

**MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL
TOURISM, RECREATION & AMENITY DEPARTMENT**

**PROPOSED ACHILL SOUND – BUNACURRY GREENWAY AND ACHILL SOUND VILLAGE
ENHANCEMENTS AT ACHILL, CO. MAYO**



PART 8 PLANNING

PROJECT DESCRIPTION REPORT TO ACCOMPANY PART 8



Mayo County Council, Aras an Chontae,

Castlebar, Co Mayo

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1. BACKGROUND

Proposed Scheme

The proposed Scheme comprises the development of a 10km walking and cycling trail linking Achill Sound and Bunacurry and the development of public realm improvements at Achill Sound village and all associated ancillary works.

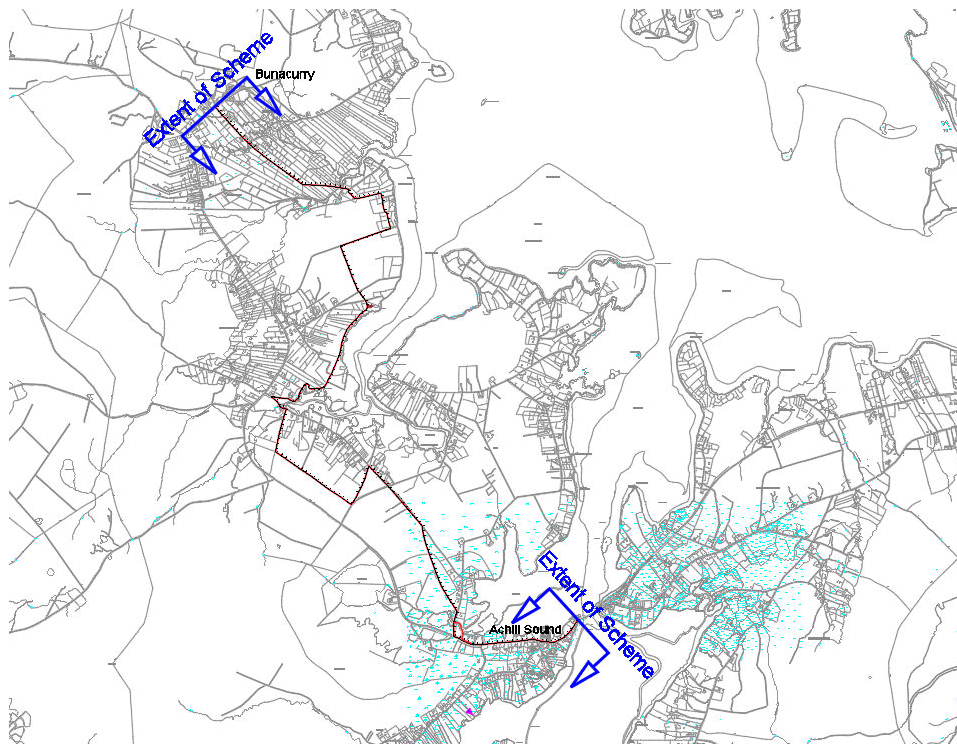
The scheme will be undertaken between Achill Sound and Bunacurry in the townlands of Achill Sound, Springvale, Glendary, Saula West, Cashel South, Cashel North and Bunacurry.

Greenway works comprise the construction of a 3m wide Greenway path (segregated from Road traffic) for the purposes of walking and cycling with includes the development of associated trailheads, carpark areas, drainage, fencing and ancillary construction works. The Greenway will be constructed using durable stone material and will include a raised boardwalk at two locations totalling approx. 625 metre distance (Ch. 4650 – Ch. 5060 and Ch. 6020 – Ch.6200). The Greenway will tie into existing walking trails and local roads.

Public realm works at Achill Sound include the demolition of a housing property in the village and the construction of a plaza, promenade and carparking areas, boundary wall, fencing construction, road crossings, carparking bays and traffic calming measures, signage and all ancillary works.

2. LOCATION MAP

The proposed Scheme is located on Achill Island between the villages of Gob a Choire (Achill Sound) and Bun a Chorraigh (Ballinacurry) as shown on the drawing below.



3. PLANNING

Pursuant to the requirements of Part XI of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 – 2019 as amended, notice is hereby given that Mayo County Council proposes to carry out development, particulars of which are set out in the Schedule in Section 4 hereunder.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection, or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy of the documents, at the following Offices:

- Westport- Belmullet Municipal District Offices, Ballinrobe Road, Westport, Co Mayo and
- Aras an Chontae, Planning Office, The Mall Castlebar, Co Mayo

from 9.00am to 5.00pm on each day during which the said Offices are open for the transaction of business, for a period ending the **12th March 2020**.

