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1 PROPOSED GRID CONNECTION WATERCOURSE CROSSINGS

The design methodology for the grid connection crossings in the EIAR is not consistent with that set out in the NIS. The EIAR outlines the River Clare crossing at the site of the Lough Corrib SAC will be via Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD), with the NIS outlining the River Clare crossing is via an existing bridge crossing. Clarification is sought on the river crossings proposed, and this should be addressed in environmental assessments, where appropriate, and in relevant drawings, sections.

As detailed in Section 4.7.2.9 of the EIAR, a total of 4 no. existing watercourse crossings and 1 no. Motorway crossing will be traversed along the N83 National Road and the L6141 to cater for the Proposed Grid Connection underground cabling route to the existing Cloon 110kV substation. The locations of the watercourse and motorway crossings are shown on Figure 4-27 of the EIAR. Specific details of each crossing are shown in Table 4-4 of the EIAR and reiterated in Table 1 below. Specific Crossing details for all 4 no. watercourses are shown in Appendix 4-8a of the EIAR Addendum, Grid Connection Infrastructure, and in Figure 2, Figure 4, Figure 6 and Figure 8. The watercourse crossing methodology for each location is set out below. In stream works are not required at any watercourse crossing along the Proposed Grid Connection underground cabling route.

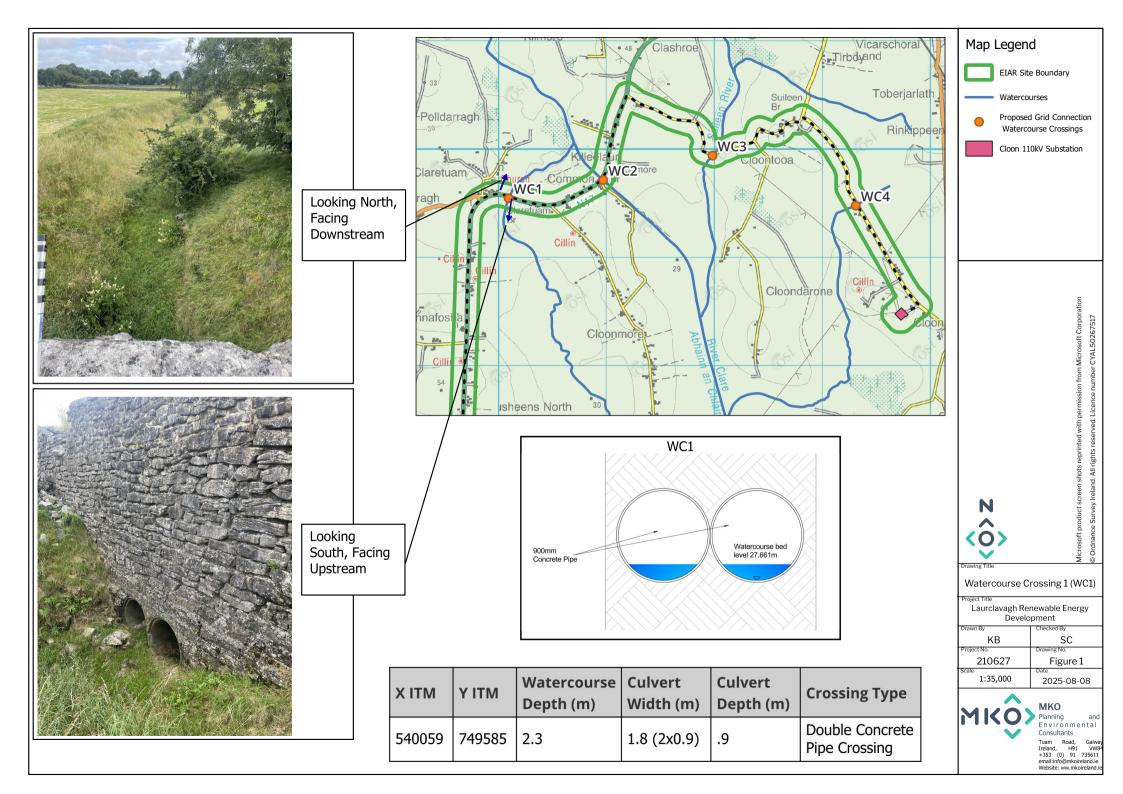
Figure 1, Figure 3, Figure 5 and Figure 7 below show cross section details of all 4 no. watercourse crossing locations.

