



## PROJECT: TEMPLESHANNON REGENERATION - STREETWORKS

### TITLE: PART 8 PLANNING APPLICATION

### DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED STREETWORKS





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## **Templeshannon Regeneration – Streetworks**

### **1. Foreword**

Wexford County Council is proposing to improve the traffic flow and also to improve the pedestrian access in the Templeshannon area of Enniscorthy. Templeshannon is to be upgraded to a key Public Space, a Gateway to Enniscorthy and a connector to the rest of the town.

### **2. Introduction**

Wexford County Council appointed ARUP consulting engineers to prepare a Regeneration Strategy for Templeshannon. This strategy was developed in coordination with the Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme and the Templeshannon Traffic Management Study. The strategy was adopted by Wexford County Council in January 2018. The works in Templeshannon are being planned in line with the adopted Regeneration Strategy.

### **3. Site Description**

The site is located on the east side of the River Slaney in the Townland of Templeshannon and includes, The Shannon, Templeshannon and Station Road.

The site is located in an Architectural Conservation Area and contains several 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings. There are 15 protected structures in the Templeshannon area and five protected views. The Enniscorthy Bridge (St Senan's Bridge) is a Protected Structure (EO73)





**Figure 1: Protected Structures shown in purple**

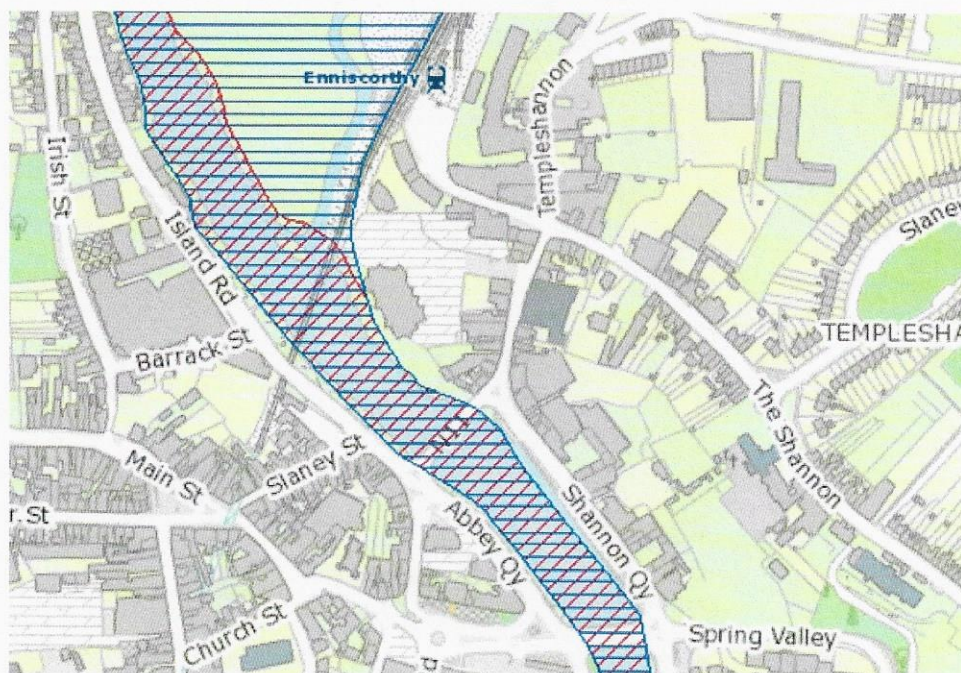


## 4. Environment

The site is located adjacent to the Slaney River Valley - Special Area of Conservation and Proposed National Heritage Area as detailed in the table and the map below.

