese numbers are falling each year and they are easily spooked compared to other geese. Other concerns were also raised.	noted
2.	NB - Imperative that any coastal trail route must be 100% secure from unauthorised access to the trail over the closed period in the winter. Trail users must not be able to mount the sea wall regardless of whether trail is open or closed.	WCC / SC
3.	Trail Mitigation Plan to be prepared. The plan should include 'hard work' elements, bird disturbance risk assessment plus monitoring regime for summer and winter seasons including trail usage, grass grazing availability for birds, etc.,.	WCC / SC
4.	LA by-laws maybe the most effective enforcement method to control unauthorised activity on the whole slob lands. WCC to investigate and seek legal advice. By-laws could include issues such as coursing, unauthorised access to farm paths and land, access to and conduct on any new trail, campfires, littering, noise disturbance, etc.,.	WCC
5.	Reserve keep a log of disturbance issues, list to be forward.	NPWS
6.	Investigate appropriate bird disturbance studies for geese and in particular white fronted geese. Prepare a risk matrix of relevant bird disturbances and mitigation measures.	SC
7.	Farm path through the slob are mostly communal but some are private. Provide proposals to increase gate security of all access paths into the slob lands.	WCC
8.	The pump house, sea wall and farm paths are owned by the slob commission. The commission represent all the	Noted

	landowners on the slob. The commissioner is the largest landowner. The Wildfowl Reserve is co-owned by NPWS and Birdwatch Ireland. The reserve land is leased to local farmers and the swart growth under the farm land scheme is working well. The north slob is an important state site yet it is the responsibility of the slob commission's for the maintenance of the sea wall and drainage.	
9.	Draft Trail Mitigation Plan to be forward to NPWS for their comment.	All
10.	Next Mgt. Meeting – TBA	

Appendix A – Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment of Trail Impacts on Slobland Birds - Normal Boundary Fencing

Ref:	Risk:	Severity:	Likelihood:	Bird Impact:
1	Secure Trail Access.			
1.a	<i>Unauthorised access off the trail onto the reserve during open season. NOTE 1.</i>			
1.a.i	Walker	2	3	6
1.a.ii	People / Group	3	2	6
1.a.iii	Dog(s)	5	5	25
1.b	<i>Unauthorised access onto the trail during closed season. NOTE 1.</i>			
1.b.i	Walker	4	3	12
1.b.ii	Cyclist	4	1	4
1.b.iii	People / Group	4	2	8
1.b.iv	Dog(s)	5	3	15
1.c	<i>Unauthorised access onto farm paths during the open season. NOTE 2. NO GATE LOCK</i>			0
1.c.i	Walker	2	3	6
1.c.ii	Cyclist	3	3	9
1.c.iii	Car	1	5	5
1.c.iv	Dog(s)	4	3	12
1.d	<i>Unauthorised access onto farm paths during the closed season. NOTE 2. NO GATE LOCK</i>			
1.d.i	Walker	3	2	6
1.d.ii	Cyclist	4	2	8
1.d.iii	Cars	1	4	4
1.d.iv	Dog(s)	5	2	10
2	Bird Disturbance.			
2.a	<i>Visual disturbance on the trail during the summer season. NOTE 1.</i>			
2.a.i	Walkers	3	5	15
2.a.ii	Cyclists	3	5	15
2.a.iii	Dogs	3	5	15
2.a.iv	Up on the slob wall	5	5	25
2.b	<i>Noise disturbance on the trail during the winter season. NOTE 1.</i>			0
2.b.i	Walkers	2	5	10
2.b.ii	Cyclists	2	5	10
2.b.iii	Dogs	4	5	20
2.b.iv	Up on the slob wall	5	5	25

Risk Assessment of Trail Impacts on Slobland Birds - Normal Boundary Fencing				
Ref:	Risk:	Severity:	Likelihood:	Bird Impact:
3	Trail Enforcement.			
3.a	<i>Nuisance activity on the trail with no warden patrols during the open season. NOTE 1.</i>			
3.a.i	Littering	1	2	2
3.a.ii	Feeding birds	1	2	2
3.a.iii	Non-control of dog(s)	5	3	15
3.a.iv	Climb fencing / seeking view point	3	3	9
3.a.v	Flying kites	5	1	5
3.a.vi	Operating drones	5	3	15
3.a.vii	Camping	5	2	10
4	Other Bird Disturbances. NOTE 1.			
4.a.i	Loss of feeding zone adjacent trail to all birds	4	3	12
4.a.ii	Loss of feeding zone adjacent trail to sensitive birds	4	5	20
4.a.iii	Disturbance due to extended daytime usage of the trail	5	5	25
4.a.iv	Disturbance due to peak usage of the trail	5	3	15
4.a.v	Disturbance due to warden patrols	2	5	10
4.a.vi	Disturbance due to emergency repairs	5	1	5
4.a.vii	Disturbance due to routine fence repair	3	3	9

Note: The assessment is based on;

1 Using normal timber post & sheepwire fencing along both sides of trail boundary, see standard detail TCD/100/02 & TCD/300/01.

2 Using normal steel field gate, no lock or square mesh, see standard detail RCD/300/09.

3 Wardens authorised to enforce LA bye-law regulations relating to trails.

Risk Assessment of Trail Impacts on Slobland Birds - Fencing & Screen Planting

Ref:	Risk:	Severity:	Likelihood:	Bird Impact:
1	Secure Trail Access.			
1.a	<i>Unauthorised access off the trail onto the reserve during open season. NOTE 1.</i>			
1.a.i	Walker	2	2	4
1.a.ii	People / Group	3	1	3
1.a.iii	Dog(s)	5	4	20
1.b	<i>Unauthorised access onto the trail during the closed season. NOTE 1.</i>			
1.b.i	Walker	3	3	9
1.b.ii	Cyclist	3	1	3
1.b.iii	People / Group	3	2	6
1.b.iv	Dog(s)	4	3	12
1.c	<i>Unauthorised access onto farm paths during the open season. NOTE 2. SHEET MESH, NO LOCK</i>			
1.c.i	Walker	2	2	4
1.c.ii	Cyclist	3	1	3
1.c.iii	Car	1	2	2
1.c.iv	Dog(s)	4	1	4
1.d	<i>Unauthorised access onto farm paths during the closed season. NOTE 2. SHEET MESH, NO LOCK</i>			
1.d.i	Walker	3	2	6
1.d.ii	Cyclist	4	1	4
1.d.iii	Car	2	1	2
1.d.iv	Dog(s)	5	1	5
2	Bird Disturbance.			
2.a	<i>Visual disturbance on the trail during the summer season. NOTE 1.</i>			
2.a.i	Walkers	3	4	12
2.a.ii	Cyclists	3	4	12
2.a.iii	Dogs	3	4	12
2.a.iv	Up on the slob wall	5	5	25
2.b	<i>Noise disturbance on the trail during the winter season. NOTE 1.</i>			
2.b.i	Walkers	2	4	8
2.b.ii	Cyclists	2	4	8
2.b.iii	Dogs	4	4	16
2.b.iv	Up on the slob wall	5	5	25

Risk Assessment of Trail Impacts on Slobland Birds - Fencing & Screen Planting				
Ref:	Risk:	Severity:	Likelihood:	Bird Impact:
3	Trail Enforcement.			
3.a	<i>Nuisance activity on the trail with no warden patrols during the open season. NOTE 1.</i>			
3.a.i	Littering	1	2	2
3.a.ii	Feeding birds	1	2	2
3.a.iii	Non-control of dog(s)	4	3	12
3.a.iv	Climb fencing / seeking view point	3	2	6
3.a.v	Flying kites	5	1	5
3.a.vi	Operating drones	5	3	15
3.a.vii	Camping	4	2	8
4	Other Bird Disturbances. NOTE 1.			
4.a.i	Loss of feeding zone adjacent trail to all birds	4	2	8
4.a.ii	Loss of feeding zone adjacent trail to sensitive birds	4	3	12
4.a.iii	Disturbance due to extended daytime usage of the trail	4	5	20
4.a.iv	Disturbance due to peak usage of the trail	4	3	12
4.a.v	Disturbance due to warden patrols	2	4	8
4.a.vi	Disturbance due to emergency fence repair	4	1	4
4.a.vii	Disturbance due to routine fence repair	2	2	4
				0

Note: The assessment is based on;

- 1 Using timber post & sheepwire fencing plus screen planting along both sides of trail boundary, see standard detail TCD/100/01 & TCD/300/02.
- 2 Using steel field gate, WITH lock & square mesh & 'Private Access' sign see standard detail TCD/300/09.
- 3 Wardens authorised to enforce LA bye-law regulations relating to trails.

Risk Assessment of Trail Impacts on Slobland Birds - Timber Cladding Screen & Planting