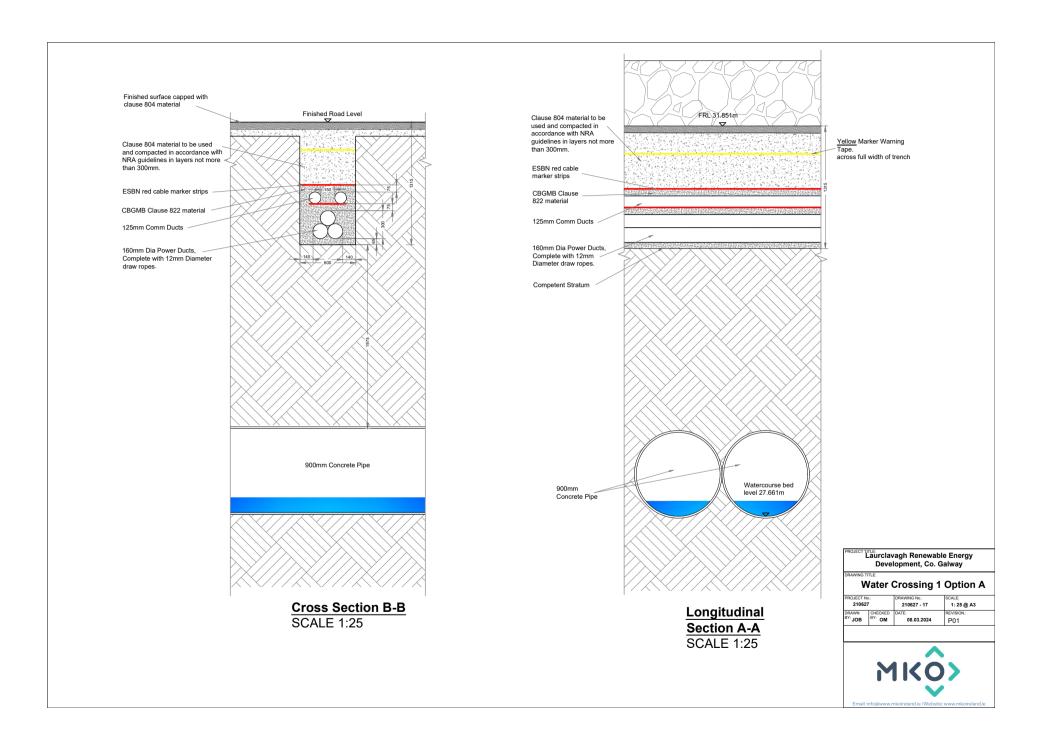
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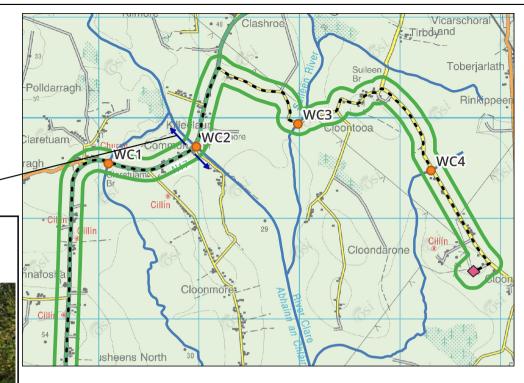


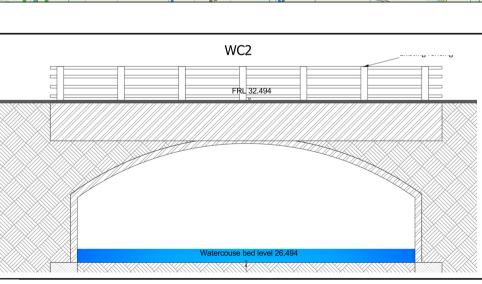
Table 1 Culvert Survey Summary and Crossing Methodology