Designated Site	Designation	Site Code	Approximate distance from Templeshannon
Slaney River Valley	SAC ; pNHA	000781	0 km

**Table 1: Sites of Ecological Conservation Value**



**Figure 2: SAC shown in red and proposed Natural Heritage Area shown in blue.**

## 5. Existing Traffic Situation

### 5.1. Templeshannon

The R744 Templeshannon Road is a regional road which runs through the centre of Templeshannon and joins the N11 on the eastern side of the River Slaney at Shannon Quay. The roadway generally consists of a single lane of traffic in each direction with a footpath on both sides of the road.

The footpath widths are generally very narrow, ranging from 1m to 2m in width and as such are not pedestrian friendly.



Due to the restricted nature of the Templeshannon/Shannon/Station Road junction, visibility for pedestrians and vehicles approaching this junction is poor.



**Figure 3: Junction of The Shannon, Station Road and Templeshannon**

There is one controlled pedestrian crossing point provided on the R744. This is a zebra crossing which is located in front of Treacy's Hotel. At other junctions, uncontrolled crossing points are provided, some of which are provided with tactile paving and dropped kerbs.

Double yellow lines are present along the R744 for the section in the Templeshannon area.

## **5.2. The Shannon**

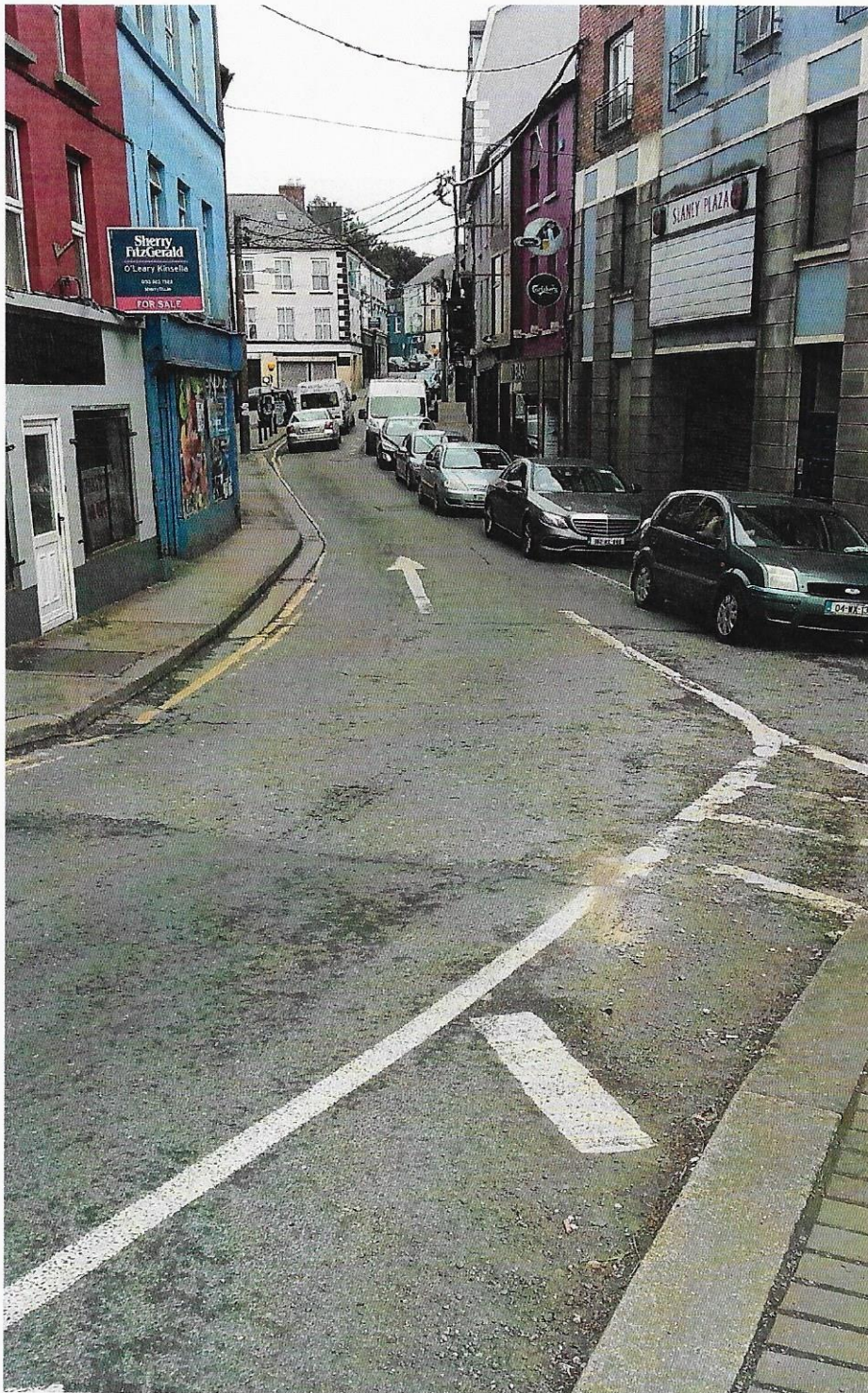
The Shannon is a local road which rises up from the R744 towards Slaney View Park and consists of a lane of traffic in each direction with footpaths provided on each side of the road. The road is generally wider than the R744 in Templeshannon. There is a zebra crossing near the entrance to Slaney View Park.