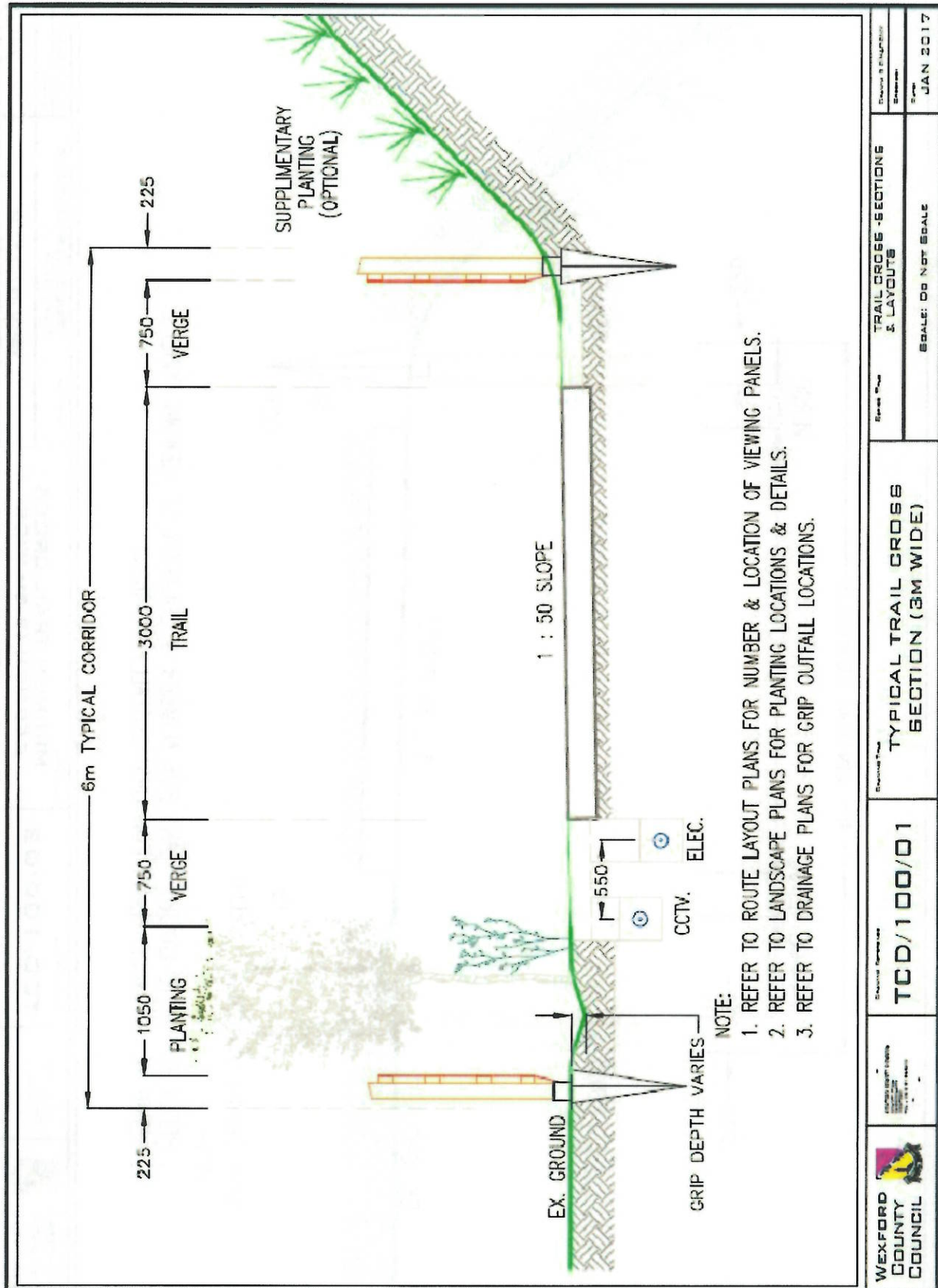
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1	Secure Trail Access.			
1.a	<i>Unauthorised access off the trail onto the reserve during open season. NOTE 1.</i>			
1.a.i	Walker	2	0	0
1.a.ii	People / Group	3	0	0
1.a.iii	Dog(s)	5	0	0
1.b	<i>Unauthorised access onto the trail during closed season. NOTE 1.</i>			
1.b.i	Walker	1	0	0
1.b.ii	Cyclist	1	0	0
1.b.iii	People / Group	1	0	0
1.b.iv	Dog(s)	1	0	0
1.c	<i>Unauthorised access onto farm paths during the open season. NOTE 2. LOCKED</i>			0
1.c.i	Walker	2	0	0
1.c.ii	Cyclist	3	0	0
1.c.iii	Car	1	0	0
1.c.iv	Dog(s)	4	0	0
1.d	<i>Unauthorised access onto farm paths during the closed season. NOTE 2. LOCKED</i>			
1.d.i	Walker	3	0	0
1.d.ii	Cyclist	4	0	0
1.d.iii	Car	2	0	0
1.d.iv	Dog(s)	5	0	0
2	Bird Disturbance.			
2.a	<i>Visual disturbance on the trail during the summer season. NOTE 1.</i>			
2.a.i	Walkers	3	0	0
2.a.ii	Cyclists	3	0	0
2.a.iii	Dogs	3	0	0
2.a.iv	Up on the slob wall	5	0	0
2.b	<i>Noise disturbance on the trail during the winter season. NOTE 1.</i>			0
2.b.i	Walkers	2	0	0
2.b.ii	Cyclists	2	0	0
2.b.iii	Dogs	4	0	0
2.b.iv	Up on the slob wall	5	0	0

Risk Assessment of Trail Impacts on Slobland Birds - Timber Cladding Screen & Planting				
Ref:	Risk:	Severity:	Likelihood:	Bird Impact:
3	Trail Enforcement.			
3.a	<i>Nuisance activity on the trail with no warden patrols the during open season. NOTE 1.</i>			
3.a.i	Littering	0	2	0
3.a.ii	Feeding birds	1	0	0
3.a.iii	Non-control of dog(s)	0	3	0
3.a.iv	Climb fencing / seeking view point	3	0	0
3.a.v	Flying kites	5	1	5
3.a.vi	Operating drones	5	2	10
3.a.vii	Camping	2	2	4
4	Other Bird Disturbances. NOTE 1.			
4.a.i	Loss of feeding zone adjacent trail to all birds	1	1	1
4.a.ii	Loss of feeding zone adjacent trail to sensitive birds	1	1	1
4.a.iii	Disturbance due to extended daytime usage of the trail	1	5	5
4.a.iv	Disturbance due to peak usage of the trail	1	2	2
4.a.v	Disturbance due to warden patrols	1	3	3
4.a.vi	Disturbance due to emergency fence repair	3	1	3
4.a.vii	Disturbance due to routine fence repair	1	2	2

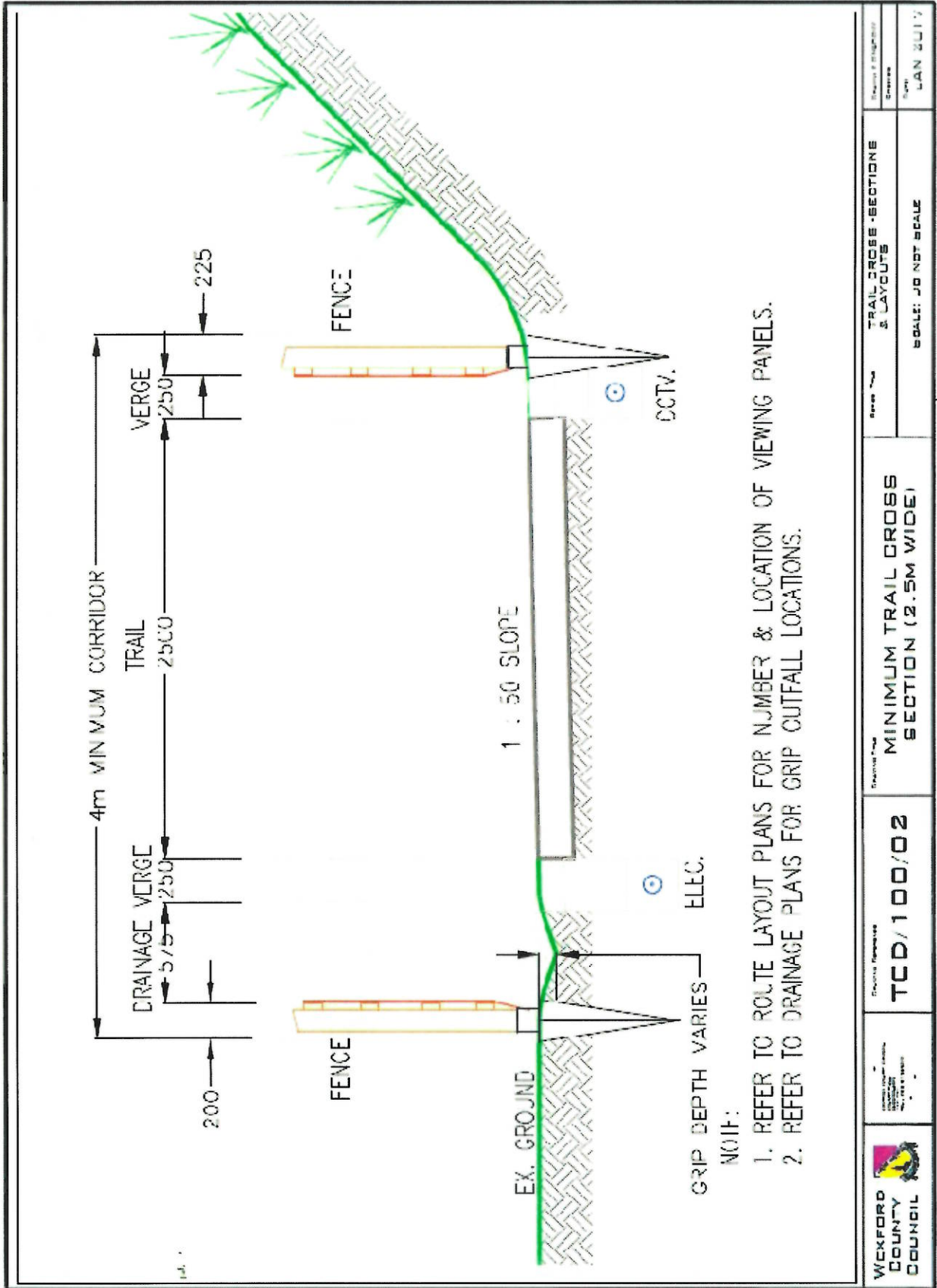
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Appendix B – Trail Details

