



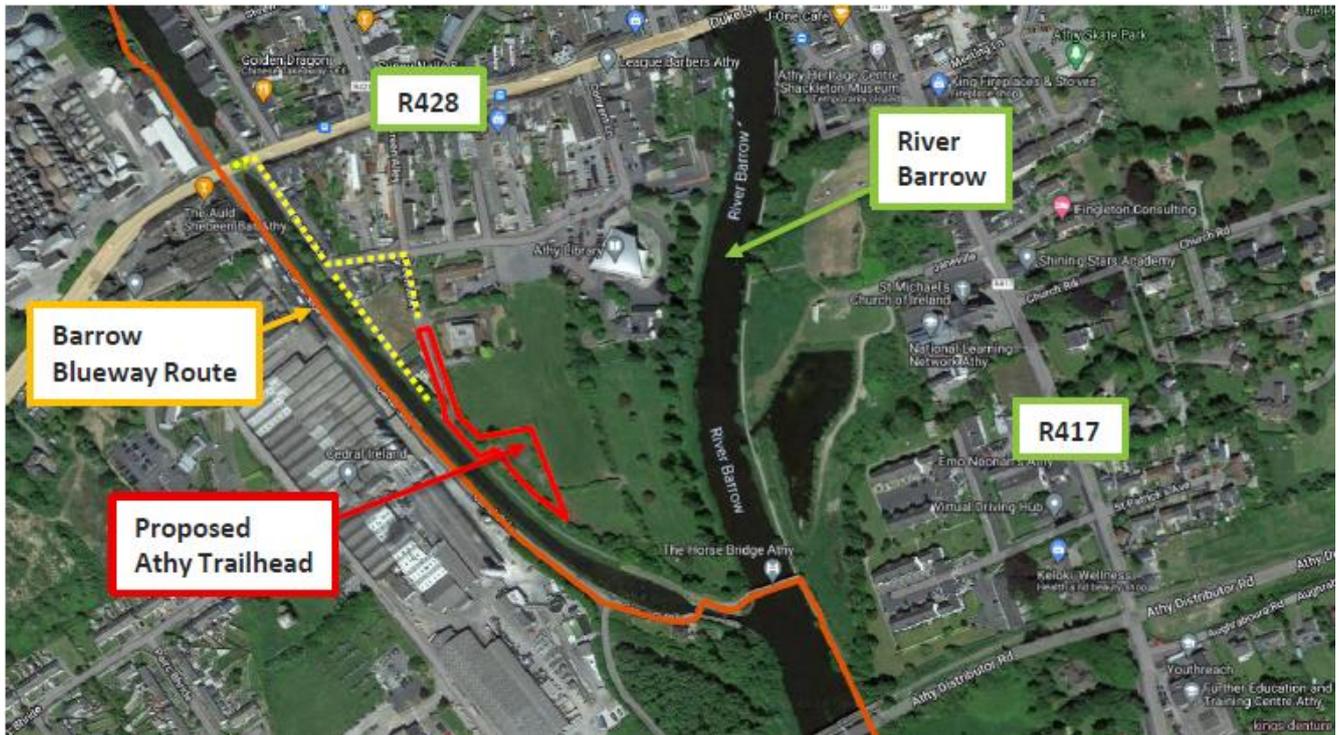
Comhairle Contae Chill Dara

Kildare County Council

Proposed Barrow Blueway Trailhead

Part VIII Summary Sheet

Part VIII Reference No. P82026.01



The proposed development consists of the construction of a new trailhead parking and amenity area adjacent to the newly constructed Barrow Blueway towpath on the northern bank of the Grand Canal Barrow Line at Canalside, Athy, Co Kildare. ITM Co-ordinate: X-667981, Y-693615.

The proposed works comprise of the provision of a trailhead facility, a new shared surface access road, parking facilities including seventeen car parking spaces (including two accessible bays), sixteen bicycle spaces (including two accessible spaces), three bicycle storage lockers, one pedestrian access link to the Barrow Blueway towpath south west of the site, ancillary greenway amenities including lighting, play area, benches, picnic tables, bins, and associated signage.

Drainage will be designed and delivered in compliance with Sustainable Urban Drainage methods including the construction of a tree pit, rain garden, permeable pavements and a swale drain with full on-site infiltration of all surface water.

The development will also include the construction of traffic control measures such as kerb buildouts on the access road, height restriction barrier on the entrance, installation of traffic bollards and all associated site works. An Ecological Impact Assessment (EclA) Report has been prepared in respect of the proposed works.

The proposed project will be an integral feature of the Barrow Blueway scheme overall and will add to what is already a successful attraction in Athy and the surrounding areas. As stated above the Trailhead when completed will provide parking for both cars and bicycles as well as seating areas for picnicking and play areas. It will also be a pilot project to showcase how nature based and sustainable drainage solutions can be delivered and demonstrate the importance of surface water management in the future.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development, Ref. No. P82026.01, will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during normal opening times at **Level 1, Kildare County Council, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co. Kildare, W91 X77F from 9.00 am – 5.00 pm Monday to Friday for a period of 6 weeks from Wednesday, 11 March 2026 to Tuesday, 28 April 2026 inclusive.**

To facilitate public access, a copy of the plans and particulars will be available for viewing only at Athy Municipal District Office, Rathstewart, Athy, Co Kildare R14 Y163 from **10:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday to Friday for a period of 6 weeks from Wednesday, 11 March 2026 to Tuesday, 28 April 2026 inclusive.**

Details of the proposed development are also available on Kildare County Council's website online at:

<https://kildarecoco.ie/AllServices/Planning/Part8Schemes/StrategicProjectsandPublicRealm/index.html>

or from the QR code on this notice.



Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development will be situated, may be made to: Senior Executive Officer, Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team, Housing and Regeneration Department, Level 5, Kildare County Aras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co. Kildare, W91 X77F, or online at: <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/consultation/part-8-proposed-barrow-blueway-trailhead> or by email to spprpart8@kildarecoco.ie

Submissions must be made no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, 28 April 2026. All submissions and observations should be headed:

'Part 8 Proposed Barrow Blueway Trailhead P82026.01'.