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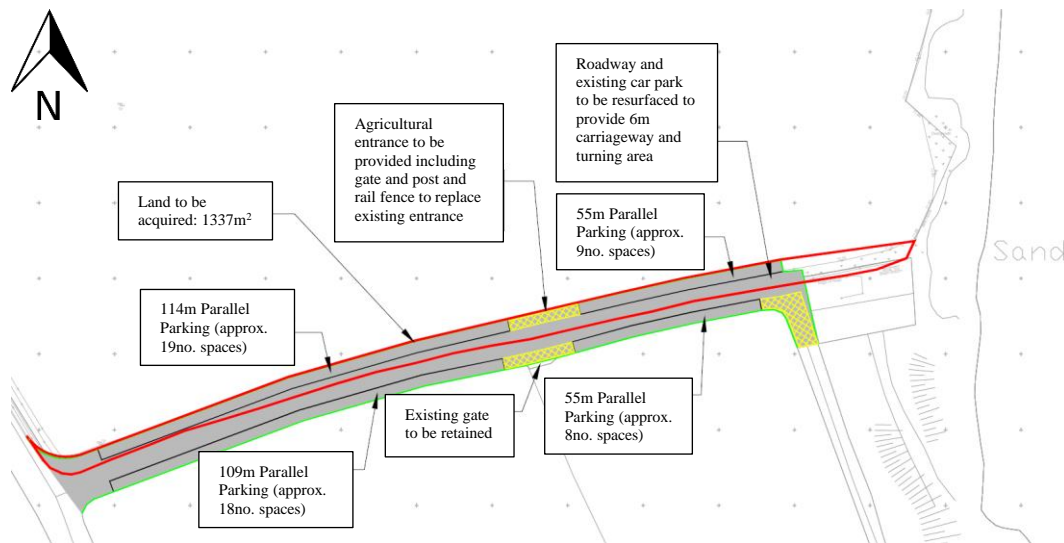
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3.1 Community Gain

3.1.1 Car Park at Baginbun Beach

Baginbun Beach is popular with locals and tourists, especially during the summer months. Currently, visitors to the beach park along both sides of the narrow approach road to the beach and, at particularly busy times, the parking extends around the corner onto the L4049, at the western end of the approach road. This parking creates congestion and is a hazard for road users, particularly pedestrians.

During the consultations with Wexford County Council, Greenlink agreed to construct car-parking facilities near Baginbun Beach as an element of community gain for the project. Greenlink will purchase a strip of land on the north side of the approach road which will allow the road to be widened to an overall width of 12m. The road is edged with low scrub, which does not have high habitat value. There will be a 3m wide parking bay on both sides and two 3m wide vehicular lanes. Approximately 54 parking spaces will be provided, with parallel parking along both sides of the road. The 6m wide carriageway will allow two cars to pass comfortably. The road widening will extend from the junction at the western end of the road to a point approximately 35m west of the edge of the cliff, behind the beach. A 10kV ESB pole, close to the junction at the western end of the road, will be relocated to accommodate the road widening. There are two farm gates in the road boundaries, one on either side. The gate on the northern side will be set back as part of the widening, and appropriate sight lines will be provided for both gates. There is an entrance to a dwelling house close to the beach, on the southern side of the road, and this will also be given sufficient sight lines. A turning area will be established at the beach end of the road. The 6m wide carriageway will also facilitate three-point turning along the road. The widened road and parking will be constructed with a full road build-up, surface dressing and line markings, with stormwater run-off continuing to naturally infiltrate on both sides of the road in accordance with Wexford County Council's requirements.