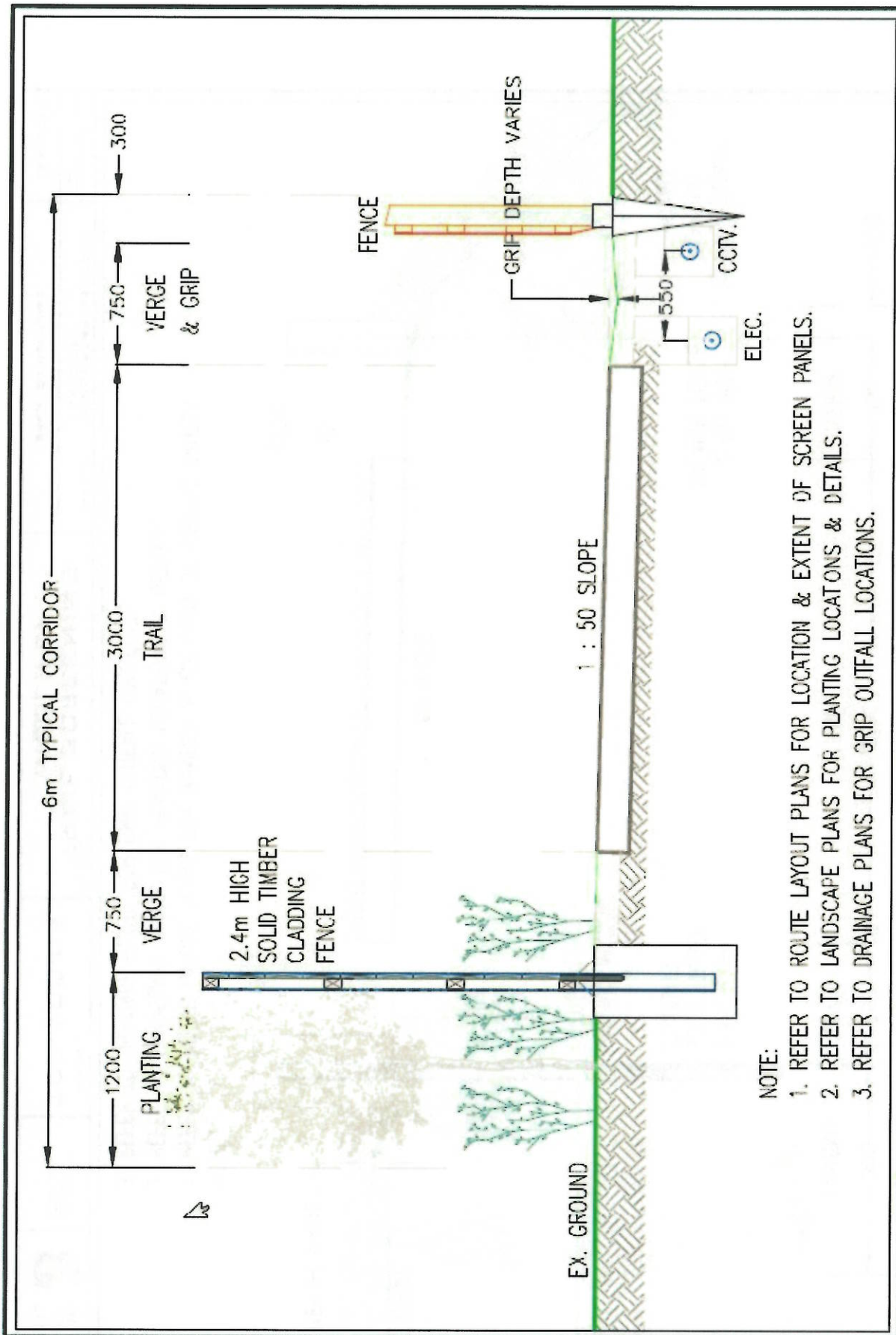


TCD / 100 /01



TCD / 100 /02

 <p>WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL</p>		<p>TCD / 100 /02</p>	<p>MINIMUM TRAIL CROSS SECTION (2.5M WIDE)</p>	<p>Trail Cross Sections & Layouts</p> <p>Scale: 10 NOT SCALE</p> <p>LAN 2017</p>
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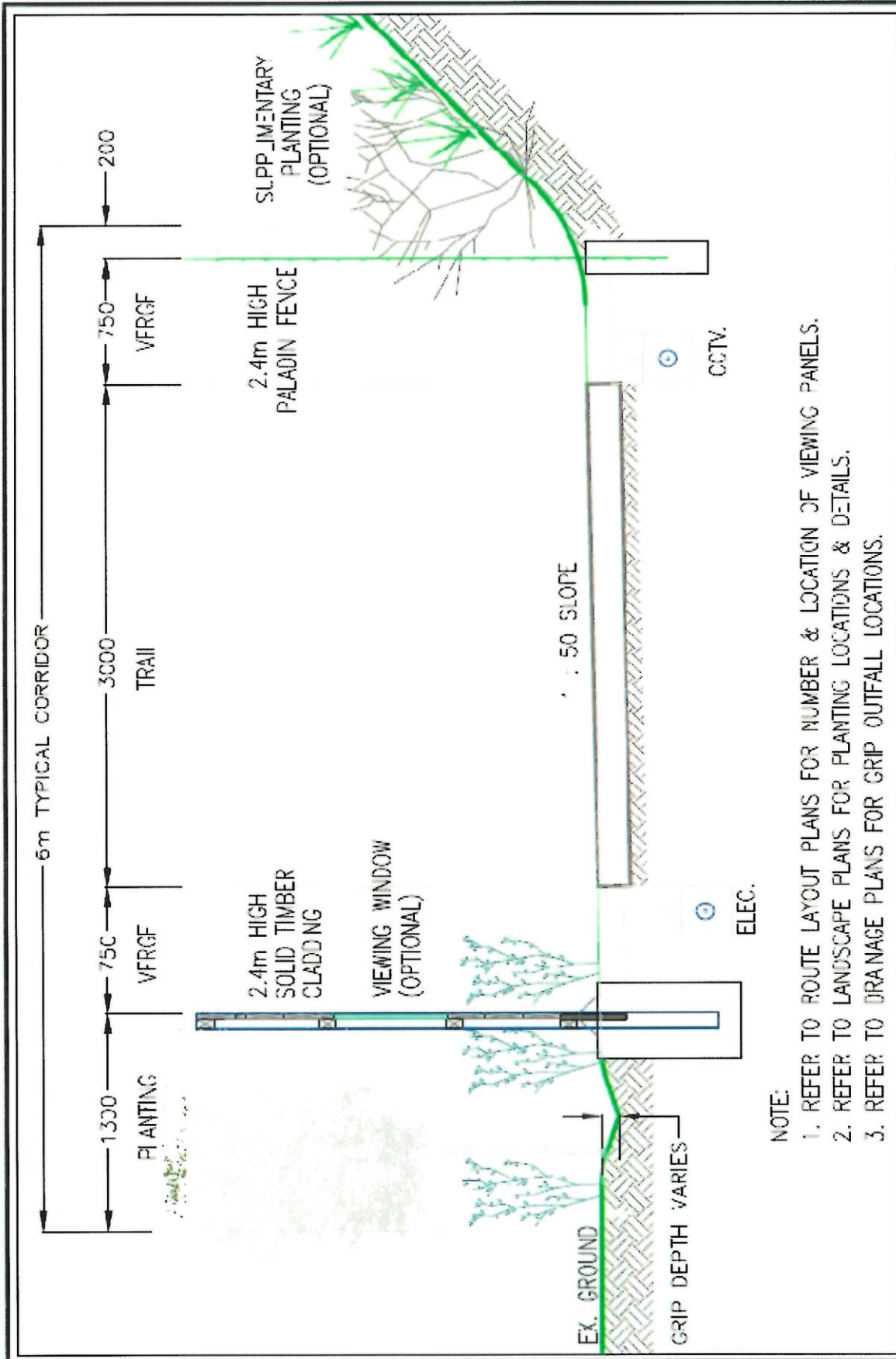


NOTE:

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2. REFER TO LANDSCAPE PLANS FOR PLANTING LOCATIONS & DETAILS.
3. REFER TO DRAINAGE PLANS FOR GRIP OUTFALL LOCATIONS.

TCD / 100 /05

<p>WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL</p>	<p>PLANNING DEPARTMENT</p>	<p>TCD/100/05</p>	<p>Trail Screening (Residential)</p>	<p>Scale: DO NOT SCALE</p>	<p>DATE: JAN 2017</p>
				<p>Trail Cross-Sections S.1 AYP ITR</p>	<p>Drawn & Checked</p>

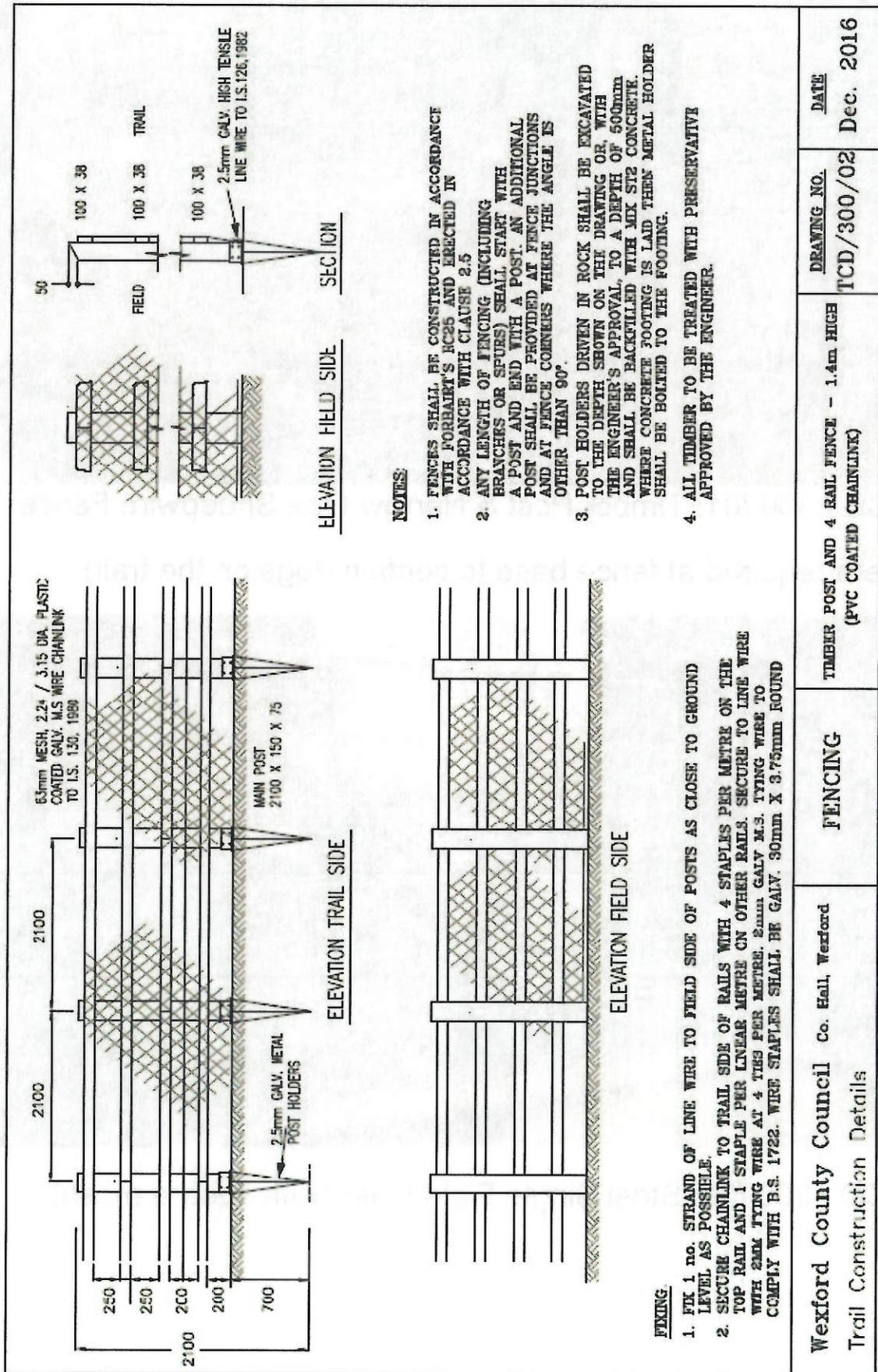


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3. REFER TO DRAINAGE PLANS FOR GRIP OUTFALL LOCATIONS.

