



Cork to Limerick

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Date: 21st January 2019

Re: EIAR Screening & Scoping Report Consultation - Replacement of 7 No. manned level crossings on the main Dublin to Cork Railway Line

Dear Sir/Madam,

We acknowledge receipt of your request for feedback on the Public Consultation documents and/or any comments/observations with respect to the Cork Line Level Crossings Project. We have reviewed the proposals with respect to possible interaction/impact on the N/M20 Cork to Limerick Scheme. The N/M20 Project Team have reviewed your proposals outlined in the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening and Scoping Report and has identified possible interactions between the existing level crossings and the replacement crossings proposed in the Cork Line Level Crossings Project and the N/M20 Cork to Limerick Road Improvement Scheme. The N/M20 Project Team have no objections to the proposals but as the two projects are developing simultaneously, the N/M20 Project Team will require updates with the progress of the Level Crossings Scheme as it develops.

The N/M20 Scheme is currently at Phase 1 Concept and Feasibility, which is due to be completed by March 2020. By the end of Phase 1, the preferred road-based and rail-based scenarios will be identified. It should be noted that five of the crossings, Ballyhay, Newtown, Ballycoskery, Shinanagh and Buttevant are in close proximity to the existing N20. One of the road-based scenarios (Scenario D) being considered in Phase 1 of the N/M20 Scheme broadly follows the existing N20 route, therefore these crossings and any proposed changes may be constraints in the study area for Scenario D, should this scenario be carried forward to Phase 2. Scenario C passes to the south of Kilmallock and the crossings at Thomastown and Fantstown may be constraints in the study area for Scenario C, should this scenario be carried forward to Phase 2.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Woodbyrne
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Subject	Presentation to M20 Project Team		
Project	Cork Line Level Crossings (CLLC)		
Project No.	32111001	File	
Prepared by	Rory McDonnell	Phone No.	
Location	Skype Meeting	Date/Time	10 th March 2020
Participants	M20 – Jari Howard (JH) , Maurice Corridan (MC) , Angela Grady (AG), Laura Woodbyrne (LW). Jacobs – Rory McDonnell (RM), Alex Bradley (AB), Heidi Curran (HC), Fiona McDonnell (FM).		
Copies to	All Above & James Kenny	Apologies	James Kenny (Irish Rail)

Notes	Action
<p>RM gave presentation on Project Mapper. RM provided an overview of project history /context, need and went through the proposed solution for each of the 7No. sites.</p> <p>RM outlined that the CLLC Project has already consulted with the M20 twice. The outcome of that consultation process is that there are no objections from the M20 but there is a general need to keep the M20 updated with any key changes to the project.</p> <p>RM stated that ABP highlighted during pre-application consultation that given the proximity of the two projects it was important that there are clear lines of communication between CLLC and the M20.</p> <p>RM included the LDP 'Route Corridor' on the Project Mapper so the M20 team could see proximity to the CLLC Sites.</p> <p>JH requested an updated copy of the PDR as the website version would not open.</p> <p>AG requested the GIS files for the proposed alignments so these could be considered within the M20's Options Assessment.</p> <p>JH stated that a review of rail options is being considered as part of the M20 project, but it does not appear that the CLLC project will cause any significant issues as part of that review.</p> <p>JH outlined that the sequencing of both projects is important and the M20 needs to know roughly when submission and construction are anticipated .</p>	<p>-</p> <p>CLLC Team to issue to M20</p> <p>CLLC Team is re-issue to M20</p>

Jari et al,

Many thanks for your time on the call last Thursday.

As discussed we will share our alignment shape files with you in the next few days.

If you could share information on the new options your scheme is developing (when available) it would be very much appreciated.

Key points discussed:

- M20 Scheme hope to undertake first phase of public consultation on 19th November 2020;
- M20 is around 1-2 years away from submission;
- M20 design is not fixed and is still at options selection stage;
- After reviews on ProjectMapper, there does not appear to be any significant interactions between the two schemes however, Buttevant and Shinanagh are the closest to potential route corridors;
- Cork Line improvements to the N20 at Shinanagh are potentially beneficial to any proposed N20 upgrade;
- Cork Line is hoping to submit to ABP before Christmas; and
- Cork Line has been delayed by some potential archaeology and is currently undertaking test trenching.

We look forward to maintaining communications over the course of the development of both schemes.

Kind regards

Alex

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