Watercourse Crossing Reference No.	Watercourse Type	Width of Channel (m)	Cover from Road Level to Top of Culvert (m)	Crossing Type Description	Watercourse Crossing Type	Extent of inchannel works
WC1	Double concrete pipe crossing	1.8(2x0.9)	3.27	High water levels flowing through this bridge which had a small channel which appeared to be quite overgrown with vegetation. There is sufficient separation distance to accommodate the standard trefoil cable passing over the watercourse without any amendment to the trench or ducting profile		None. No instream works required.
WC2	Clearspan Bridge	12.5	1.6	The River Clare is a fast flowing channel. This existing crossing is along the N83 National Road, with a footpath along the bridge. The original bridge structure appeared to be a stone-arch bridge which had a newer clearspan structure built on top. The laying of cables under the existing watercourse by directional drilling ensures that no contact will be made with the watercourse during the works.	Option D	None. No instream works required
WC3	Stone-Arch Bridge	2.1	0.3	This stone arch bridge passed over a watercourse with stagnant water and a high level of vegetation. Sufficient cover will be achieved from the top of the bridge to the road on this watercourse crossing to lay the cables in a flat formation on top of the existing crossing. This scenario ensures that the cable trench will have no impact on the watercourse		None. No instream works required
WC4	Concrete Pipe	1.05	1.72	Fast-flowing stream, much lower than the existing road level. There is sufficient separation distance to accommodate the standard trefoil cable passing over the watercourse without any amendment to the trench or ducting profile	Option A	None. No instream works required









X ITM	Y ITM	Watercourse Depth (m)		Culvert Depth (m)	Crossing Type
540918	749749	4.8	12.5	1.5	Clearspan Bridge

Looking Northwest, Facing Upstream

Map Legend

EIAR Site Boundary

Watercourses



Proposed Grid Connection Watercourse Crossings



Cloon 110kV Substation

Watercourse Crossing 2 (WC2)

