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Question 6 (Site Address/Location of the Proposed Development)

XC187 Fantstown

The level crossing is located on local road LS 8514, 3km to the east of Kilmallock in the townland of Fantstown, County Limerick.

XC201 Thomastown

The level crossing is located on a local road, 5km to the east of Charleville in the townland of Thomastown, County Limerick.

XC209 Ballyhay

The crossing is located on a local road in the townland of Ballyhay, Co Cork.

XC211 Newtown & XC212 Ballycoskery

These level crossings run along the eastern side of Ballyhea Village in County Cork. XC211 Newton is located on a local road, 0.5km to the north of Ballyhea Village in the townland of Newtown, while the XC212 Ballycoskery crossing is located in Ballyhea Village on local road L1533 in the townland of Ballycoskery, directly adjacent to the Ballyhea National School (east side) and the Beechwood Housing Estate (west side).

XC215 Shinanagh

The XC215 Shinanagh level crossing is located in the townland of Imphrick, County Cork, approximately 3.5km north-east of the village of Churchtown, County Cork.

XC219 Buttevant

The existing level crossing is directly adjacent to the former Buttevant Station, County Cork.

Question 6 (Grid References)

Level Crossing	Co-ordinates
XC187- Fantstown	E: 563962 N:628368
XC201- Thomastown	E:557627 N:624583
XC209- Ballyhay	E:555182 N:619940
XC211- Newtown	E:554787 N:617982
XC212- Ballycoskery	E: 554646 N:617659

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Level Crossing	Co-ordinates
XC215- Shinanagh	E:553565 N:614500
XC219- Buttevant	E:553331 N:609848

Question 6 (Site Zoning in current Development Plan)

XC187 Fantstown & XC201 Thomastown

Limerick County Development Plan (LCDP) 2010 – 2016 - Designated within 'Areas of Strong Agricultural Base'.

XC209 Ballyhay

Cork County Development Plan (CCDP) 2014 - Rural Housing Policy Area Town Greenbelt 1-1.

XC211 Newtown

Cork County Development Plan (CCDP) 2014 - Rural Housing Policy Area –'Strong Rural Area'

XC212 Ballycoskery

Cork County Development Plan (CCDP) 2014. Ballyhea is designated as a village. The M20 Preferred Route is situated approximately 60m to the west of the nearest point of proposed Project. The proposed Project is primarily within the development boundary for Ballyhea Village but also within Rural Housing Policy Area – 'Strong Rural Area'.

XC215 Shinanagh

Cork County Development Plan (CCDP) 2014. The M20 Preferred Route is around 0.5km to the east. The proposed Project is within a Rural Housing Policy Area – 'Strong Rural Area'.

XC219 Buttevant

Cork County Development Plan (CCDP) 2014. The proposed Project is within a Rural Housing Policy Area – 'Town Greenbelt 1-1'

Question 6 (Existing use of the site & proposed use of the site)

XC187 Fantstown

Existing Use: Level Crossing

Proposed Use: Closure of existing level crossing: Divert traffic along existing roads to existing overbridge approximately 3 kilometres to the north east.

XC201 Thomastown

Existing Use: Agricultural Lands, Level Crossing and Road

Proposed Use: Closure of existing level crossing. New road-over-rail bridge. Tie into existing local road to south and new junction on Regional Road R515 to north.

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XC209 Ballyhay

Existing Use: Level Crossing

Proposed Use: Upgrade existing level crossing to a 4-barrier CCTV controlled level crossing.

XC211 Newtown

Existing Use: Agricultural Lands, Level Crossing and Road

Proposed Use: Closure of existing level crossing. New access road immediately east of the existing road-over-rail bridge to the north of XC211 Newton, tie in to existing local road to the east of XC211 Newtown.

XC212 Ballycoskery (Ballyhea Village)

Existing Use: Agricultural Lands, Level Crossing and Road

Proposed Use: Closure of existing level crossing. New road-over-rail bridge to tie into existing local road to east and west of level crossing, new car park to existing school. Tie into Beechwood Estate and Ballyhea National School to north and existing local road to south.

XC215 Shinanagh

Existing Use: Agricultural Lands, Level Crossing and Road

Proposed Use: Closure of existing level crossing. New access road to tie into existing road-over-rail bridge approximately 1km to the north.

XC219 Buttevant

Existing Use: Agricultural Lands, Level Crossing and Road

Proposed Use: Closure of existing level crossing. Construction of a new road-over-rail bridge and tie in to existing regional road to east and west.

Question 17 Notices (Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website)

A copy of the Draft Railway Order and documents accompanying the application are available as follows:

- The application website: www.irishrail.ie/CorkLineLevelCrossings
- **An Bord Pleanála**, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902
- **Limerick City and County Council**, Dooradoyle Road, Dooradoyle, Limerick, V94 WV78
- **Cork County Council**, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 R2NC
- **Iarnród Éireann**, Charleville Station, Railway Road, Charleville, Co. Cork, P56 C654

Newspaper Notices have been published in the following Newspapers The Irish Examiner (6/5/21), The Irish Independent (6/5/21), The Limerick Leader (8/5/21), The Limerick Post (8/5/21), The Vale Star (6/5/21), The Weekly Observer (5/5/21); and The Corkman (6/5/21).

