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Preliminary Safety and Health Plan.

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**PRELIMINARY SAFETY AND
HEALTH PLAN
FOR**

***Proposed Works under Safe
Routes to School Programme for
Mullagh National School, Mullagh
Co. Clare***



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1.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The site is located adjacent to Mullagh National School. It is rural in nature and situated on the L2094 Local Rd. There is an existing housing estate opposite the school along with a small number of private residences.

The proposed works consist of construction of 80m of new footpath on the northern side of the L2094 Local Rd, footpath improvement of 100m on the south side of the L2094 Local Rd, installation of 2 no. controlled pedestrian crossing at the school and 2 no. uncontrolled pedestrian crossings, one to the north and one to the south, all of these will be raised crossings. Installation of speed ramps on the L2094 Local Rd, installation of new pencil bollards on new and existing paths, and “School Zone” road markings, installation of low level planting areas, installation of 2 no. street lights. Provision of associated Signage and Road Markings including high friction skid resistance surfacing. All associated and ancillary site works.

Associated works shall include landscaping, drainage, installation of new kerbs, dropped kerbs and tactile paving together with modifications to / installation of all necessary traffic signs and road markings and road reinstatement thereafter.

The aim of this Active Travel Scheme is to provide safe and improved pedestrian connectivity for students walking and cycling to the school, along with reducing vehicular speed within the school zone.



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2.0 PROJECT DIRECTORY

Role	Contact Details	Distribution of Preliminary Safety & Health Plan
Client	Clare County Council, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare Contact Name:	September 2026
Designer	Clare County Council	September 2026
PSDP	Clare County Council	September 2026
PSCS	Contractor - TBC	
Contractor	TBC	
Other Consultants and parties to the project		

Note: Details of Contractual arrangements must be kept up-to-date. Any changes in the appointed PSDP and/or PSCS must be formally made in writing and acknowledged by the new appointees in writing.

3.0 PROJECT DURATION

Commencement Date	October 2026
Intended Contract Completion Date	December 2026
Intended timescale of the project	8 Weeks
Restrictions on Working Hours	N/A



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4.0 EXISTING ENVIRONMENT/SITE RESTRICTIONS

The site is located on the L2094 Local Rd adjacent to Mullagh National School, Finuremore Park Housing Estate, private residences and Mullagh Community Centre. **School Opening hours are between 9.00am and 2.40pm and extreme caution needs to be exercised during student drop off and collection times. Deliveries should not be facilitated where students are entering or leaving the school.**

4.1 Known Existing Services

Gas Mains	See service drawings in safety folder
Electricity	See service drawings in safety folder
Water & Sewerage	See service drawings in safety folder
Eircom	See service drawings in safety folder
Broadband	See service drawings in safety folder

4.2 Existing Structures

Existing school, Private Dwellings and Community Centre.

4.3 Relevant Adjoining Land Uses/Buildings

The adjoining land is agricultural in nature and buildings are residential.

4.4 Restrictions on Access/Egress

Arrangements should be put in place to ensure that the relevant homeowners / school patrons are accommodated in terms of safe access and egress to their houses / school. It must also be ensured that all live traffic is kept separated from the movements of pedestrians in the location. Traffic Restrictions may be required during the construction phase of this scheme.

4.5 Existing Activities on Site

This is a public road with the main activity being access to the local school and residential properties. The Community Centre may also be used for various activities.



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5.0 SAFETY FILE

A safety File shall be prepared and continually updated throughout the lifecycle of the scheme.

6.0 PARTICULAR RISKS

"The following is a non-exhaustive list of particular risks to the safety, health and welfare of persons at work as set out in schedule 1 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013, S.I.No. 291 of 2013 which should be developed by the PSDP."

Particular Risk	Details	Proposed Action
Risk of Burial. "Work which puts persons at work at risk of burial under earth falls, engulfment in swampland, <i>where the risk is particularly aggravated by the nature of the work or processes used by the environment at the place of work on site</i> "	Excavating material for the purposes of widening or renewing the existing path, constructing a new path, planter beds and for laying kerbs. New Belisha Beacons and school Totems and lighting	All deep excavations to be machine dug and no person should ever enter or be in the excavation. Any deep excavations it is expected they are battered back rather than braced. This is to be confirmed in the PSCS H&S Plan The contractor will ensure that all site persons are adequately trained to work in these conditions and that adequate precautions, barriers and fencing to prevent falls by be taken, excavations to be battered back where possible. No spoil to be stored near excavation edges The PSCS shall ensure that an excavation permit controls all excavations on site.