<p>WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL</p>	<p>Project Reference</p> <p>TCD/100/06</p>	<p>Drawn By</p> <p>TRAIL SCREENING (WILDLIFE)</p>	<p>Scale</p> <p>SCALE: D3 NOT SCALE</p>
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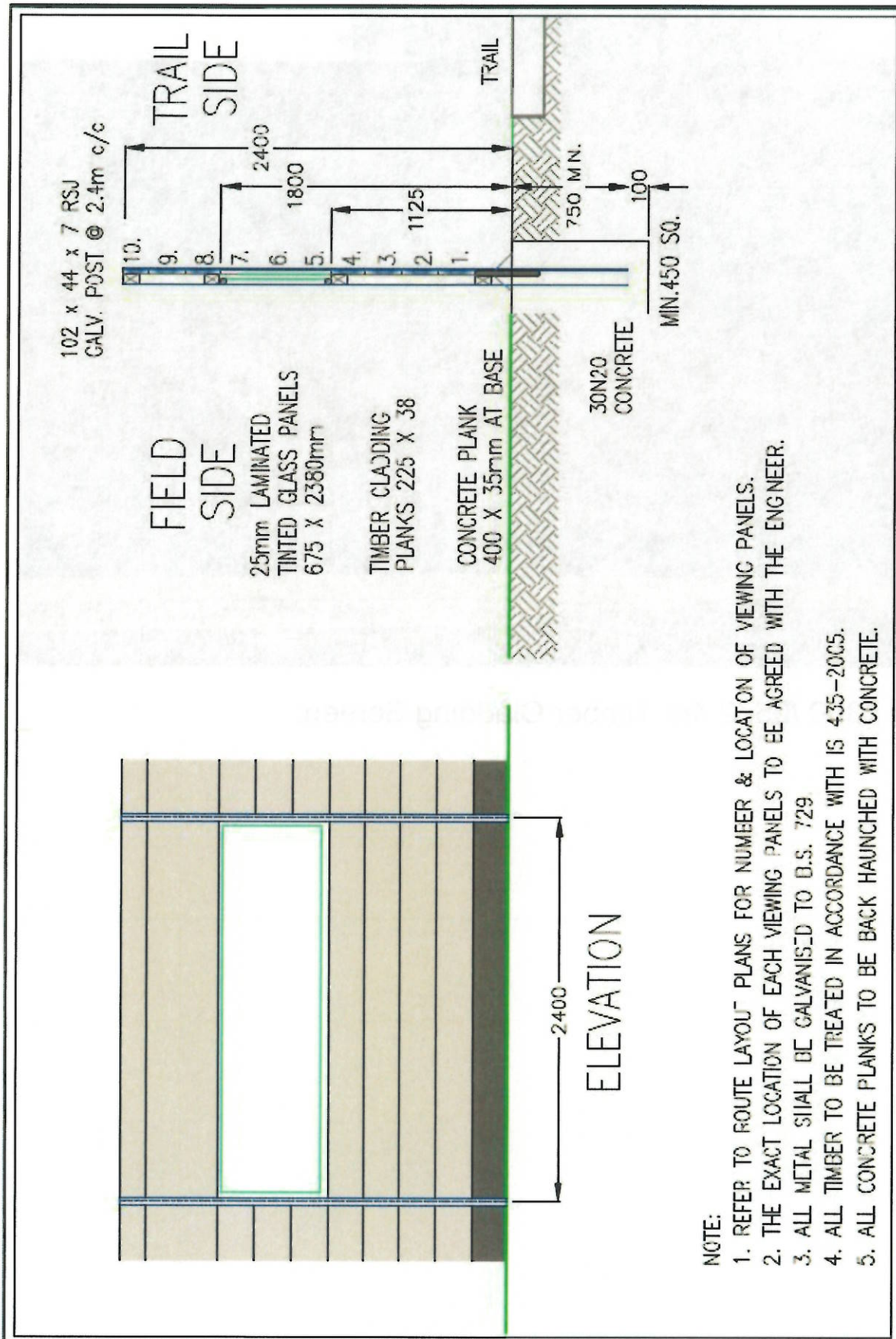




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(kerb required at fence base to contain dogs on the trail)



TCD / 300 /09: Steel Single Field Gate (with square mesh):



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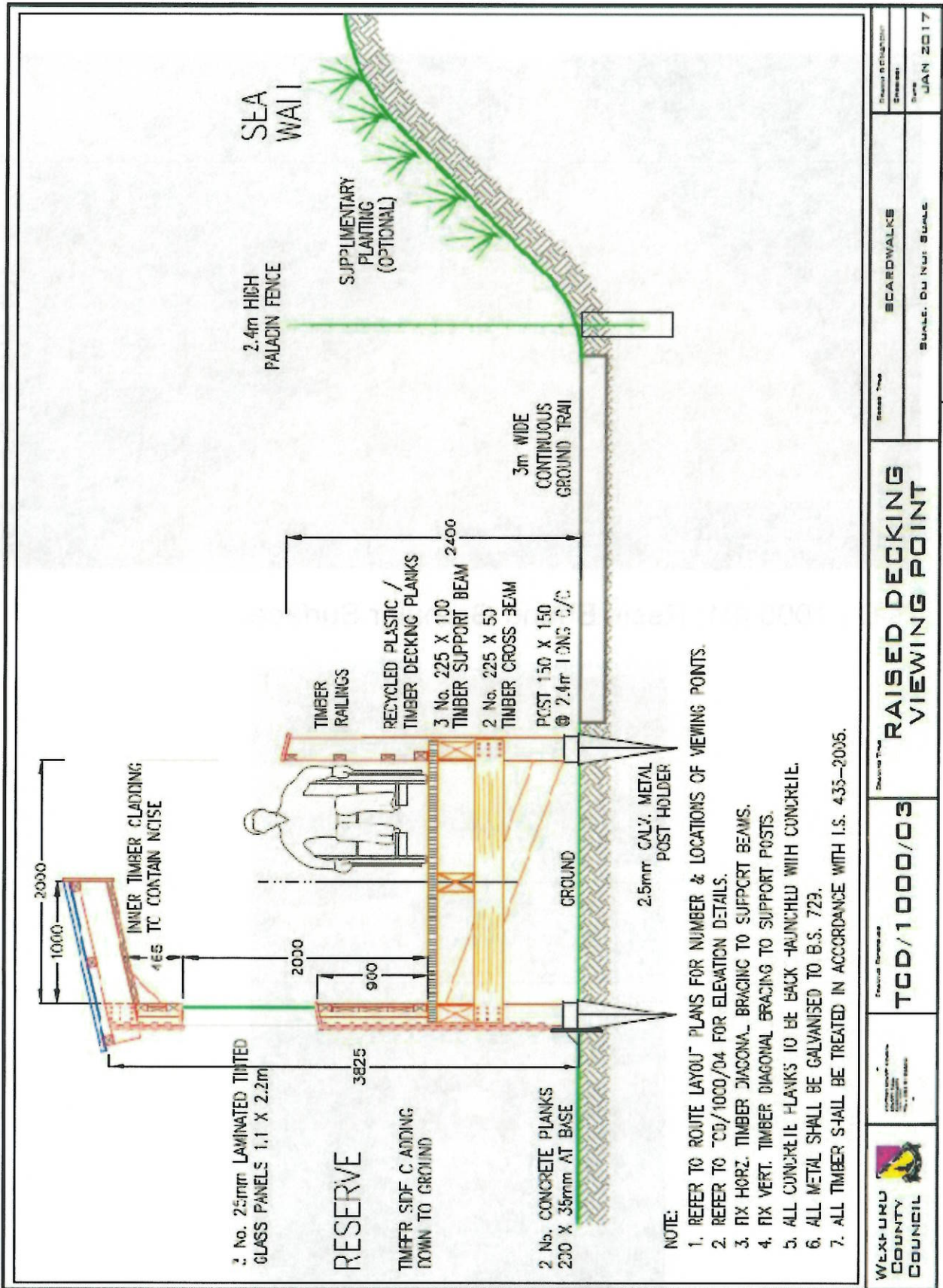
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3. ALL METAL SHALL BE GALVANISED TO D.S. 729
4. ALL TIMBER TO BE TREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH IS 435-2005.
5. ALL CONCRETE PLANKS TO BE BACK HAUNCHED WITH CONCRETE.

<p>WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL</p>	<p>TCD/300/05</p>	<p>2.4M HIGH TIMBER CLADDING SCREEN</p>	<p>Revision No. FENDING</p>
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<p>Author: JAN 2017</p>		<p>Checked: JAN 2017</p>	

TCD / 300 /05



TCD / 300 /05: 2.4m Timber Cladding Screen:



TCD / 1000 /03

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	<p>Project Name</p> <p>SCARDWALKS VIEWING POINT</p>		



TCD / 1000 /01: Resin Bound Granular Surface:



Trail Waymarker Posts:

Appendix C – Draft LA Bye-laws

Local Authority trail bye-laws should cover the following headings.

PART I

1. Citation & Commencement
2. Interpretation
3. Area of Application

PART II

4. Use of Trails

PART III

5. Enforcement

Schedule 1 – List of Trails.

Schedule 2 – Maps of Trails.

Schedule 3 – Fixed Payment Notice

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

???? Acts ???? (As Amended)

BYE-LAWS FOR THE USE OF TRAILS, GREENWAYS AND RIGHT-OF-WAYS 2017

Wexford County Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section ?? of the ??? Acts ????, as amended from time to time, and in accordance with Part 19 of the Local Government Act 2001, hereby makes the following bye-laws relating to the use of trails, greenways and right-of-ways and certain ancillary, consequential and related waste management matters.

PART I

1. CITATION AND COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1 These Bye-Laws may be cited as the Wexford County Council (Use of Trail) Bye-Laws 2017. They were adopted by resolution of Wexford County Council, dated _____ 2017.
- 1.2 These Bye-Laws will come into operation on 1st ???? 2017.

2. INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 Throughout the Bye-Laws, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and expressions have the meaning hereafter respectively assigned to them, that is to say: -

- (a) 'Appropriate

3. AREA OF APPLICATION

- 3.1 These Bye-Laws apply, in respect of the

PART II

4. USE OF TRAILS

- 4.1 A responsible person shall

PART III

5. ENFORCEMENT

- 9.1 An authorised person may request any person

SCHEDULE 1

???????

The following

Notes on Schedule 1:

1. Gxxxx

SCHEDULE 2

MAPS OF AREAS LOCATED WITHIN COUNTY WEXFORD TO WHICH BYE-LAW ?? APPLIES

SCHEDULE 3

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL (Use of Trail) BYE-LAWS 2017

FIXED PAYMENT NOTICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECTION 206 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

NAME OF LOCAL AUTHORITY: _____

To: Name: _____

Address: _____

It is alleged that you have contravened the provisions of Bye-Laws made under Section ?? of the ????????? Acts ???? entitled Wexford County Council (Use of Trails) Bye-Laws 2017

by
(in general terms specify nature of contravention) at

on During the period of 21 days beginning on the date of this notice you may pay the sum of €xx, accompanied by this notice, at the offices of the local authority named in this notice located at County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford.

A prosecution in respect of the alleged contravention will not be instituted during the said period and if the sum of €?? is paid during that period, no prosecution will be instituted at any time.

Signed Date

(Authorised Person)

IMPORTANT: Payment will be accepted at the offices of the local authority specified above and must be accompanied by this notice. Payment may be made by post. Cheques, etc. should be made payable to Wexford County Council.

A receipt will be given.

You are entitled to disregard this notice and defend the prosecution of the alleged contravention in Court.

PRESENT when the Common Seal

of Wexford County Council was affixed hereto:

Dated: _____ 2017

CATHAOIRLEACH/NOMINATED MEMBER

Dated: _____ 2017

CHIEF EXECUTIVE / DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

Appendix D – North Slob Coastal Trail
Winter Close Section

Wildfowl Reserve at North Slob:



Fig. D1: Winter Close Section at Location No.1.



Fig. D2: Location No.1 ~ 2.4m high metal paladine gate & fence between pond and slob wall. Note: The full length of closed section of the trail will have high fencing on both sides making access back onto the trail impossible.

North Slob near the wood edge at the Raven Point.



Fig. D3: Winter Close Section at Location No.2.



Fig. D4: Location No.2 ~ 2.4m high metal paladine gate & fence between pond and slob wall. Note: The full length of closed section of the trail will have high fencing on both sides making access back onto the trail impossible.



Fig. D5: 2.4m High Paladine Fencing, close spacing of grid makes climbing impossible.

Implementation of Active Travel Routes through Sloblands around Wexford Harbour

Discussion Document



Wexford County Council

February 2017

Revision: 0

Content:

1. Introduction

2. Suggested Trail Routes

3. Risk Assessment of Bird Disturbance

4. Mitigation Measures

5. Monitoring Regime

6. Next Step

Appendix A – Risk Assessment

Appendix B – Trail Details

Appendix C – Draft LA Byelaws

Appendix D – North Slob Trail Close Section

Appendix E – Trail Route Options Maps

1. Introduction

This document is prepared to highlight issues relating to the implementation of active travel routes along or through the north and south sloblands of Wexford Harbour and the impact it may cause on the wintering migratory birds in the Wildfowl Reserve and sloblands. The document suggests mitigation measures which could be implemented to avoid bird disturbance and it is intended to facilitate discussion with the National Parks & Wildlife Service on this subject.