Notice was served on owners/occupiers on 14th May 2021

Notice was served on Prescribed bodies on 18th May 2021

Notice was served on Cork County Council and Limerick City and County Council on 19th May 2021

Question 18 (Pre-application Consultation)

Public Consultation

Full details of the Consultation with the public, key stakeholders, prescribed bodies and consultees is provided in EIAR Volume 5, Appendix 1H Public Consultation Report.

The initial consultation period lasted ten weeks from Tuesday 12th November 2019 to Tuesday 21st January 2020. To support the public consultation, a dedicated information service was established. These services went live on 12th November 2019 at the launch of the public consultation and included the following;

- Email: CLLC@irishrail.ie.
- Post: Cork Line Level Crossings Project, c/o Jacobs, Mahon Industrial Estate, Blackrock, Cork, T12 HY54.
- Website: www.irishrail.ie/CorkLineLevelCrossings.

These services were used to respond to any stakeholder queries, to accept public consultation feedback forms and to arrange meetings with local communities, landowners, local elected representatives or interested groups as required. To simplify the process and convey both the stage of the proposed Project and highlight opportunities to engage with the Project Team in the process, the Cork Line Level Crossings Road Map was developed as set out below and presented to the public and stakeholders.

Public Information Events

The public consultation included both the Preliminary Design Report and the EIA Screening & Scoping Report. The Preliminary Design Report outlined the following:

- Need for the scheme;
- Scheme delivery;
- Detailed information in regard to the seven level crossings;
- Route Options Report; and
- Public Consultation Drawings.

The EIA Screening & Scoping Report included the following:

- Description of the proposed Project;
- A screening determination on the need for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA);
- A description of the potential significant impacts which may arise during construction and operation of the proposed Project; and
- An outline of the proposed methods for assessment of the potential impacts.

All relevant information regarding the proposed Project was stored online and made available to members of the public at the local events which took place, as set out in the table below.

Public Information Events

Date	Venue	Attendees
Tuesday 19 November 2019	Charleville Park Hotel, Cork	77 recorded attendees

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Wednesday 20 November 2019	Deebert Hotel, Limerick	11 recorded attendees
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The public information events were staffed by Jacobs and CIÉ/IÉ project team members. Display boards were used to present the emerging preliminary designs for each of the seven level crossings to provide information to attendees. Project consultation roadmap display boards were also produced. Feedback forms and information on how to make a submission was made available. A submission box was included at each event, submissions were also accepted by post or by email before or after the public consultation events.

Further non-statutory public consultation took place over a four-week period from Monday 10th February to Friday 6th March 2020. This consultation was organised immediately following the closure of the Cork Line Level Crossings consultation in response to significant stakeholder feedback regarding XC211 Newtown.

In the first Cork Line Level Crossings consultation that ran from 12th November 2019 until 21st January 2020, a large number of submissions was received expressing a preference for the Blue Route over the chosen Green Route in the case of the elimination of level crossing at XC211 Newtown. The Project Team decided to hold a second period of consultation for XC211 Newtown. This consultation has taken local resident and stakeholder concerns into account and sought feedback on the elimination of XC211 Newtown in relation to the Blue Route, feedback on the Preliminary Design Report and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening & Scoping Report.

As detailed in EIAR Volume 2, Chapter 1: Introduction pre application consultation has taken place with the following organisations (key meeting dates highlighted):

- An Bord Pleanála - 17th October 2019, 9th July 2020, 4th February 2021;
- Cork County Council - 22nd January 2020, 3rd December 2020;
- Limerick City and County Council- 8th January 2020;
- Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District Council (MDC) 16th January 2020;
- Ballyhea Village Community Group 3rd December 2019; and
- Ballyhea Landowner/Stakeholder Meetings 4th/7th December 2020.

In accordance with statutory requirements Prescribed Bodies and other consultees listed in the table below were issued letters in July 2019 advising of the proposed Project and seeking initial views. The consultees identified below were issued with the Screening and Scoping Report as well as the Preliminary Design Report for consultation

Consultees	
Architectural Heritage Advisory Unit (AHAU)	Fáilte Ireland
An Taisce	Teagasc
Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)	The Arts Council (An Chomhairle Ealaíon)
National Transport Authority (NTA)	Gas Networks Ireland
National Museum of Ireland	Geological Survey Ireland
Bat Conservation Ireland	Health Service Executive
Birdwatch Ireland	Irish Water
Coillte Teoranta	Inland Fisheries Ireland
Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources	National Parks and Wildlife Service

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Consultees	
Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht	Office of Public Works (OPW)
Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs	Irish Aviation Authority
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food	The M20 Cork to Limerick Project
National Parks and Wildlife unit- Development Applications Unit	Commission for Railway Regulation
Environmental Protection Agency ESB Networks	Waterways Ireland

Schedule of Prescribed Bodies on which notice has been served:

- Limerick City and County Council
- Cork County Council
- Minister for Transport
- Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Southern Regional Assembly
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- Commission for Railway Regulation
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Office of Public Works
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- Fáilte Ireland
- An Taisce
- Health Service Executive
- Irish Water

Question 19 (Confirmation Notice)

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