

Derrynasaggart Local Road L-92208

N22BBM

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The reopening of the Derrynasaggart Local Road represents the achievement of another small but significant milestone in the overall N22BBM project.

Stream Diversion:

This element of the overall project commenced with the construction of a stream diversion of the Abhann Gharbh river at Derrynasaggart in 2022. This work had to be done in the appropriate season for in-stream works in order to comply with the requirements of Inland Fisheries Ireland. Access to the site was via private land in Derrynasaggart and the contractor is very appreciative of the co-operation received from the landowner in question and Derrynasaggart residents, which allowed this work to be completed in a reasonably short time frame.

The stream diversion was completed in July 2022, which resulted in room being made available for the construction of a link road between the new Baile Bhuirne junction and Colthurst Bridge on the Derrynasaggart Local Road.



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Road Closure:

In order to construct the new link road, officially labelled as the Baile Bhuirne Junction Local Road South, it was necessary to close the portion of the Derrynasaggart Local Road east of Colthurst Bridge. A formal Road Closure was obtained from Cork County Council after consultation with the Garda Síochána and the local Area Engineer, to commence on 7th February 2023 for a 16-week period. This closure involved a diversion westward for a distance of almost 1.5km for residents and some clearing of the hedges was required to ensure the route was serviceable. A notification letter was distributed to local households on 1st of February giving details of the impending closure.



Paving Derrynasaggart Local Road

Works:

Works commenced on the construction of the link road on 7th February 2023 as planned, as soon as the road closure and diversion route came into effect, and close to ongoing work on the new N22 mainline embankment. The construction of the new link road involved construction of a formation for the new road followed by the capping layer, sub-base and roadbase layers with finishing in 3no. blacktop surfacing layers. In addition, drainage and ducting had to be provided, as well as kerbing, footpaths and public lighting. Completion works included road, provision of road studs and signage. Works were completed on schedule with the new link road being opened to traffic on Friday 26th May 2023 as planned.



Baile Bhuirne Junction

Conclusion:

The construction of the Baile Bhuirne Junction Local Road South was a small but important part of the overall N22BBM project, which involved significant challenges, including time restricted in-stream works and a space restricted site. The major benefit of the new road link to users of the Derrynasaggart Local Road is that it provides direct, safe access for them to the local road and eliminates the direct access to the high-speed section of the N22 that residents had to use previously. This should be of significant benefit to local road users. A point of note is that the Temporary Traffic Management and diversion on the new Baile Bhuirne junction will remain in place until the new N22 mainline comes into service, which is currently scheduled to happen in Oct 2023.

The contractor is pleased to be able to confirm that this work has been completed on schedule and once again wishes to express appreciation for the support and assistance of local residents and property owners, which assisted with the timely delivery of these works.



Baile Bhuirne Roundabout South