Figure 1 Feeding Geese at Wildfowl Reserve on the North Slob:

2. Suggested Routes:

The following are possible trail routes under consideration which would traverse through or around the sloblands.

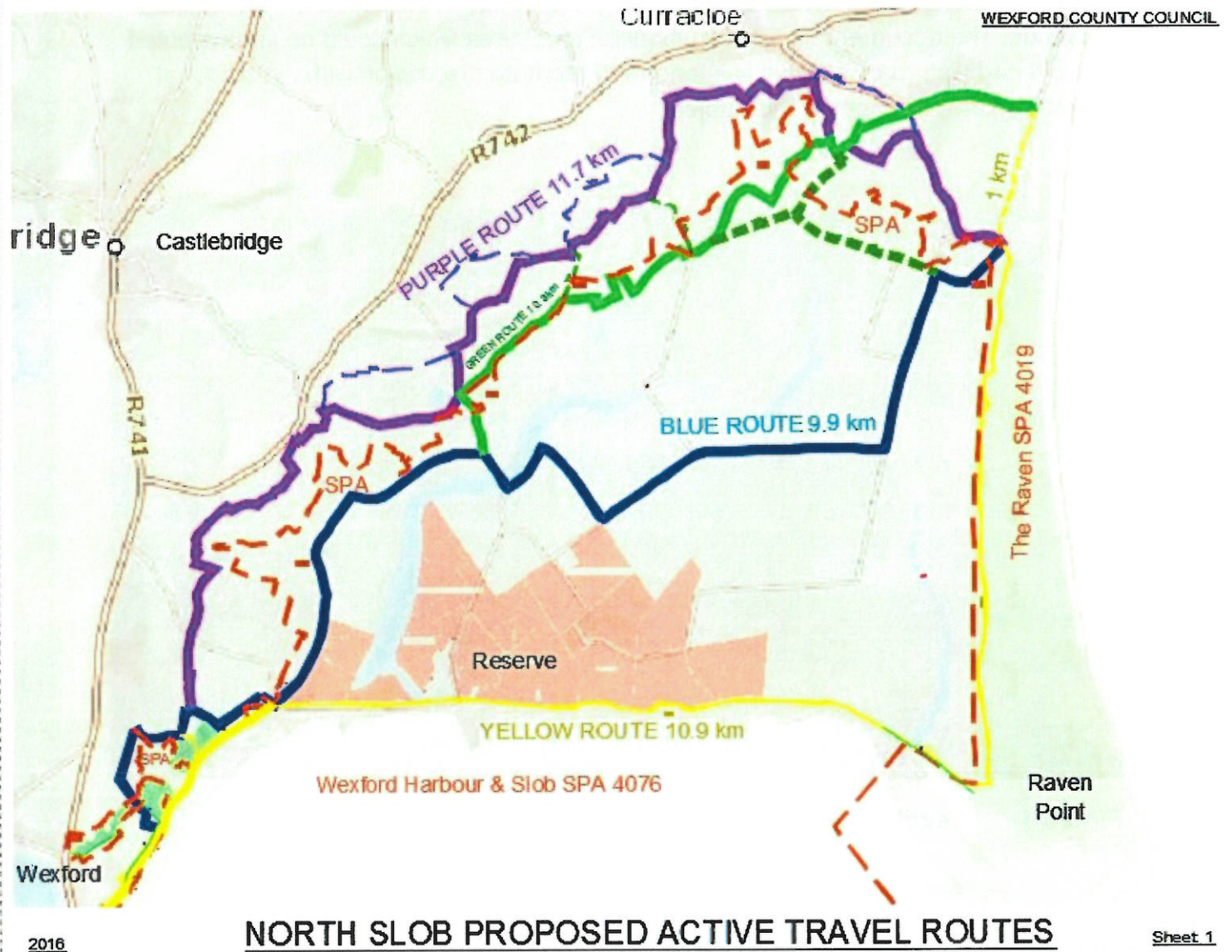


Fig. 2: Four Possible Routes from Ferrybank to Curracloe: Purple In-land Route, Green Linking Route, Blue Route along perimeter and Yellow Coastal Route.

It is intended that all routes would segregate the pedestrian trails from the existing farm access paths. This issue primarily concerns the blue route above.

More detailed maps are presented in appendix D.

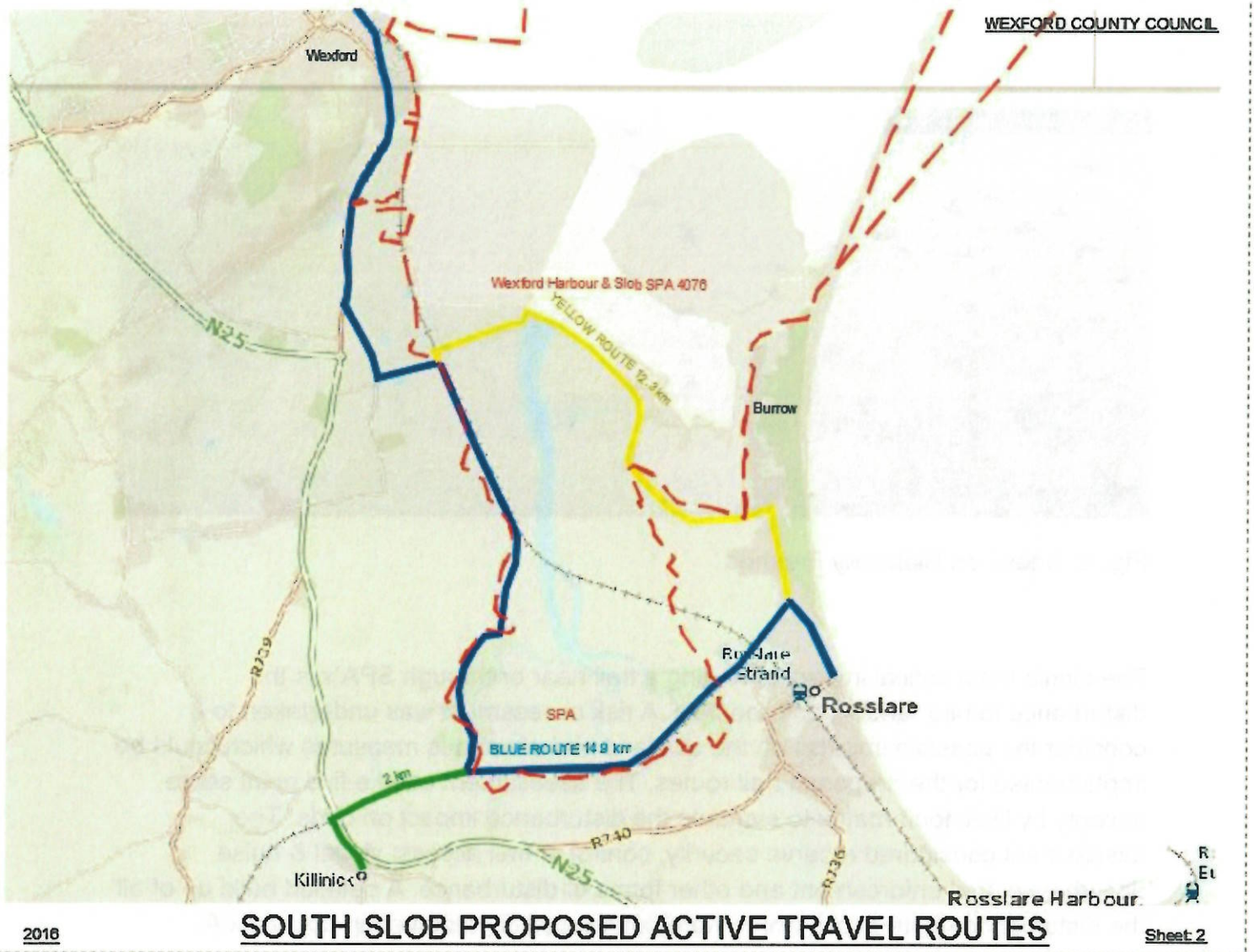


Fig. 3: Two Possible Routes from Wexford to Rosslare Strand:

Blue Route along the perimeter of the slobland and Yellow Coastal Route:

3. Risk Assessment of Bird Disturbance:



Fig. 4: Geese on Blakeney Freshes.

The single most critical impact of routing a trail near or through SPA's is the disturbance to bird feeding and roosting. A risk assessment was undertaken to consider the possible impacts on the slobland bird of various measures which could be implemented for the proposed trail routes. The assessment used a five point score severity by likelihood matrix to evaluate the disturbance impact on birds. The assessment considered reserve security, control of trail access, visual & noise disturbance, trail enforcement and other forms of disturbance. A detailed build up of all the disturbance related risks which were considered is presented in appendix A.

The key risks to emerge from the assessment are summarised below;

1. The use of typical timber post & sheepwire fencing 1.4m in high along the trail boundaries will not prevent unwarranted access into the reserve or sloblands. Narrow ope sheepwire with base kerbing would prevent dogs from leaving the trail but would not prevent an errant walker from climbing over the fence. Preventing access over the trail fence is central to closing the route along the reserve during the winter season.
2. Farm access paths leading off the public roads at Beggerin Island and Hook Bridge Road on the north slob are generally open and there is no clear signage to deter walkers or cars from driving around the farm path network through the sloblands. The public road entry to the south slob farm paths is a mix of open or locked gates and barriers.

3. Visual and noise disturbance from trail users was found to be the most intrusive impact on bird feeding and roosting along a wide zone adjacent the proposed trails. The only boundary treatment which eliminated the visual and noise disturbance was a fully clad timber screens along the route.
4. The deployment of trail wardens during the open season would reduce bird disturbances particularly as some of the nuisance activities such as drones or camping cannot be easily designed out. The installation of CCTV cameras at the winter close locations should be considered as part of trail enforcement.
5. The use of fully clad timber fencing was found to greatly reduce other types of bird disturbances such as their feeding in the zone adjacent the proposed trail, the extended daytime use a trail would offer particularly during the peak season.



Fig. 5: Timber Clad Screen (2.4m High !).

4. Mitigation Measures:



Fig. 6: Narrow ope sheepwire fencing with hedge screening as buffer to the wetlands.

Emerging from the risk assessment of bird disturbance the following measures could be applied to the proposed active travel routes through the North and South Slobs;

1. **Trail Boundary Treatment:** Typical timber post & sheepwire fencing along the trails boundaries is not sufficient. Narrow ope sheepwire with base kerbing would prevent dogs from leaving the trail but higher fencing is required to prevent walkers climb over the fence. The only boundary treatment which eliminates visual and noise disturbance from trail users is a fully clad timber screens.
 - a. A 1.8m high timber clad screen would be sufficient to block visual and noise disturbance adjacent the reserve and canal areas, see TCD/300/05. The extent of cladding could be terminated at sufficient distance away from the reserve and canal areas. Along the paddocks the cladding could be replaced with a 1.8m high timber post & 6 rail fence & chainlink fence similar to TCD/300/02 with screen planting.
 - b. On the opposite trail boundary along by the entire base of the slob wall a 2.4m high paladine fence would be erected, see standard details TCD/100/06.
2. **Farm Gates to Sloblands:** Entry to the sloblands off the public roads at Beggerin Island and Hook Bridge Road on the north slob and the pump house and Killiane farm on the south slob should remain closed throughout the year and particularly during the winter season. Prominent signage should be placed at the gates advising the public about bird disturbance, possibly bye-law fines

and recommending nearby trail as alternative leisure routes with map directions and WCC phone number. The above arrangement for the gate would need to be agreed with the slob commission. The closing of gate need not be for every instance a farm machine passes the gate but possibly after an assignment of work is complete. The idea is that the gate is closed over gaps in work activity.