Cars are observed to park on both sides of the road and on the footpaths, except on the southern side of the road in the vicinity of the junction with the R744 due to the presence of double yellow lines.

## **5.3. Station Road**

The access road to the Enniscorthy Train Station consists of a single lane of traffic in each direction. A footpath is only provided along the southern side of Station Road. On Street Parking is also present along the southern side of the road.





**Figure 4: View of Templeshannon from Enniscorthy Bridge**



## **6. Other Projects in the vicinity of Templeshannon**

### **6.1.M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy**

The proposed Gorey to Enniscorthy road scheme is at construction and is scheduled to be open in July 2019. The proposed scheme will remove significant volumes of traffic that currently pass through Enniscorthy Town Centre and the Templeshannon area. The route from the Finchogue Junction into the Town Centre along the R744 could represent the most direct and fastest route to Enniscorthy Town Centre from the proposed M11 and this may result in an increase in traffic volumes on the R744 for traffic accessing Enniscorthy via the Ballydawmore junction.

### **6.2.Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme**

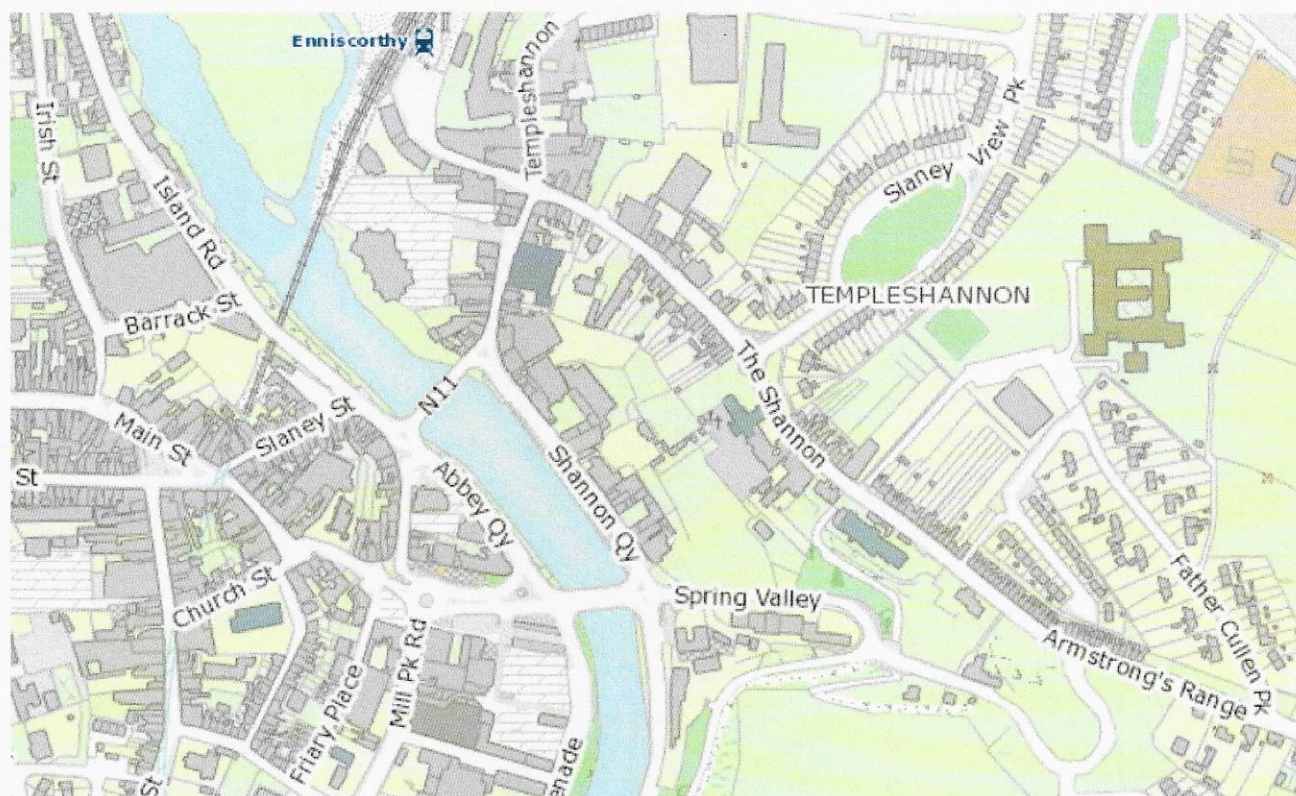
A flood defence scheme has been designed for Enniscorthy. As part of this scheme it is proposed to remove the Seamus Rafter Bridge which currently accommodates northbound traffic on the N11. A replacement road bridge will be provided approximately 500 metres south of the current bridge location. A replacement pedestrian bridge is to be provided to the north of the existing Seamus Rafter Bridge.

A detailed traffic management plan has been developed as part of the design of the Flood Defence Scheme. It proposes as part of a number of measures the introduction of, one way traffic southbound on the R744 through Templeshannon, with northbound traffic diverted along Shannon Quay, Spring Valley Road and The Shannon.

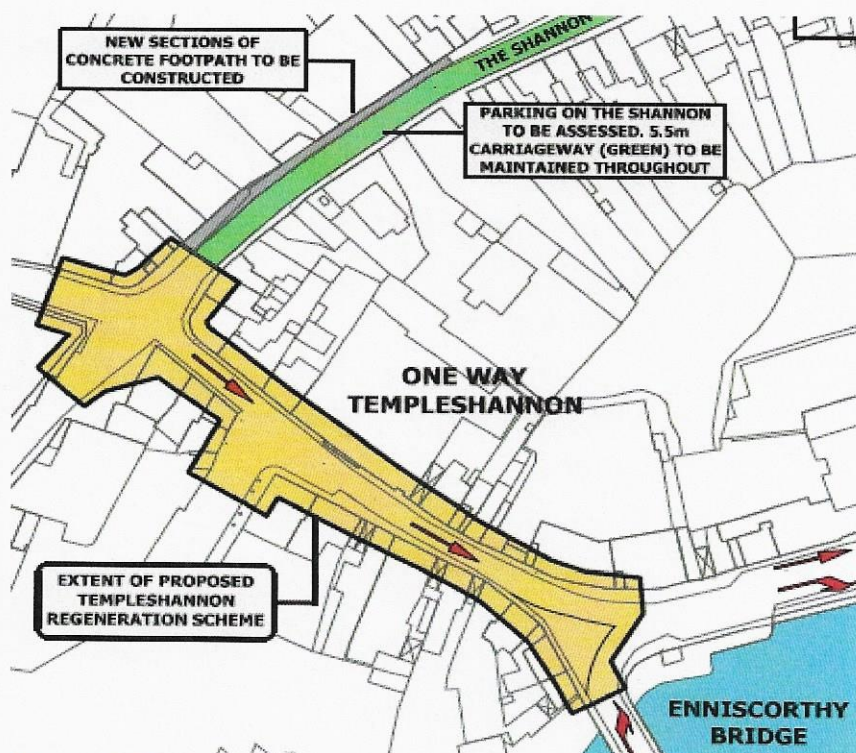
### **6.3.Templeshannon Regeneration Strategy**