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Falls from a Height. "Work which puts persons at work at risk of falling from a height, <i>where the risk is particularly aggravated by the nature of the work or processes used by the environment at the place of work on site</i>".	Work on Masts and Poles – necessary for the installation of School Banners Using Working at Height Equipment e.g. Ladders, Scaffolding, Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (MEWP), Rigging Mobile Cranes Working alongside Excavations	Temporary Edge Projection/ guardrails to be provided to all elevated platforms and deep excavations High access should be limited or eliminated during the construction process where alternative methods of work are available. Alternative means of protection such as line and harness fall arrest system must be considered if required. Where possible all edges should be protected by guard railings integrated with construction.
Chemical / Biological Hazards. "Work which puts persons at work at risk from chemical or biological substances constituting a particular danger to the safety and health of such persons or involving a legal requirement for health monitoring".	Maintenance of plant and machinery e.g. oils, lubricants, solvents, petrol or diesel Maintenance and installation of electrical apparatus Contact with rodents and contracting Weil's Disease while working outdoors. Contact with contaminated material which has been disturbed by earth works. Contact with Sewage e.g. during outdoor work activities	The PSCS is to ensure that adequate welfare and hygiene arrangements are in place, correct method statements and risk assessments give due consideration to these risks and that correct PPE is worn at all times.
Radiation. "Work with ionising radiation the designation of controlled or supervised areas as defined in Article 20 or Directive 80/835/Euratom".	N/A	N/A



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Power Lines. "Work near high voltage power lines".	Overhead lines Underground cabling work High Voltage (HV) work Medium Voltage (MV) work Live work at all voltages Telecoms and associated activities	Contractor/PSCS to ensure that all cables are properly identified and highlighted on site and an exclusion zone is to be maintained for the duration of the works. All works near high voltage lines must be carried out in accordance with ESB Safety Rules 2006 (Electrical, Transmission, Distribution and Marketing). Where applicable Live wires to be clearly demarcated. Observation, detection and application of the "Code of Practice for Avoiding Danger from Underground Services", published by the Health & Safety Authority, the "Avoidance of Electrical Hazards when Digging" and "Avoidance of Electrical Hazards when Working Near Overhead Electric Lines", published by the ESB will mitigate the risks Make all workers aware of the risk Erect Goal posts where necessary ESB, Eircom, Bord Gais, and Clare Co Co Water Services should be contacted to identify any services in the vicinity of the site, as well as any other stakeholder who could have an
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		interest in the site. Hand digging may be required adjacent to any shallow services within the extents of this scheme
Drowning. "Work exposing persons at work to the risk of drowning"	N/A	N/A
Underground Works. "Work on wells, underground earthworks and tunnels"	N/A	N/A
Divers. "Work carried out by divers at work having a system of air supply".	N/A	N/A
"Work carried out in a caisson with a compressed air atmosphere".	N/A	N/A
Explosives. "Work involving the use of explosives"	N/A	N/A
Heavy Prefabricated Components. "Work involving the assembly or disassembly of heavy prefabricated components".	N/A	N/A
Working in live traffic.	Working in vicinity of vehicle and pedestrian traffic	The PSCS to prepare and implement an appropriate Traffic Management Plan

Note: Designers will be expected to review and complete Design risk assessments for their scope of works identifying any residual risks and issue to the PSDP for inclusion in the Preliminary Safety and Health Plan.

7.0 Additional Risks

Existing Services on-site	Where work is planned which involves working adjacent to Gas, Water Mains, Rail, Overhead Lines, Underground Cables, Sewage, etc The existing Water main pipe may contain Asbestos.	Risk Assessment to be prepared. The PSCS shall obtain the latest service drawings before commencement of works and will implement the controls specified in the risk assessment. Existing service locations to be confirmed on site prior to any excavation works beginning.
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Plant and Machinery	Where additional on site risks are identified in relation to Plant and Machinery, such as: Work at Height Equipment, Lifting Equipment, Quads, Trucks, etc.	Risk Assessment to be prepared The PSCS shall implement all controls specified in the risk assessment
Excavations	PSCS shall obtain the latest location maps and service drawings before commencement of works.	All excavations shall be deemed to have live services present. Extreme Caution to be exercised where digging is required within the scheme extents
Driving and transport	Construction Traffic colliding with Construction Personnel or members of the public	The PSCS will prepare and implement an appropriate Traffic Management Plan. Appropriate signage to be erected in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual. Works area to be cordoned off at all times.
Tools and Equipment	Construction workers or passing members of the public getting injured by incorrect use or unsuitable types of tools or equipment.	The PSCS shall implement adequate controls over tools and equipment, including Grinders, Con-saws, Drills, Chainsaws, Cable Avoidance Tools, Voltage Testers, etc.
Falling Objects	During Work at Height and Excavation Works falling objects may be a risk, e.g. falling tools and equipment, installation of school banners.	The PSCS shall implement adequate controls to prevent injury from falling objects including tool tethers, lanyards, kick boards, netting etc.
Vehicular and Pedestrian Traffic	Working in the vicinity of vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Vehicles Shunting due to sudden braking	The PSCS will prepare and implement an appropriate Traffic Management Plan Where construction vehicles are present it must be ensured