3. **Winter Closure of Trail:** It is proposed during the winter season to close a section of the trail from the reserve to the wood edge at the Raven Point, see appendix D. The closure period would be from the start of October to end of April. The trail would be closed by 2.4m high paladine gates with similar fencing extending into the slob wall vegetation, see FIG. D2 & D4 in appendix D. This combined with the proposed continues fencing of both sides of the trail boundary would form an effective barrier to any trail user.
4. **Warden:** The deployment of trail wardens during the open season would be very beneficial to reducing nuisance activities occurring along the trail. The installation of CCTV cameras at the winter close locations and at Cullenton's Gap would contribute to trail enforcement. These cameras could be connected to WCC's network system at Ferrybank. If it were legally and technically possible a live feed could be directed into the Wildfowl Reserve offices.
5. **Viewing Points:** Should the timber clad screen be used extensively on the trail boundary then consideration should be given to placing a limited number of viewing points for trail users. These viewing points need not be as elaborate as a bird hide, they could be as simple as a one-way glass panel in the timber cladding see detail TCD/300/05 or a raised decking point as per detail TCD/1000/03. These features could be placed near the reserve ponds, raven channel and at the wood edge near Cullenton's Gap.
6. **Hedge screening to farm access path:** Complement hedging could be planted along the existing farm access paths. This can be as simple as planting narrow bands of reeds along path verges. This would need to be discussed with the slob commission.
7. **Signage:** Erect direction, warning and information signage along ATR. Trails should be well sign posted with trailhead signs, way marker posts, no entry warning signs and information signs of ecology, landscape or heritage where appropriate along the route.

These measures are suggested for further discussion with stakeholders with the sloblands around Wexford Harbour.

5. Monitoring Regime:

As the Wexford Sloblands are a winter destination for migratory geese and in particular the white fronted greenland goose, it is important that the introduction of any infrastructure on the sloblands should be closely monitored.



Fig.7: Greenland White Fronted Goose.

It is proposed that monitoring should be undertaken for prior to any trail development taking place, during its construction and for some years after when the trail is in use.

Prior to Construction:

Once a preferred route for any trail is agreed, data should be collected of bird feeding and roosting in the vicinity of the proposed route. If field data is available then it should be checked that the format and type of data is comparable to data that would be collected at future stages. The data should be specific to fields and paddocks where a trail will be routed and include bird type and numbers.

The collected data should be reviewed to extract any construction constraints to be incorporated into the design and methods of working.

During Construction;

Any trail would be constructed in the summer season but monitoring should continue to identify any issues that may emerge. Should the monitoring highlight any issues adversely effecting protected bird species then these issues would need to be brought to the attention of the construction team as soon as possible and a working solution agreed between WCC / contractor and NPWS.

Post Construction:

Crucially the monitoring of bird activity should be continued for a few years after the trail is open for use. This monitoring should be undertaken each month at various section of the route, different times of the day and during open and closed periods of the trail. CCTV camera data which could include the number of trail users but also the date & time trips were made. This data could then be compared against monitored bird activity. Importantly this information would show if specific fields and paddocks close to any new trail were continuing to be used as before by birds taking into account grass management rotation on the sloblands.



Fig. 8: Greenway through Slobland at Holkham, Norfolk.

6. Next Step:

After all stakeholders have reviewed this discussion document then it would be beneficial to hold a meeting to discuss the issues raised, mitigation solutions suggested and possibly agree approach to be pursued the project(s).

Projects of this nature typically involve the following stages;

Timeframe:	Project Stage:
2 months	Detailed AA assessment (if field data is available).
1 month	Agree Emerging Route
-	Acquire right-of-way (concurrent with other stages prior to construction).
2 months	Preliminary Design
6 months	Planning (ABP)
-	Detailed Design & Tender Documents (concurrent with planning).
<u>2 months</u>	<u>Tendering</u>
13 months to start of construction	
7 months	Construction
(5 months maximum construction over the sloblands in the summer season)	

This discussion document was prepared by:


Rory O'Mahony

Contributions were made by:

Gerry Forde & Lar Lett

Date: 23 February 2017

Wexford County Council

Proposed
North Slob Active Travel Route
11th May 2017





SOUTH SLOB PROPOSED ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTES

Hen Harrier



SECTION 1



Wexford Harbour & Slob SPA – Annex 1, 32 Birds

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Little Grebe
<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	Great Crested Grebe
<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Cormorant
<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Grey Heron
<i>Cygnus columbianus bewickii</i>	Bewicks Swan
<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>	Whooper Swan
<i>Anser albifrons flavirostris</i>	Greenland White-fronted Goose
<i>Branta bernicla hrota</i>	Light-bellied Brent Goose
<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	Shelduck
<i>Anas penelope</i>	Wigeon
<i>Anas crecca</i>	Teal
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Mallard
<i>Anas acuta</i>	Pintail
<i>Aythya marila</i>	Scaup
<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Goldeneye
<i>Mergus serrator</i>	Red-breasted Merganser
<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Hen Harrier
<i>Fulica atra</i>	Coot
<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	Oystercatcher
<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	Golden Plover
<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Grey Plover
<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	Lapwing
<i>Calidris canutus</i>	Knot
<i>Calidris alba</i>	Sanderling
<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Dunlin
<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Black-tailed Godwit
<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Bar-tailed Godwit
<i>Numenius arquata</i>	Curlew
<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Redshank
<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	Black-headed Gull
<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Lesser Black-backed Gull
<i>Sterna albifrons</i>	Little Tern









SECTION 3 YELLOW ROUTE

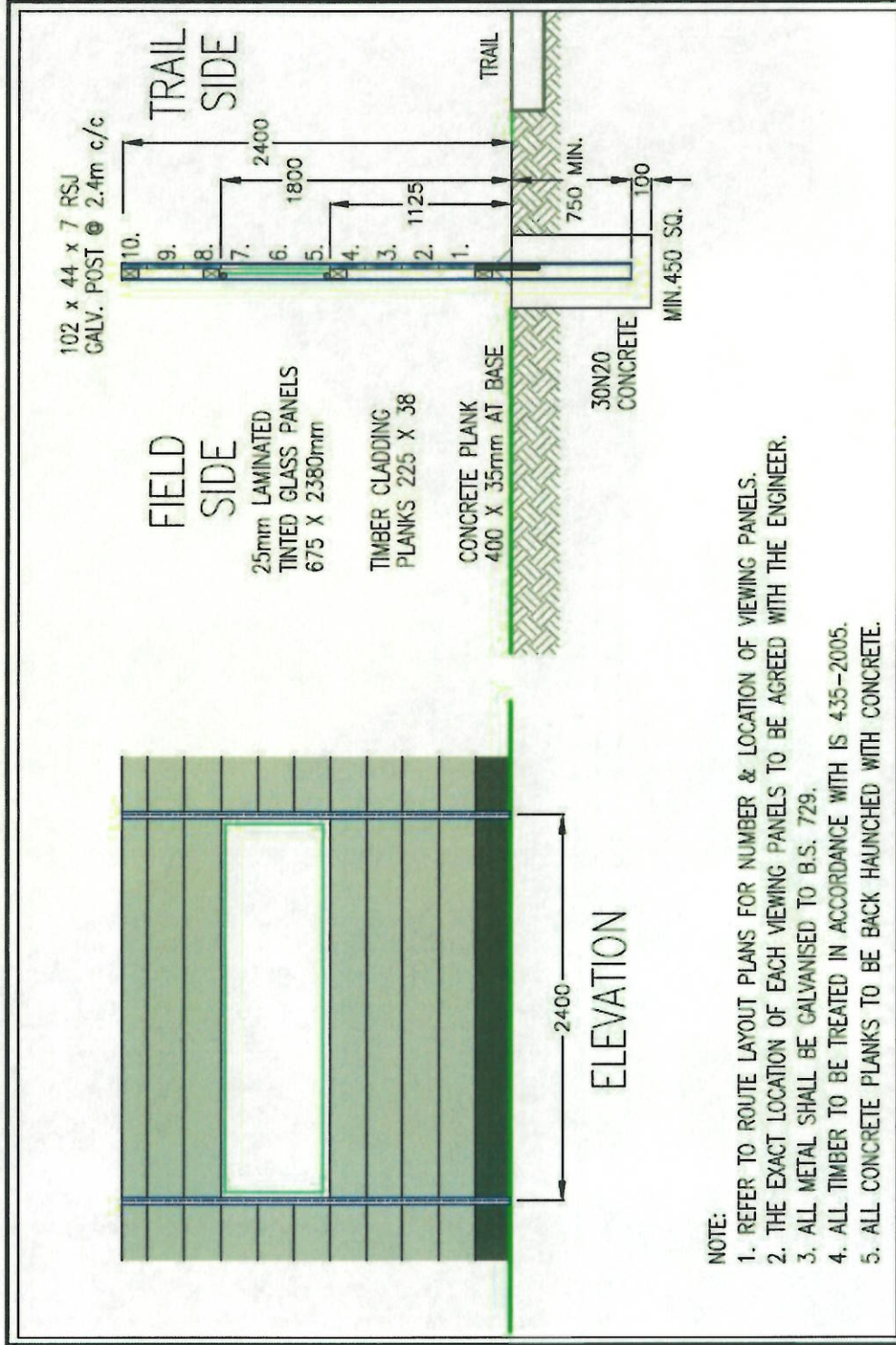


PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES ROUTE CONSTRUCTION

YELLOW ROUTE (Southern coastal)

Item.	Length (m)	Cost
Right of way/land acquisition	4410	104,076
Trail construction cost	10900	570,426
Total Trail Cost		674,502

Trail Screen



NOTE:

1. REFER TO ROUTE LAYOUT PLANS FOR NUMBER & LOCATION OF VIEWING PANELS.
2. THE EXACT LOCATION OF EACH VIEWING PANELS TO BE AGREED WITH THE ENGINEER.
3. ALL METAL SHALL BE GALVANISED TO B.S. 729.
4. ALL TIMBER TO BE TREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH IS 435-2005.
5. ALL CONCRETE PLANKS TO BE BACK HAUNCHED WITH CONCRETE.

 WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL	 TCD/300/05	 2.4M HIGH TIMBER CLADDING SCREEN	Project No: FENCING	Engineer: JAN 2017
			SCALE: DO NOT SCALE	

Path Construction Details





An Roinn
Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta

Department of
Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

National Parks and Wildlife Service
Kilafin, Laragh, Bray, Co. Wickow A98 K286
Tel (0761) 002667

Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer
Wexford County Council
County Hall
Carricklawn
Wexford

4th October, 2017

Re the proposed development of an Active Travel Route from - Ferrybank to Ardavan and along the edge of the North Slob

Dear Gerry,

I refer to your letter of 18/8/17. I apologise for the delay in responding. The proposed route passes through lands of the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht at The Raven Nature Reserve and lands co-owned by the Minister and Birdwatch Ireland at Wexford Wildfowl Reserve. The route also passes through the Wexford Harbour and Slob's Special Protection Area and the Slaney River Valley Special Area of Conservation.