Mayo County Council, as the competent authority, has carried out an Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report and has determined that a full appropriate Assessment is not required in respect of this proposed development.

Mayo County Council has carried out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report and has determined that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and has concluded that an EIA is not required.

As prescribed in the regulations Mayo County Council has placed an advertisement in a local newspaper and a site notice at the location of the proposed works. Site notices are located at the project termini, at the intersection points of the Greenway and public roads and in Achill Sound village.

Submissions or observations with regard to the proposed development, dealing with proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made in writing, clearly marked **Submission on Achill Sound – Bunacurry Greenway – Part 8** to Mr. Alan Dilucia, A/Senior Planner, Mayo County Council, Aras An Chontae, The Mall, Castlebar, Co. Mayo not later than **4.00pm of the 27th day of March 2020**.

4. SCHEDULE

LOCATION	NATURE AND EXTENT OF DEVELOPMENT
The proposed development will be undertaken between Achill Sound and Bunacurry in the townlands of Achill Sound, Springvale, Glendary, Saula West, Cashel South, Cashel North and Bunacurry	Development of 10,608 metres of road segregated walking and cycle paths with tie-ins to existing greenways/walking trails and local roads; construction of 413m of raised boardwalk; fencing and wall construction, trail heads, drainage; demolition of house at Achill Sound for public realm enhancements, construction of plaza and promenade, carparking bays; traffic calming and all ancillary works.

5. SCOPE OF WORKS

The proposed works will include the following:

- Construction of Greenway path comprising 3m path, road segregated pathway and raised boardwalk sections.
- Construction of trail heads and carparking areas
- Drainage, fencing and farm crossing accommodation works
- Demolition of property at Achill Sound to provide area for hard paved plaza area and promenade.
- Public realm enhancements, Wall construction, boundary fencing, services relocation.
- Traffic Calming, pedestrian crossing, Carparking bays
- Signage and road markings
- All ancillary works

6. RATIONALE AND USERS

The proposed Greenway is an extension of the Great Western Greenway which currently exists between Westport and Achill Sound. The Greenway provides for a safe leisure and recreational experiences for locals and visitors that can be enjoyed by all age groups and levels of fitness. It provides an alternative route for cyclists and walkers travelling along the R319 between Achill Sound and Bunacurry which has two narrow road bridges.

The proposed Greenway provides an opportunity for visitors and locals to enjoy the facility and surroundings with potential for increased visitor draw. As an activity attraction it is expected to attract people from outside the area, and potentially increase visitor stay, spend and bring enterprise opportunities and employment. Potential users include locals, visitors, families, groups, young and old. The proposed scheme will be suitable for all persons.

The proposal will be undertaken in compliance with national / regional policy and guidelines including:

- Mayo County Development Plan 2014-2020
- Mayo Tourism Strategy “Destination Mayo”, 2015-2021
- National Sports Policy 2018-2027
- Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (2013)
- Strategy for the Future development of National & Regional Greenways 2018
- Regional Spatial Economic Strategy (RSES) 2020

7. ENVIRONMENTAL, ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE, ARCHAEOLOGY

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There are no protected structures along the route of the Greenway or at work locations within Achill Sound Village.

8. TRAFFIC

The Greenway will cross public roads at at-grade grade junctions. It is proposed to cross the regional road R319 in Achill Sound Village and at a number of low trafficked local roads as detailed in the attached drawings.

The Greenway route utilises local roads at Bunacurry and Saula.

New carparking and Trailhead areas are being constructed at Achill Sound and Bunacurry.

9. DRAWINGS

A following schedule of drawings refers to the proposal.

CBGP/18/0001	Site Location Map		
CBGP/18/0002	Storage Shed Plan	CBGP/18/0009	1/2500 Detail Drawings
CBGP/18/0010	Typical Cross Sections		
19-178DWG-101	Master Layout Plan		
19-178DWG-102	Layout Plan Sheet 1	Achill Sound Streets	
19-178DWG-103	Layout Plan Sheet 2		
19-178DWG-103	Layout Plan Sheet 3		

10. NOTICES

Newspaper Notice

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Planning and Development Act 2000 – 2018 (as amended)

Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2019 (as amended)

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Mayo County Council, as the competent authority, has carried out an Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report and has determined that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is not required in respect of this proposed development.

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Signed:

**Mr. P. Philbin,
Head of Tourism, Recreation
& Amenity,
Mayo House,
Moneen, Castlebar,
Co. Mayo.**

**Mr. P. Walsh,
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District,
Ballinrobe Road,
Westport,
Co. Mayo.**

Dated the 11th day of February 2020