A new pedestrian bridge is proposed across the River Slaney to link Templeshannon to Enniscorthy Town Centre. The proposed pedestrian bridge is to be located just to the north of the Enniscorthy Bridge (N11) and will be positioned opposite the end of Slaney Street and connect to the swimming pool car park.





**Figure 5: Templeshannon Road Map**



**Figure 6: Extent of proposed development**



## **7. Description of the proposed development**

### **7.1. Purpose**

Wexford County Council appointed ARUP consulting engineers to prepare a Regeneration Strategy for Templeshannon in 2017. The Regeneration Strategy for Templeshannon sets out the regeneration proposals for the area over the next 15-20 years. Two of the objectives of the strategy are to:

- Enhance the public realm and improve traffic management in the Templeshannon area
- Develop a plan that will outline and facilitate urban renewal development opportunities.

The strategy addresses these issues and provides a plan that will increase the attractiveness of the area, encourage investment and provide a master plan for the regeneration and re-development of the area.

The proposed works in Templeshannon are being planned in line with the Regeneration Strategy which was adopted by Enniscorthy Municipal District Council in January 2018.

### **7.2. Reason**

The implementation of the strategy requires a number key infrastructural works. The strategy has identified critical issues such as the poor pedestrian environment, traffic congestion, a lack of parking and the deficit in usable and attractive public space as critical issues for Templeshannon that need to be addressed as part of the regeneration proposals.

The strategy identifies the improvement of the Templeshannon streetscape as a key element of the strategy and this application entitled - *Templeshannon Regeneration – Streetworks* addresses the issue identified above. These proposed works will improve the public realm and streetscape of Templeshannon by implementing traffic management proposals in line with the proposals developed for the Flood Defence Scheme; developing a pedestrian friendly environment by providing wider footpaths, additional pedestrian crossings and public spaces; increasing the attractiveness of the street by undergrounding overhead services and providing enhanced street lighting, furniture and signage.

It will allow for the street to be linked with the other public improvement in projects identified by the strategy in an integrated and planned way that will see new links established with the west side of the town and the managed and progressive transformation of the Leisure centre car park to create new public spaces, additional car parking areas, and provide for the regeneration of the area.



The works will create a high quality urban street that better facilitates pedestrian access and use and acts as a catalyst for the commercial and residential regeneration of the street and adjoining areas.

### 7.3 Proposed works

The proposed street works extend from Enniscorthy Bridge, along Templeshannon up to the crossroads with The Shannon and on towards the Railway Station and also up The Shannon. The works are located in the Townlands of Enniscorthy and Templeshannon in County Wexford.

The proposed works will include the following:

- ***New seating, planting, street furniture and street lighting in Templeshannon.***
- ***Undergrounding of existing overhead services and removal of existing poles.***
- ***The removal of the existing footpaths and the construction of new wider footpaths along Templeshannon.***
- ***The resurfacing and relining of the Templeshannon road.***
- ***Introduction of a one way traffic flow southbound through Templeshannon.***
- ***Diversion of all traffic across Enniscorthy Bridge southbound onto Shannon Quay.***
- ***Additional pedestrian crossings in Templeshannon and along The Shannon.***
- ***A new roundabout at the junction of the Spring Valley Road and Armstrong's Range.***
- ***Other miscellaneous works.***