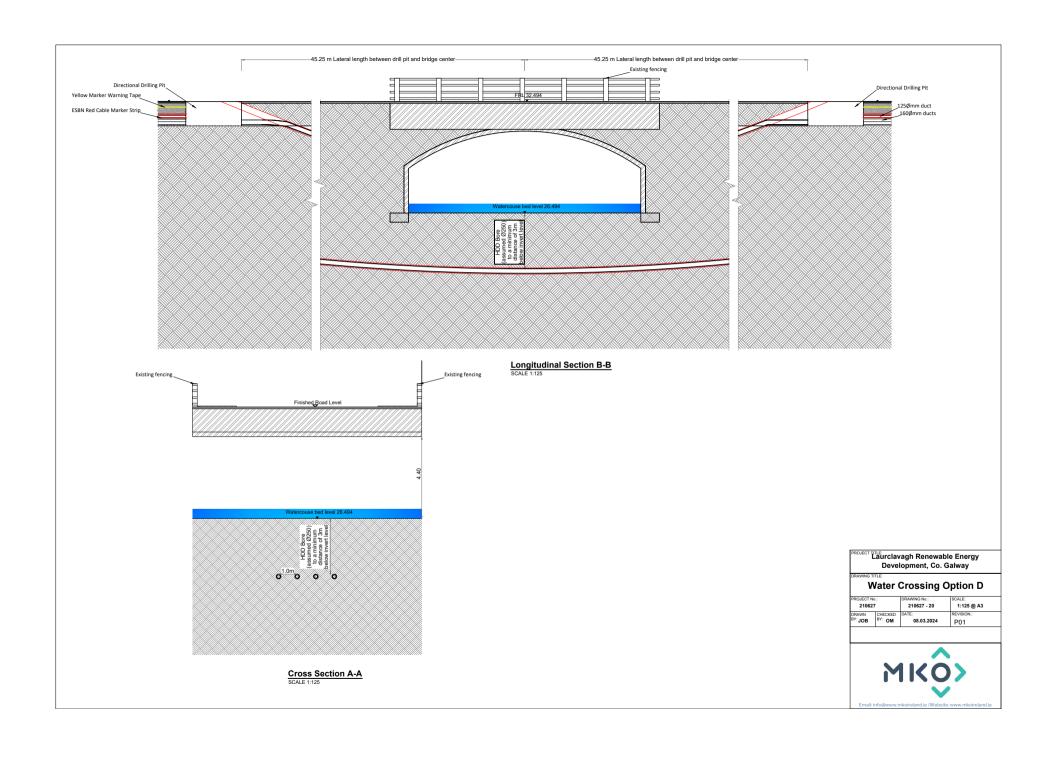
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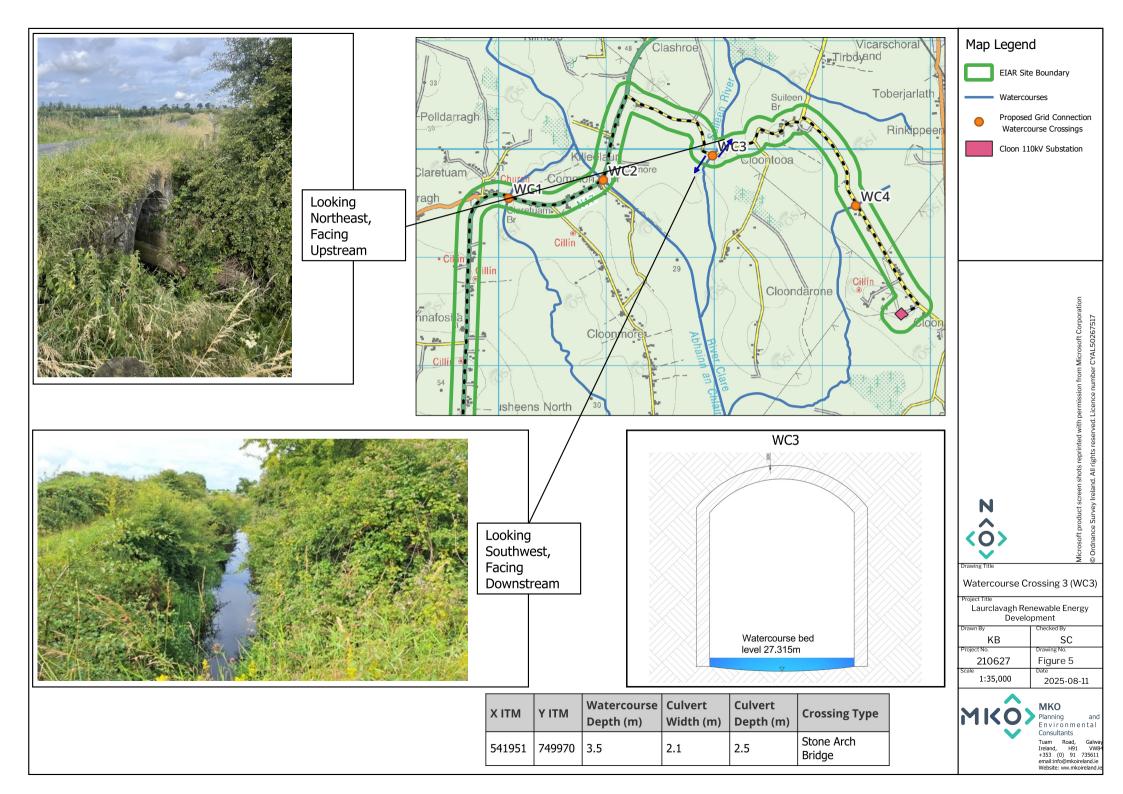
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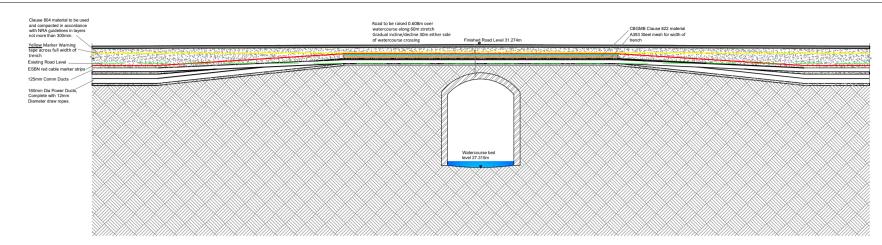


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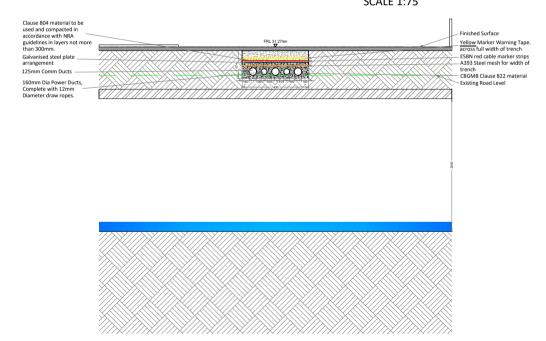
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Longitudinal Section A-A SCALE 1:75



Cross Section B-B SCALE 1:50

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