

MRTT 71 – Development of a Pedestrian and Cycle Link: Killucan to The Royal Canal



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Project Description

This project is to create a 2.4km walking and cycling linkage between Killucan/ Rathwire village and the Royal Canal Greenway (Galway to Dublin National Cycleway) by the construction of a surfaced footpath/cycleway off-road from Thomastown to Killucan/Rathwire together with the installation of associated signage and secure cycle parking facilities in the town centre.





Project Stages

STAGES		Status
Stage 1 Preliminary Design Process	Familiarisation, Site Visit Surveys – topographical, environment, archaeology etc. Site Investigation Preliminary Design H&S Duties and PSDP	Complete
Stage 2 Statutory Process (Part 8)	Part 8 Report and drawings PSDP continuing	Complete
Stage 3 Detailed Design and Tender Documents	Tender Documents for Construction Assessment -Archaeologist and Badger Survey	On-going
Stage 4 Procurement of Contractor	Procurement Process Tender Assessment	
Stage 5 Construction & Handover	Site Supervision Employers Representative (ER) Handover	

Consultation & Part 8 Process

Landowner Consultation – Door to Door

- (led to change of route to completely off-road)

Agreeing Land Acquisition Deals

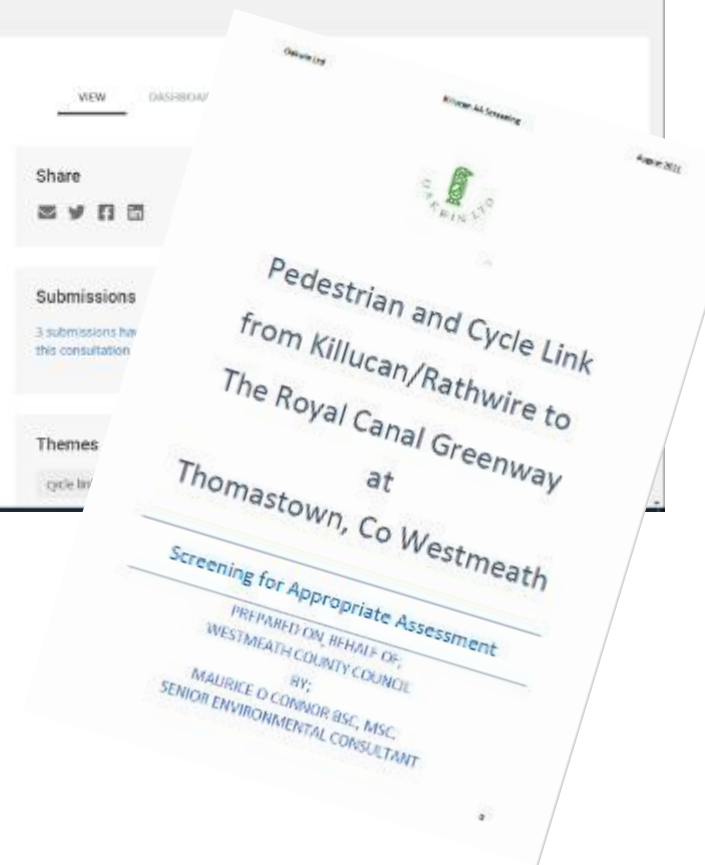
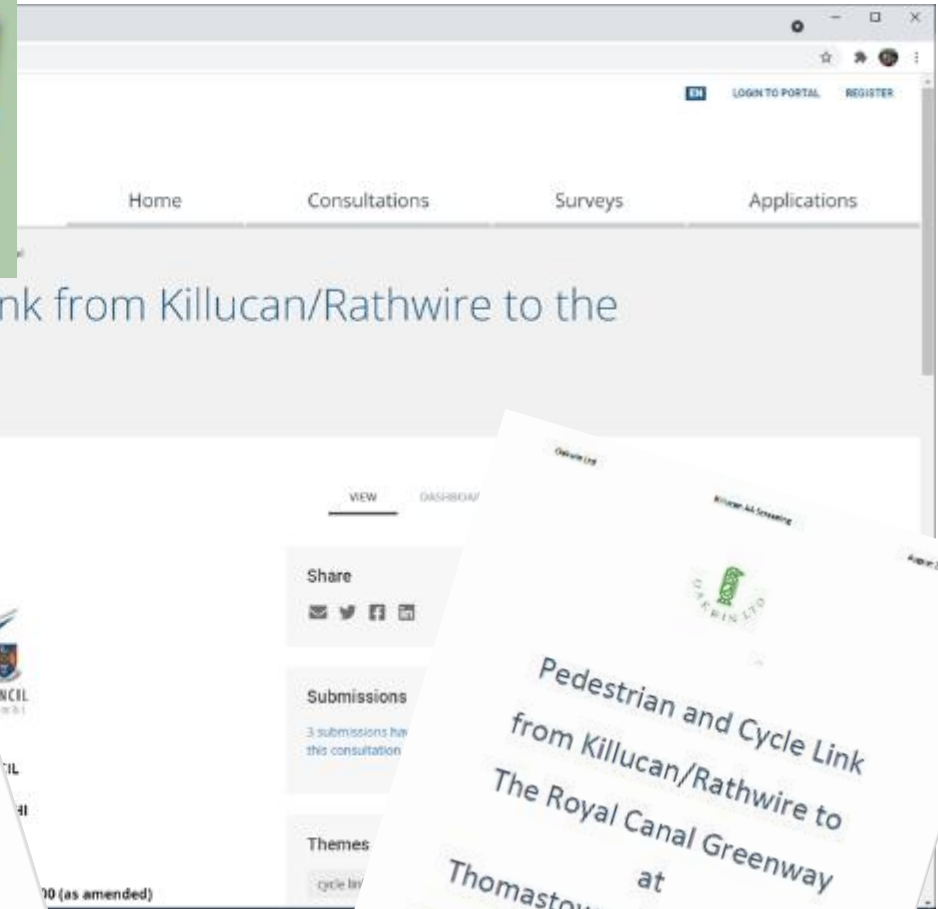
Agreeing Accommodation Works

Total Cost – 85K not supported through JTF

Elected Member Consultation

Press Release

Consultation & Part 8 Process



Next Steps

- Complete Badger Survey & Archeologist Advice
- Procure Contractors
 - Erection of new boundary fences and hedges.
 - Construction of a 3m wide paved pedestrian and cycleway.
 - Construction of a 3m long pedestrian and cycleway bridge
 - Signage will include Mapboards, Tourist Information and direction signs, where required.
 - Cycle stands and benches will be provided along the route
- Brand and work with Failte Ireland





TYPICAL FENCING &
GATES.

TYPICAL CYCLEWAYS ALONG FARM LANDS.



Expected Outcomes



Employment Creation

Killucan becomes a destination

New Enterprise/strengthening existing enterprises

Tapping into the huge tourism and amenity resource and strengthening the exiting retail and hospitality services in the area.

Support to new economic activities

The knock-on effect of activities will be : -

hospitality services including basic retail and food services, to packaged offerings and initiatives such as bike hire so that sufficient visitor services are provided along this route while simultaneously benefiting the local economic benefit can result from the project.

Retention of labour force locally

The impact of this intervention will serve to create a solid platform to develop Killucan-Rathwire as a tourism destination along an international tourism product.

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