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## 1. Introduction and Background

Landscape and Visual Impact of proposed amendments to the scheme design and the associated landscape, adjacent to O'Scanaill's Veterinary Hospital at Pinnock Hill (LLCA 07)

The proposed agreed changes include:

• A design change for a section of the rail alignment south of the roundabout, from 'open retained cut' to 'cut and cover';

This agreed change requires in response, amendments to the proposed landscape. This involves replacement of the open cut protective side walls and fencing with a topsoiled cover and soft landscape including tree planting, west of the Veterinary Hospital site. Whilst this amendment represents a positive change in respect of Landscape and Visual Impact, in the full context of what is proposed within this Local Landscape Character Area, these changes are not substantial enough to warrant any change in the significance categories as allocated in the original Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment for the Operational phase. The proposed changes make no difference to the assessment in respect of the Construction phase effects.