



Naas Town Council

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000
PART XI

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001(PART 8)

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STATEMENT TO ACCOMPANY

**Naas Southern Ring Road Extension –
Ballymore Road Roundabout to the Blessington Road Scheme**

**Naas Town Council,
Áras Chill Dara,
Devoy Park,
Naas,
Co. Kildare.**

Introduction

This report was prepared in accordance with Part 8 of S.I. No. 600 of 2001 and 2006 Planning and Development Regulations that enacts part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000

The scheme proposes to upgrade the existing road from Ballymore Road Roundabout (i.e. R411) to the Blessington Road (i.e. R410).

Purpose of Scheme

The existing road from Ballymore Road Roundabout to Blessington Road comprises estate roads. There are housing estates, a church, a school, and a local shop adjacent to this road. Hence, there is significant pedestrian activity in this area. There are two existing zebra crossings on this road. There is a mini-roundabout at the junction of the Craddockstown Road.

There will be a significant increase in traffic on this road following the opening of the link from the Ballymore Road Roundabout which connects to the Naas Southern Ring Road. The existing estate road will not safely cater for the increased traffic and the existing pedestrian facilities will be inadequate given the increased traffic. The proposed scheme seeks to address these issues.

The provision of this southern ring road around Naas is an objective of the Kildare County Development Plan and the Naas Town Council Development Plan.

Benefits

This scheme will significantly improve safety on this road link:

- By providing signalised pedestrian crossings on the pedestrian desire lines.
- By providing continuous footpaths from the Ballymore Road to the Blessington Road.
- By providing on-road advisory cycle lanes.
- By providing a direct vehicular link from the Blessington Road to the Newbridge Road.
- By providing a direct route from Newbridge Road to the Naas General Hospital.
- By providing a signalised junction at the Blessington Road junction.
- By providing a signalised junction at the Craddockstown Road junction.
- By replacing and upgrading the pavement over this link.
- By erecting fencing to protect existing green areas.

-By removing the existing ramps on the road, which will ease the situation for cyclists and emergency vehicles.

-By removing the existing parallel parking to facilitate on-road cycle lanes.

Design and General Factors

The upgraded road follows the existing alignment and every effort has been made to retain the existing landscaping, especially between the Craddockstown mini-roundabout and the Ballymore Road Roundabout. The existing kerb line has been retained over the length of the upgrade scheme except in areas where there is a need to provide right turn lanes at signals or where a new footpath is proposed.

There are existing off-road cycle tracks on the Naas Southern Ring Road project which terminate on the western side of the Ballymore Road Roundabout. The proposed scheme will provide continuity for cyclists to the Blessington Road by providing on-road advisory cycle lanes which will be coloured red. It would not be possible to provide off-road cycle tracks without land acquisition.

The upgrade of the junctions on this scheme is necessary to ensure pedestrian safety and to provide capacity at the junctions. Therefore, a signalised junction is required in place of the existing mini-roundabout at the Craddockstown Road junction. A signalised junction is also required at the junction with the Blessington Road.

Description of the Proposal

Under this scheme it is proposed to upgrade the existing road from Ballymore Road Roundabout to the Blessington Road.

The significant elements of the road improvement will involve the strengthening of the pavement, the installation of traffic signals at the junctions and the installation of pelican crossings at the existing zebra crossings.

As part of the scheme, it is also intended to install new services such as gas and Broadband ducts. The existing Eircom, ESB and watermain will also be upgraded as part of this scheme.

Ancillary works associated with the scheme will include drainage, landscaping, signing and delineation.

Program

Following a successful outcome of this Part VIII procedure, it is proposed to develop the scheme through detailed design, tender and construction phases.

Construction to commence early third quarter 2008, and to be completed in the first quarter 2009, subject to funding being available.

Submissions

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed scheme shall be made **in writing to:**

Town Clerk,
Naas Town Council,
Aras Chill Dara,
Devoy Park,
Naas,
Co. Kildare.

On or before 5.00 pm on 14th August 2008.

Submissions should be headed

“Naas Southern Ring Road Extension Scheme”

All comments, including names and addresses of those making comments, submitted to the Town Council in regard to this development will form part of the statutorily required report to be presented to the monthly meeting of Naas Town Council. Accordingly they will also be included in the minutes of that meeting and may appear in the public domain.