The outline proposal has previously been the subject of pre-planning consultation with the Development Applications Unit of this Department (ref letter dated 30/6/14, copy attached) and a meeting with local senior staff (ref minutes of 11/1/17, copy attached).

While the documentation provided by Wexford County Council identifies the general nature and location of infrastructure, it does not address the concerns previously expressed. The Department, given its role as statutory consultee in the planning process, cannot comment further without the provision of a Natura Impact Assessment for the proposal.

Previously expressed concerns about the scale and nature of the development, given its location and in particular its potential for significant adverse impact on the Greenland White-fronted Goose, are re-iterated. This species is of conservation concern in Ireland due to the proportion of the declining International population found here and the highly localised and therefore vulnerable nature of its distribution.

Yours sincerely,

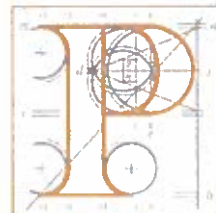
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Tom Enright
Wexford County Council
Carricklawn
Co. Wexford

Date: 6th April 2018

Re: Development of Cycle and Pedestrian Access Route (Greenway) from Wexford to Curracloe Ferrybank Bridge to Culleton's Gap, Curracloe, County Wexford.

Dear Sir,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer further to the above-mentioned proposed development which is before the Board for consideration.

Having examined the plans and particulars lodged with the application, the Board hereby notes and requests the following:

(a) It is considered that the submitted newspaper public notice (dated the 6th March, 2018), as required under Section 177AE (4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, is inadequate and does not accurately describe the nature and extent of the proposed development. In this regard, you are required to re-advertise the public notice and furnish a copy of same to the Board once advertised. The minimum time period of six weeks should again be allowed for the making of submissions/observations in relation to the proposed development. The nature and extent of development as described should be consistent with the site notice submitted (dated the 28th February, 2018) and, in particular, should provide a more accurate description of the proposed route of coastal greenway and make reference to the separate Ferrybank Looped Trail along the R741 Regional Road to Ardcavan.

(b) The Board requires that the following prescribed bodies should be notified of the planning application and afforded the opportunity to make a submission/observation to the Board:

- Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (Development Applications Unit)
- Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government
- Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport
- Department of Rural and Community Development
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- National Transport Authority

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As per the re-advertised public notice (at (a) above), you should ensure that the minimum period of six weeks is allowed for the making of submissions/observations by the said bodies. The original five prescribed bodies notified of the planning application should also be written to and afforded this new time period for the making of submissions/observations. You should also erect a new site notice allowing the same time period for the making of submissions/observations. In relation to (a) and (b) above, please ensure that the last date for receipt of submissions/observations to the Board is the same. Please furnish the Board with copies of the new newspaper notice, site notice and copies of the letters issued to prescribed bodies.

(c) It is stated in the application documentation that consultation took place with the National Parks and Wildlife Service, North Slob Commission and landowners. You are requested to provide details of such consultation including any minutes and records of meetings attended and key issues discussed.

The Board notes that you have submitted a separate appendix indicating the location of the hen harrier roosting locations. It is requested that this document should not be placed in the public domain. You are hereby advised that this request has been considered; however, as this documentation forms part of the public file, the Board cannot guarantee that this information will remain confidential.

Your response to the plans and particulars requested above should be received by the Board **no later than the 27th April, 2018.**

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,



Kieran Somers
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737107

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PLANNING

**Planning and Development Act, 2000 to 2017 – Part XAB, Section 177AE
Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 to 2013 – Part XX, Article 249(c)**

Notice of Proposed Development by a Local Authority

Development of Cycle and Pedestrian Access Route (Greenway) from Wexford to Curracloe.

In accordance with Part 20, Article 249(c) of the above Regulations, Wexford County Council hereby gives notice of its intention to seek the approval of An Bord Pleanála for the proposed development of a greenway in the townlands of Ferrybank South, Ferrybank North, Tincone, Burgess, Ardcahan, Crosstown, Craanagam, North West Slob, Big Island, North East Slob and The Raven.

The proposed greenway consists of a shared cycle/pedestrian path comprising of three parts:

1. The main greenway is a substantially off-road 10.7km long 3m wide macadam path which follows along the northern fringe of Wexford Harbour from Ferrybank in Wexford Town to Cullenton's Gap near Curracloe. The route traverses agricultural land, the Wexford Wildfowl Reserve, lands adjacent to the North Slob sea wall and through the Raven Wood. Two loops will connect at either end of the main greenway;
2. The Ferrybank Loop is 6.1km long 3m wide cycle track segregated from R741 Regional Road, extending from Ferrybank to Ardcahan Business Park. The cycle track then follows the access road through Ardcahan Business Park and along Ardcahan Lane reconnecting with the main greenway at Ardcahan beach.
3. An additional 1.4km section of the existing Raven Wood Loop will be upgrade to 3m wide off-road greenway with a macadam surface.

Greenway access through the Wexford Wildfowl Reserve will be prevented over the winter period from 15 September to 15 April annually by the installation of 1.8m high secure fencing and gates. Additionally the proposed works includes the construction of a boardwalk across the Burgess wetland, screened viewing platforms on the greenway route at the Wildfowl Visitor centre and Curracloe Channel, a 25 space carpark at Ardcahan Lane, culverts, fencing, signage and associate works.

The proposed development impacts on a number of designated European sites and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) was prepared for this planning application.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection or purchase, at a reasonable fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at Planning Department, Wexford County Council, County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford, Y35 WY93 between the hours of 9.00 a.m. to 1.00p.m. and 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. Monday to Friday for the period **18th April 2018 to 1st June 2018 Inclusive (except on Bank and Public Holidays).**

This service will also be available at the Wexford Town Library, Mallin Street, Wexford, Y35 AY20 during the same time period between the hours of 10:30 am – 5:30 pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday and 10:30am - 9 pm, Tuesday & Thursday, except on Bank Holiday weekends.

The application may also be inspected online at the following website set up by the applicant: www.wexfordcoco.ie/community/recreation-and-community-projects

Any person may, within the period of 6 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by An Bord Pleanála of the application (i.e. on or before 1st June, 2018) and on payment of the prescribed fee of €20 (except for certain prescribed bodies), make a submission or observations in writing to **Planning Department, An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902** relating to the implications of the proposed development, if carried out, for proper planning and sustainable development in the area or areas concerned, and the likely effects on the environment or the likely effects on a European site, as the case may be, of the proposed development, if carried out. Submissions or observations duly made will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in making a decision on the application. Such submissions or observations must also include the following information:

- (a) the name of the person, authority or body making the submission or observations, the name of the person, if any, acting on behalf of that person, authority or body, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent,
- (b) the subject matter of the submission or observations, and
- (c) the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observations is or are based.

An Bord Pleanála may grant permission for the development as proposed, or may grant permission subject to such modifications as it specifies in its decision, or may grant permission in part only, with or without any other modifications it may specify in its decision, or may refuse to grant permission for the proposed development. An Bord Pleanála may attach to a grant of permission such conditions as it considers appropriate.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).

A person may question the validity of a decision of An Bord Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986), in accordance with sections 50 and 50A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (No. 30 of 2000), as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be found in the Judicial Review Notice on the An Bord Pleanála's website: www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website: www.citizensinformation.ie.

Pat Collins, County Secretary.

Date of publication: 17 April 2018

PERSONNEL

Wexford County Council invites applicants for the following post

**Retained (Part-time) Firefighters with Wexford Fire Service
Gorey Fire Station**

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and not more than 55 years of age on the latest date for receipt of completed application forms. The employment is part-time.

Candidates must reside and work within 1.5 miles of the Fire Station to enable him/her to respond promptly to all calls. In addition, on receipt of an alert, a Firefighter must be able to attend at the Fire Station within five minutes.

Positions are open to both male and female applicants. Panels may be formed from which future vacancies may be filled.

Further information and application forms are available from, Reception, (Block F) Wexford County Council, Carricklawn, Wexford. Phone: 053 919 6000 or at www.wexfordcoco.ie

Closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 5:00 pm on Thursday 3 May, 2018.

Wexford County Council Is An Equal Opportunities Employer

Wexford County Council invites applicants for the following post

G.I.S. Technician

Selection will be by means of interview and candidates may be shortlisted based on applications submitted. A panel may be formed from which future vacancies may be filled.

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ROADS

**Section 75 of Roads Act 1993
Temporary Closing of Roads**

Wexford County Council has decided to close the road listed hereunder to vehicular traffic on Sunday, April 29 2018 from 07.00 to 15.00, to facilitate the holding of Wexford half marathon.

Road Closure:

Road No: L3505-2 – The Faythe (Billy Kelly Pub side of the road ONLY), from the northwest boundary wall of the Faythe Guest House to the start of the fork in the road opposite Mulligan's Funeral Home.

Alternative Route:

Route: From Faythe Lane to Kevin Barry Street to Parnell Street to William Street to The Faythe to Faythe Lane.

Alternative routes will be signposted. Local access will be facilitated.

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

Wexford County Council has vacancies in the following areas of our Community Employment Scheme

Job Description	Location
Environmental Operative – 1 position	New Ross area
Community Bus Driver (Class D Licence) 1 position	New Ross area
Environmental Operative – 1 position	Duncannon area
Environmental Operative – 1 position	Holmestown Waste Management Facility

Please note that persons applying for these positions must satisfy the Department of Social Protection criteria to participate in the Community Employment Scheme.

To apply for positions and for further information please contact:

Sean O'Neill on 086 947 8001 or email sean.oneill@wexfordcoco.ie

The closing date for applications is 4.00 pm on Friday 4 May, 2018.

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17th April 2018

Inland Fisheries Ireland,
Anglesea Street,
Clonmel,
Co. Tipperary,
E91 RD25.

Re: Development of Cycle & Pedestrian Access Route (Greenway) from Wexford to Curracloe: ABP Ref: ABP-301076-18.

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Proposed Development

The proposed Greenway is a 3 metre wide hard surface trail approximately 10.7km long which follows the coast line of Wexford Harbour from Ferrybank Bridge to Culleton's Gap, Curracloe. The Greenway route is adjacent to or traverses four designated European Sites and would be likely to have a significant effect on these sites. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) was prepared for this application. The most important mitigation measures identified in the assessment to prevent bird disturbance on the Wildfowl Reserve is to limit the opening use of the Greenway from 15th April to 15th September each year. The NIS concludes that there will be no adverse impact on the integrity of any of the relevant European sites.

Enclosed Documents

We enclose the following documents with this application:

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| Book No.9 | Traffic & Parking Report |



Original notices;

Site Notice, dated 28th February 2018.

Newspaper Notice, dated 6th March 2018.

Notification to Notifiable Bodies, dated 5th March 2018.

On 6 April 2018 An Bord Pleanála requested additional information relating to the above project, additional bodies to be notified and proposed extending the submission/ observation period to accommodate same.

