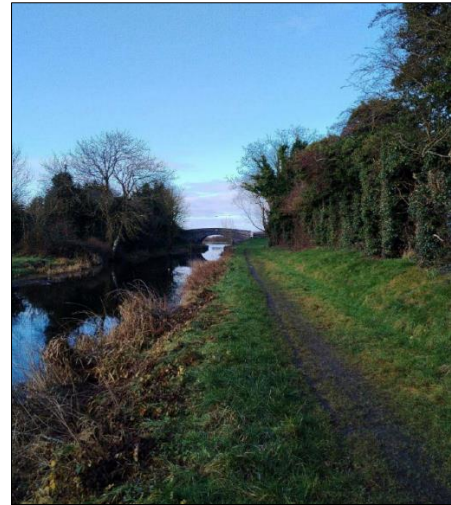


Proposed Grand Canal Greenway Phase 2 – Additional Bridges

Part 8 reference no: P82024.07



The Grand Canal Greenway is a 38.5km walking and cycling facility in Co. Kildare which follows the route of the existing Grand Canal towpath.

The Grand Canal Greenway consists of two phases. Phase 1 stretches from Aylmers Bridge on the Kildare-Dublin border to the new pedestrian bridge in Sallins, Co. Kildare. Phase 2 stretches from Sallins to Clonkeen on the Offaly border. Phase 1 of the greenway route is completed and has been open to the public since late 2023. Phase 2 has previously received Part VIII consent (Ref Planning No. P82018.012) and is currently at the detailed design stage.

Kildare County Council (KCC) are now seeking Part VIII planning approval for the addition of 2 pedestrian bridges and associated route alterations to the Grand Canal Phase 2 scheme.

The proposed additional bridges seek to improve the safety and user experience for all. The proposed bridges will allow greenway users to move safely across the canal and remain segregated from road traffic. Proposed Bridge located in Lowtown, and the second adjacent to Healy's/Bonyng Bridge in Co. Kildare.

From the Offaly border, pedestrians and cyclists travel on the north side of the canal. At the new pedestrian bridge (Bridge 1) in Lowtown, they will cross over the Grand Canal to the south side. They will then continue on the upgraded towpath towards Healy's Bridge. They will travel underneath the existing Healy's Bridge on the south side of the canal and cross over the new pedestrian bridge (Bridge 2) to the north side, before carrying on to Sallins. The new pedestrian bridge at Lowtown also enables users to access the Barrow Blueway route.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development, Ref. No. P82024.07, will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy during normal opening times at Kildare County Council at the address below. from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday for a period of 6 weeks from Wednesday, 14th August to Wednesday 25th September (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>

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:

A/Senior Executive Officer, Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team, Housing and Regeneration Department, Level 3, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co. Kildare, W91 X77F, or online at:

<https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/consultation/grand-canal-greenway-phase-2-proposed-additional-bridges-part-8-p8202407>

Submissions must be made no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 25th September 2024. All submissions and observations should be headed 'Part 8 Proposed Grand Canal Greenway Phase 2 Additional Bridges.'