Proposed Car Parking near Baginbun Beach | not to scale

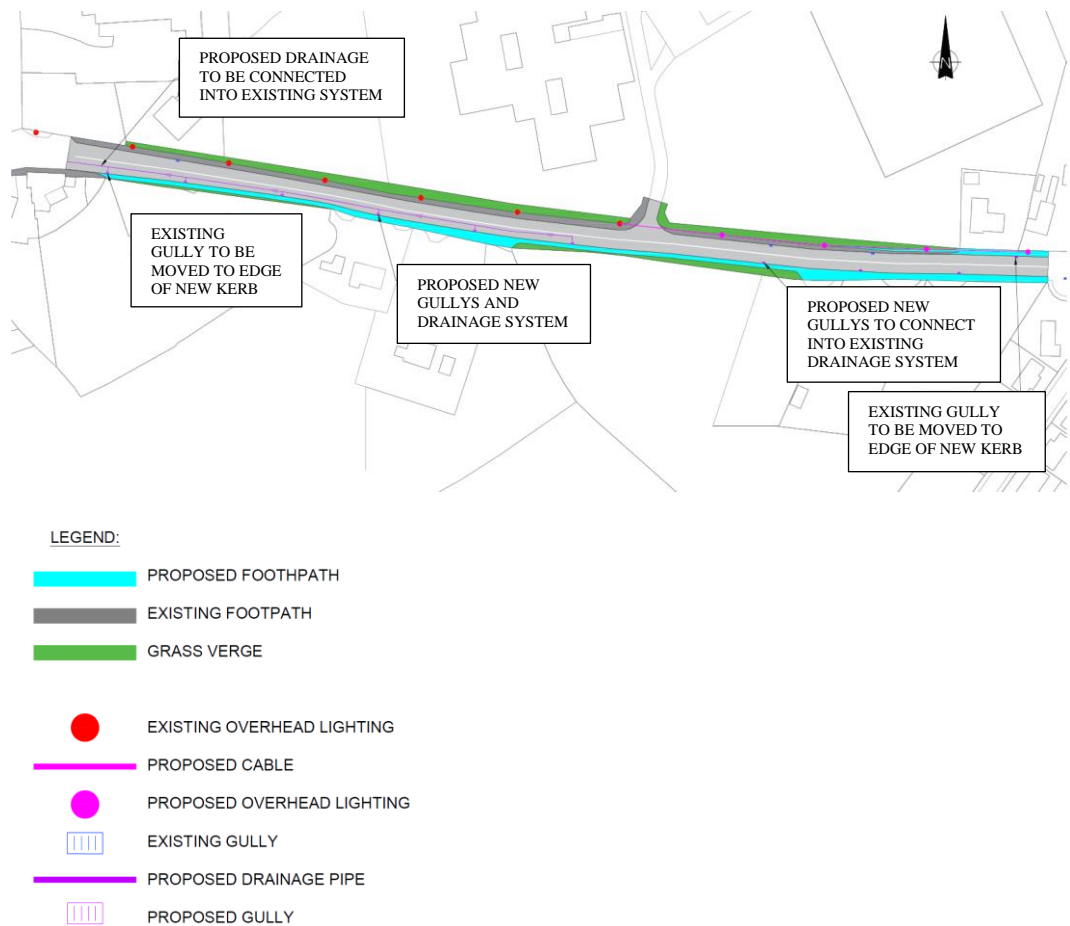
This parking facility is welcomed by Wexford County Council and the local residents, to whom the Greenlink representatives have spoken.

The car park at Baginbun Beach will be retained when Greenlink is decommissioned.

3.1.2 Ramsgrange Village

As part of the public engagement with residents in Ramsgrange, the potential was identified for the provision of community gain in the form of improvements to pedestrian amenity in the village. In consultation with Wexford County Council, it was agreed that a footpath would be provided on the southern side of the R733 eastbound, between the village centre and the recently-constructed housing development at the eastern edge of the village. In addition, a short length of footpath will be provided on the northern side of the road, opposite the housing development. The new footpaths will have dropped kerbs to be provided at each entrance.

Four new streetlights will be provided on the northern side of the road, to the east of the existing school entrance, and a new speed-activated sign will be provided at the western approach to the village. Surface water drainage will be connected to the existing surface water network, and a power cable will be installed to power the proposed street lighting.



Proposed Pedestrian Amenity Improvement Works at Ramsgrange | not to scale