

N22 Baile Bhuirne – Macroom Road Development

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Ummera Underbridge Works



Works at Coolyhane Road / Mill Road



Welcome to Newsletter no.2 for the N22 Baile Bhuirne to Macroom Road Development.

Newsletter no. 1 was issued at the end of February 2020 and, as we are all only too well aware, circumstances have changed dramatically in the meantime. Construction works were suspended on Saturday the 28th March 2020 and the site reopened on Monday the 18th May 2020.

All works are now being carried out in accordance with current Government and HSE Guidelines with the following Covid-19 protocols in place:

All employees and pre-arranged visitors are obliged to have completed the CIF Online Induction re Covid-19 and have also completed the Self Declaration Form prior to coming on to site.

The Contractor has a Covid-19 Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in place with the document being updated as per Government Directions – this is being monitored by our 4 no. C-19 Compliance Officers.

Currently, visitors are only allowed come to site by appointment – all other visitors will not be permitted onto site. Details can be left with site security or contact can be made using contact information from our website. We would ask that visitors do not take offence at this procedure, as safety has to be the priority.

Progress to date:

- **Site Clearance Works:** Works re-commenced in Section 3 on the 18th May 2020 when the site reopened. Site Clearance Works for Section 3, except for the eastern tie-in at Coolcour, are expected to be completed shortly. Works have also commenced in Section 1 from Toonlane Junction, working towards the Bohill Riverbridge. The Contractor's Ecologists are on site fulltime and continue to monitor these works.
- **Mainline Works:** These works include topsoil stripping, bulk earthworks and interceptor drainage and are ongoing in a number of areas of the site including: from Toonlane Junction to the Bohill Riverbridge, from Gurteenroe Junction on the Millstreet Road to the Laney River and the removal of the hard material east of Ballyveerane by mechanical means. In Section 1 the "Clashavoon-Clonkeen 110kV N22 Line Diversion" has been completed, facilitating the construction of the Mainline Works in this area.
- **Side Roads:** Construction of the realigned L-3424 Coolyhane Lower Road (Mill Road) has commenced under Road Closure since the 25th May 2020.
- **Bridge Structures:** We recently mobilised to commence the Ummera Underbridge, which is located off the R618 Carrigadrohid Road. This is a 2-span bridge with 1 span in the field to the east of the road and 1 span over the existing R618 road. Works will also be commencing shortly on the Coolyhane Underbridge which is just off the Mill Road.
- **Environmental:** Property condition surveys and water sampling of private water supplies are well underway and will recommence shortly under revised guidelines as per our Covid-19 SOP. Noise, vibration and dust monitoring has commenced on site with dust suppression operations ongoing as site conditions require.

Upcoming Program:

- **Site Clearance Works** from Toonlane Junction to the Bohill River Bridge and the western tie-in will progress over the coming month. This will be followed by the remaining Site Clearance Works between Ballyvourney and Carrigaphooca over the following months.
- **Diversion of Utilities:** Diversion of overhead ESB and EIR services between Coolyhane and the Ummera Bridge will be completed in the coming weeks, as will diversion works for watermain and EIR services at Coolyhane Upper. Any planned service disruptions will be advised in advance to those affected.



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▪ Mainline Works

- ◆ From the 25th May 2020, under the Road Closure of the Coolyhane Road (Mill Road), we will continue with our bulk earthworks operation in this area to facilitate the construction of the Coolyhane Road Realignment and to allow commencement of the Coolyhane Underbridge.
- ◆ Main bulk earthworks will continue westwards from the Laney River through to Coolyhane Upper to establish the new road profile through this area.
- ◆ Mechanical extraction and processing of hard material from the outcrop east of Ballyveerane will continue, with this material being used to establish the profile of the new road locally.
- ◆ A temporary diversion road will be constructed at Coolyhane Upper to allow the construction of the Coolyhane Overbridge to commence in July 2020. This road will realign the existing road to maintain through access for road users.
- ◆ The continued development of the existing site entrance off the Millstreet Road will facilitate the construction of the new road profile from Gurteenroe to Ballyveerane.
- ◆ We intend to begin rock removal by blasting between Gurteenroe and Ballyveerane in July/August 2020. Specific noise, vibration and dust monitoring will be undertaken on an ongoing basis for this process. More detailed information related to blasting will be provided to the public in the vicinity of the works.
- ◆ From the Toonlane Junction we will construct a site entrance and site compound followed by the construction of a haul road to the Bohill Riverbridge. From Killeen to the Bohill River, topsoil stripping will take place as well as silt fencing, stream crossings and the provision of ESB bunting works. Excavation will be undertaken for the haul road and for an attenuation pond at Cappagh West.

- **Side Roads:** Works will progress with the construction of the Coolyhane Lower Road (Mill Road). Works will also commence on the following side roads over the coming period: Coolyhane Upper, Ballyveerane and the Carrigaphooa Junction with the existing N22.

- **Bridge Construction:** Works on the Ummera Underbridge will continue for the coming months with no restrictions to traffic until later on this year when some 1-day road closures will be required to install the bridge beams over the existing Ummera Road. The Coolyhane Underbridge, off the Mill Road, will commence in the middle of June 2020 with no restrictions to existing public roads once this road reopens. The Laney Riverbridge will commence in late June/early July with piling for the bridge foundations ongoing for a number of weeks. The Coolyhane Overbridge (Coolyhane Upper) will commence in mid/late July 2020 with public traffic being unaffected by the works as detailed above. Works will commence on the Bohill Riverbridge in June/July 2020 with a temporary access point and hardstanding areas adjacent to the east abutment, intermediate pier and west abutment. A site compound will also be established at this location.

Upcoming Traffic Management:

- **Single lane closures on various side roads** for tree felling works and additional site investigation works, will be in place for the coming weeks and will be controlled by Stop/Go systems.
- **Closure of the L-3424 Coolyhane Road:** this road closure commenced on Monday the 25th May 2020 and will operate until Monday the 22nd of June 2020. An application has been made to Cork County Council to extend the closure to Friday 10th July.
- **Construction of the Coolyhane Overbridge at L-7480 Coolyhane Road Upper:** a temporary diversion road will be constructed in this area so as to realign the existing Coolyhane Upper and maintain access through this area for public traffic.
- **Hard Shoulder Closure N22 at Carrigaphooa:** a temporary closure of the hard shoulder to facilitate the building of a Site access will be put in place in late June.
- **Plant Crossings:** Various crossings at local roads where the proposed road alignment crosses the local road.

All temporary traffic management arrangements will be included on the MapAlerter system which can be accessed at <https://www.mapalerter.com/>

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All of the staff involved would like to thank the people of Macroom, Baile Bhuirne and districts for their cooperation while acknowledging that the works may cause some disruption. We appreciate your patience and apologise for any inconvenience. Please be aware that the scheduling of these works may change as works progress – the public will be kept informed of any such changes.