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4.60.2 Response to submission 1.

Detailed responses to points 1 to 4 of this submission are provided in Sections 2.6.1 to 2.6.4 of this report.

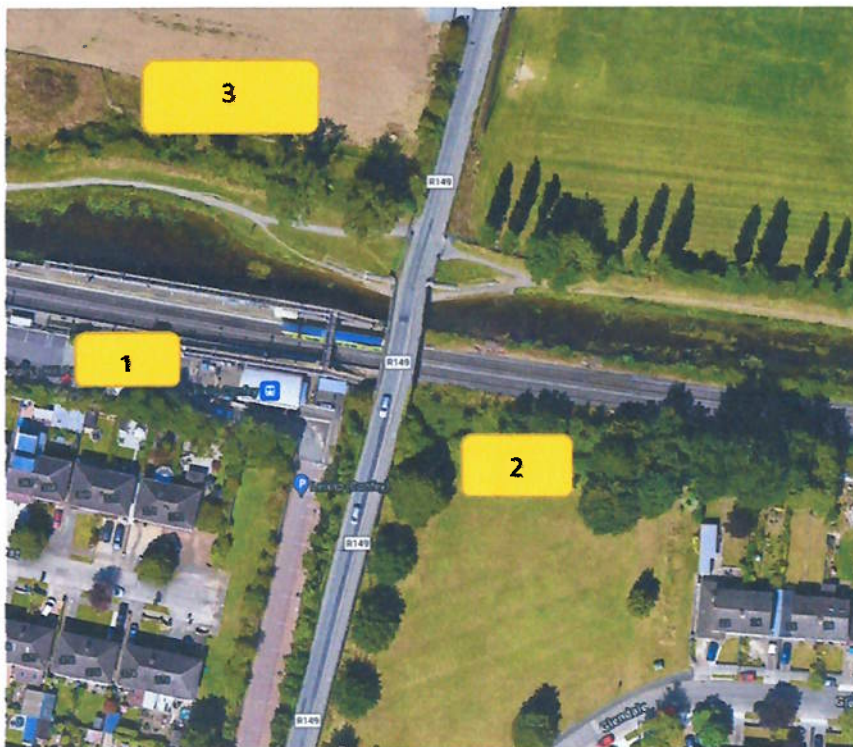
Irish rail CIE stated in their response to 2.6.1 to 2.6.4 above

The preferred option for the location of the proposed substation at Public Consultation 2 was southwest of existing canal bridge (Leixlip Confey Bridge).

However, as described in Section 3.6.1.5.9.1 of Chapter 3 of the EIAR

1. There was no Public Consultation we met with CIE on our green area in June 2022 to inform us of their plans for the bridge and substation
2. The 2 options that were considered in section 3.6.1.5.9.1 Chapter 3 should be reviewed and a 3rd option be considered. We would ask that the area north of the train station across the rail line and canal be considered. This undeveloped land has been used over the last 5 year as a depot compound for companies laying the new sewage from Intel to the Leixlip water treatment plant. We think that this should be strongly considered for the substation and compound as some the lands could at a later date be used as a car park and with consultations with Kildare County Council's LAP.

See picture below



*Google map view
of COPE BRIDGE*

Cope Bridge Confey Leixlip Option 3 for Leixlip Substation

Leixlip LAP, section 2.1.6.4 (same as quoted in the submissions) states the following in relation to the R149: "The proposed new street will be designed in a manner which appears narrow through the use of surface materials, islands, landscaping and street furniture. In this regard, the streets within the framework lands area will have adequate vehicular capacity but should have a pedestrian friendly urban character." **Q. What part of the street is referred too?**

As to the rest of our submission and the response we would ask An Bord Pleanála to take into consideration the Kildare County Council Leixlip Area Plan LAP Masterplan due to be published shortly and that the plans set by C I E for cope bridge and surrounding area be reviewed after public consultations have taken place.

The proposed new steel structure walkway and cycleway will be an eyesore as it is partly made from CORTEN STEEL which over time turns a rusty color and will not blend with the bridge or the surrounding area.

Consideration should be made to the construction of a completely new bridge.

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Overall permeability and connectivity of pedestrian and cycle routes between destinations and communities in the town is poor. This is primarily due to the limited number of crossing points over the Rye Valley, Royal Canal and railway line. Pinch points such as Captain's Hill also restrict permeability and connectivity. Source: Cycle Network Plan for

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Electrification of the rail line is likely to have design implications for Confey Station and, subject to detailed design, the replacement of Cope Bridge. The provision of a new bridge structure has wider implications for the town in terms of improved vehicular, pedestrian and cyclist provision and capacity.

Extracts from

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Leixlip Local Area Plan

SEA Addendum

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This is an addendum to the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report for the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Leixlip Local Area Plan 2020 – 2026

There are 64 proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan. The proposed Material Alterations are outlined within the report 'Leixlip Draft Local Area Plan 2020 - 2026 Proposed Material Alterations

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(a) No residential development shall take place on the lands identified within the Confey Urban Design Framework Masterplan until such time as a Masterplan is prepared and integrated into the Leixlip Local Area Plan by way of a statutory amendment to the Local Area Plan, pursuant to Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

(b) The Masterplan should include (but not be restricted to):

(i) Phasing infrastructure programme including physical, social, transport and economic infrastructure

(ii) Site-Specific Flood Risk Assessment for the masterplan lands;

(iii) Transport Impact Assessment including proposals (if any) for Captain's Hill (R149).

(iv) Upgrades to Cope Bridge.

(v) Details of any upgrade works to Captain's Hill, to include entrances/exits to existing housing estates from same.

(vi) Statement of Compliance with Urban Design Framework

(vii) Water and wastewater network requirements.

(viii) Associated environmental assessments. c) Individual applications for smaller sections of the Confey Masterplan lands shall not be considered by the Planning Authority or An Bord Pleanála until the Masterplan is integrated into the Local Area Plan in accordance with (a) above.

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10 OCT 2023

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