



## **Cork County Council**

### **Grange Road – Tramore Valley Park Pedestrian and Cycle Link including bridge over the N40**

**in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001**

#### **Introduction**

Cork County Council intends to construct a pedestrian and cycle link from the Grange Road, Douglas to the Tramore Valley Park. The proposed 4m wide path is circa 995m long and includes a bridge over the N40 South Ring Road. There is an existing trail located within the woodland area which commences to the west of Amberley Heights terminates to the west of Alden Grove. The proposed path will extend the trail to connect with Grange Road to the south and also the Tramore Valley Park to the north via an overbridge over the N40 South Ring Road where a path will continue through the Park and on to Cork city.

The purpose of this scheme is to comply with national, regional and local policy to improve accessibility and prioritise walking and cycling as alternative modes of travel. The proposed path would provide a safe and direct off road route for commuter, school and leisure trips from the Grange Road and Donnybrook to Douglas, Turners Cross and Cork City. The path will have public lighting along its full length.

A preliminary design has now been completed and Cork County Council intends to seek planning permission for this scheme in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 and as outlined in the attached drawings.

#### **Existing Issues**

- Poor offering to pedestrians and cyclists from Grange and Donnybrook heading to Douglas and Cork City and vice versa
- Severance caused by the N40 South Ring Road
- Poor access to schools by travel means other than vehicular
- Lack of off road leisure routes in the area
- Significant traffic delays particularly at peak times
- Limited access to the Tramore Valley Park facility

#### **Benefits**

- Enhanced connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists
- A safe and direct off road route for commuters, school goers and leisure enthusiasts
- An environment which will encourage modal shift to sustainable forms of transport
- Improve quality of life for residents in the area
- Part of the overall cycle network
- Reduction in traffic volumes on the road network

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