Please find enclosed copies of;

ABP information request, dated 6th April 2018

Revised Site Notice, dated 17th April 2018

Revised Newspaper Notice, dated 17th April 2018

Reply letter to ABP, dated 17th April 2018

Additional Pre-consultation Documentation with the NPWS

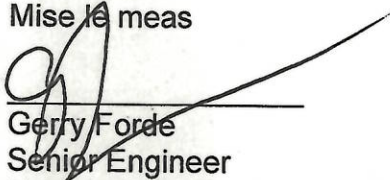
We enclose the following documents which form part of our pre-consultation with the National Parks and Wildlife Service relating to this application:

No	Date	Notes
1	25/11/13	Meeting with local NPWS warden at Wildfowl Centre. No formal minutes.
2	01/04/2014	Met NPWS all day regarding a number of issues. Presented outline of preliminary proposals for possible coastal paths through North and South Slobs. Presentation included
3	16/04/2014	Met NPWS at Kilpatrick. More detailed outline of proposed North & South Slob coastal path. Presentation included
4	6/11/2014	Reps from WCC attended talk at Ardavan re Greenland White-fronted Geese. No notes included
5	28/07/2015	Agenda for meeting included
6	02/09/2015	Meeting with NPWS re. North & Slob coastal paths. Diary entry general positive meeting. No formal minutes
7	28/01/2016	Meeting with NPWS re a number of issues including North & South Slob coastal paths. No formal minutes
8	11/01/2017	Minutes of meeting with NPWS included
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10	11/05/2017	Presentation to NPWS included
11	4/10/2017	NPWS letter included

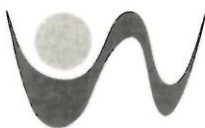


In accordance with the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001, Article 251, we notify you of the above submitted planning application and the additional documentation submitted to An Bord Pleanala. Any submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development shall be made in writing to the Planning Department, An Bord Pleanala, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902, to be received on or before 4pm on 1st of June 2018.

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Phone: 053-9196311



17th April 2018

Dept. of Housing, Planning and Local Government,
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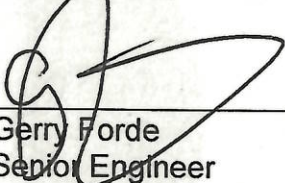
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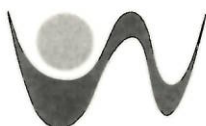


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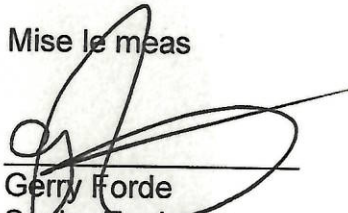
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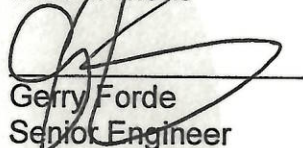
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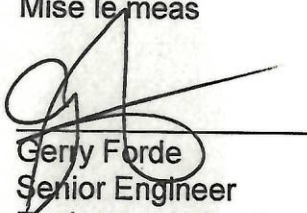
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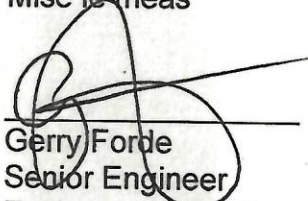
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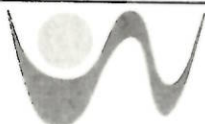
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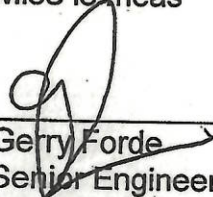
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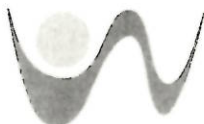
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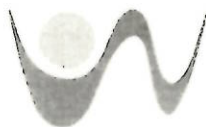
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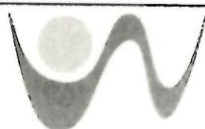
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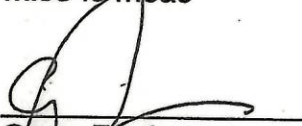
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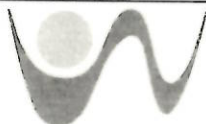
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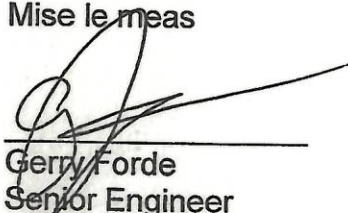
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List of documentation included

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

Planning and Development Act 2000-2017 – Part XAB, Section 177AE Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to 2013- Part XX, Article 249(c)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT BY A LOCAL AUTHORITY Development of Cycle and Pedestrian Access Route (Greenway) from Wexford to Curracloe.

In accordance with Part 20, Article 249(c) of the above Regulations, Wexford County Council hereby gives notice of its intention to seek the approval of An Bord Pleanála for the proposed development of a greenway in the townlands of Ferrybank South, Ferrybank North, Tincone, Burgess, Ardavan, Crosstown, Craanagam, North West Slob, Big Island, North East Slob and The Raven.

The proposed greenway consists of a shared cycle/pedestrian path comprising of three parts;

1. The main greenway is a substantially off-road 10.7km long 3m wide macadam path which follows along the northern fringe of Wexford Harbour from Ferrybank in Wexford Town to Cullenton's Gap near Curracloe. The route traverses agricultural land, the Wexford Wildfowl Reserve, lands adjacent to the North Slob sea wall and through the Raven Wood.

Two loops will connect at either end of the main greenway;

2. The Ferrybank Loop is 6.1km long 3m wide cycle track segregated from R741 Regional Road, extending from Ferrybank to Ardavan Business Park. The cycle track then follows the access road through Ardavan Business Park and along Ardavan Lane reconnecting with the main greenway at Ardavan beach.
3. An additional 1.4km section of the existing Raven Wood Loop will be upgrade to 3m wide off-road greenway with a macadam surface.

Greenway access through the Wexford Wildfowl Reserve will be prevented over the winter period from 15 September to 15 April annually by the installation of 1.8m high secure fencing and gates. Additionally the proposed works includes the construction of a boardwalk across the Burgess wetland, screened viewing platforms on the greenway route at the Wildfowl Visitor centre and Curracloe Channel, a 25 space carpark at Ardavan Lane, culverts, fencing, signage and associate works.

The proposed development impacts on a number of designated European sites and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) was prepared for this planning application.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection or purchase, at a reasonable fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at Planning Department, Wexford County Council, County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford, Y35 WY93 between the hours of 9.00 a.m. to 1.00p.m. and 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. Monday to Friday for the period **18th April 2018 to 1st June 2018 Inclusive (except on Bank and Public Holidays).**

This service will also be available at the Wexford Town Library, Mallin Street, Wexford, Y35 AY20 during the same time period between the hours of 10:30 am – 5:30 pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday and 10:30am - 9 pm, Tuesday & Thursday, except on Bank Holiday weekends.

The application may also be inspected online at the following website set up by the applicant:
www.wexfordcoco.ie/community/recreation-and-community-projects .

Any person may, within the period of 6 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by An Bord Pleanála of the application (i.e. on or before 1st June, 2018) and on payment of the prescribed fee of €20 (except for certain prescribed bodies), make a submission or observations in writing to **Planning Department, An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902** relating to the implications of the proposed development, if carried out, for proper planning and sustainable

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- (a) the name of the person, authority or body making the submission or observations, the name of the person, if any, acting on behalf of that person, authority or body, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent,
- (b) the subject matter of the submission or observations, and
- (c) the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observations is or are based.

An Bord Pleanála may grant permission for the development as proposed, or may grant permission subject to such modifications as it specifies in its decision, or may grant permission in part only, with or without any other modifications it may specify in its decision, or may refuse to grant permission for the proposed development. An Bord Pleanála may attach to a grant of permission such conditions as it considers appropriate.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).

A person may question the validity of a decision of An Bord Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986), in accordance with sections 50 and 50A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (No. 30 of 2000), as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be found in the Judicial Review Notice on the An Bord Pleanála's website: www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website: www.citizensinformation.ie.

County Secretary Wexford County Council Dated: 17th April 2018.

17th April 2018

An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
D01V902.

Re: Planning Application for 'Wexford to Curracloe Greenway' Scheme:
Your Ref: ABP-301076-18

A Chara,

- (a) Further to your letter of 6 April 2018 requesting additional information for the above application. Please find enclosed three copies of;

Site Notice, dated 17th April 2018.
Newspaper Notice, dated 17th April 2018.
Notification to Bodies, dated 17th April 2018.

The following bodies were notified of the re-advertised application, site notice and the pre-consultation information as requested:

1. An Taisce
2. Failte Ireland
3. Heritage Council
4. Transport Infrastructure Ireland
5. National Parks and Wildlife (referred to DAU)

- (b) The following bodies were notified of the application and the additional information requested by the Bord on 6 April 2018;

6. Dept. of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (Development Applications Unit)
7. Dept. of Housing, Planning and Local Government
8. Dept. of Transport, Tourism and Sport
9. Dept. of Rural and Community Development
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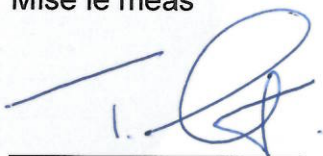


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We trust this is to your satisfaction but should you require further information please revert to me.

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17th April 2018

Dept. of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (Development Applications Unit)
Newtown Road,
Wexford,
Y35 AP90.

Re: Development of Cycle & Pedestrian Access Route (Greenway) from Wexford to Curracloe: ABP Ref: ABP-301076-18.

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Further to the above planning application notification which was referred to you on 24 February 2018. On 6 April 2018 An Bord Pleanála requested additional information relating to the above project, additional bodies to be notified and proposed extending the submission/ observation period to accommodate same.

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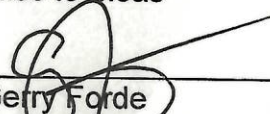
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17th April 2018

National Parks & Wildlife Service,
Wexford Wildfowl Reserve Visitor Centre,
North Slob
Co. Wexford.

Re: Development of Cycle & Pedestrian Access Route (Greenway) from Wexford to Curracloe.

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Please find enclosed a copy of our planning application for the proposed development of a coastal greenway referred to as the Wexford to Curracloe Greenway. The proposed development would have an impact on European designated sites and therefore the application is being submitted in accordance with Part XAB, Section 177AE of the Planning & Development Act, 2000, as amended and Part 20, Article 249 of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001, as amended.

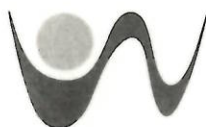
Proposed Development

The proposed Greenway is a 3 metre wide hard surface trail approximately 10.7km long which follows the coast line of Wexford Harbour from Ferrybank Bridge to Culleton's Gap, Curracloe. The Greenway route is adjacent to or traverses four designated European Sites and would be likely to have a significant effect on these sites. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) was prepared for this application. The most important mitigation measures identified in the assessment to prevent bird disturbance on the Wildfowl Reserve is to limit the opening use of the Greenway from 15th April to 15th September each year. The NIS concludes that there will be no adverse impact on the integrity of any of the relevant European sites.

Enclosed Documents

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- Book No.1 Planning Report
- Book No.2 Preliminary Design Report
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- Book No.9 Traffic & Parking Report



Original notices;

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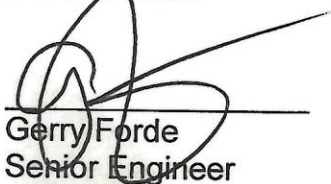
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