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	Vehicles colliding with oncoming traffic Passing traffic colliding with vehicles coming out of or accessing private entrances Passing traffic colliding with construction vehicles Passing traffic driving into excavations Construction Traffic Colliding with Hotel or School Traffic or School Children.	that such vehicles shall be completely separated from passing traffic. Ensure there is a safe entry/exit system for construction vehicles to the site. Protect existing/ alternative pedestrian passageways; provide for vulnerable road users. Put advance warning signs in place in accordance with Ch. 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual. Traffic Management personnel to be present when works are ongoing outside the Hotel and School Entrance/Exits.
Members of the Public / Land Owners	Site activities may involve interaction with Members of the Public and/or Landowners. Risks may include access and egress for all parties, unauthorised access, dealing with confrontation.	The PSCS will develop an adequate procedure to control site access and egress.
Confined Space	N/A	N/A
Manual Handling	All work activities involve Manual Handling.	The PSCS will develop adequate procedures to reduce the risk of injury arising from Manual Handling activities.
Working Outdoors	Environmental Conditions e.g. adverse weather conditions Contracting biological diseases. Access and Egress to work location	The PSCS will develop adequate procedures to ensure a safe place of work.
Environmental	Noise Pollution Chemical Spills	The PSCS will put procedures in place to monitor and control:-



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	Water / Ground Contamination Hazardous Waste	Noise – A section of the works are outside the entrance to a hotel, regular contact to be made with the hotel if works could be disruptive to the hotel with regards to noise.
Existing Ground Conditions	Ground conditions such as contamination / uneven ground may be a risk particularly after adverse weather conditions e.g. during excavations, masts installations etc	PSCS to Monitor and Control.
Adjoining Land Uses / Adjacent Structures	There may be adjoining land uses / adjacent structures which could be affected by construction activities or vice versa. E.g. during excavations, fragile materials on adjacent structures, etc.	PSCS to ensure communication takes place with adjoining land owners and risk assessments be carried out if required. Regular communication with adjoining businesses and residents. No works to take place prior to engagement with all affected parties.
Clients and Other Contractors / Work Activities on site or adjacent sites	There may be other work activities taking place on site.	The PSCS will develop adequate procedures to ensure that all activities on site are managed in an effective and safe manner.
Lone Working	Lining including installation of thermoplastic road dots.	Where work activities involve personnel working alone the PSCS will ensure an effective Lone Working Procedure is in place.



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8.0 SITE ELEMENTS

8.1 Access and Egress

Traffic Management will be in place throughout the job, and access and egress will be as per the traffic management plan.

8.2 Offloading and Storage

Offloading and storage of material will be located within the works area as required. The area is to be cordoned off using appropriate measures.

8.3 Site Accommodation

Welfare facilities will be situated within the site extents.

8.4 Traffic and Pedestrian Routes

Traffic management will be in place throughout the job. Any traffic restriction proposals to be agreed with Clare County Council prior to any works taking place. Pedestrian barriers will be in place to guide pedestrians safely through the works as necessary. If appropriate safe and working widths are not possible for specific elements of the construction a road closure and diversion route will have to be put in place. The will have to be agreed with the West Clare Municipal Office and Emergency services and local residents and wider community to be made aware of this 1 week in advance.

9.0 OVERLAP WITH CLIENTS UNDERTAKINGS

9.1 Liaison with the Client.

The client is to be kept informed of progress and also of any changes that are being made to the design.

9.2 Liaison with other Contractors.

The PSDP is to keep weekly contact with other contractors and if any changes take places either party have to keep the other informed of these proposed changes before they take place on site.

9.3 Re-design work, New design Work

The Designer is to make the PSDP aware of any proposed design changes as soon as possible, and new drawings are to be issued when complete.

10.0 CONTINUING LIAISON BETWEEN DUTY HOLDERS

Where unforeseen circumstances arise, the safety and health issues arising are to be submitted to the Project Supervisor (Design Process) as soon as possible after the event.



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The PSDP will ensure co-operation between designers using permanent & temporary works design certificates where necessary.

11.0 SITE SPECIFIC RULES

The PSCS shall develop comprehensive and site-specific arrangements and procedures for safety in the construction of the works including the coordination of all contractors and the coordination and cooperation between permanent works designers and the temporary works designer.

12.0 WELFARE/FIRST AID ARRANGEMENTS

The appointed PSCS is to ensure adequate welfare and first aid provisions are provided.

13.0 ACCIDENT REPORTING

The appointed PSCS must ensure adequate arrangements are in place for the reporting of all accidents, dangerous occurrences and near misses.



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APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1:

DRAWING AND SPECIFICATIONS INCLUDING TENDER DOCUMENTS,
CONTRACT DRAWINGS

APPENDIX 2:

EXISTING SERVICE MAPS/DRAWINGS

APPENDIX 3:

TEMPORARY WORKS DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS – TRAFFIC
MANAGEMENT PLAN