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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

This report describes a Preliminary Design Stage Quality Audit (QA) carried out on behalf of Monaghan County Council. It considers site accessibility issues and safety. As per Section 6.0 of DMURS Advice Note 4, this QA has been undertaken by the Design Team and considers pedestrians, cyclists, mobility impaired and visually impaired users. A separate Stage 1 Road Safety Audit was undertaken by independent auditors Bruton Consulting Engineers and is submitted under a separate cover as part of the subject application documentation. Accordingly, this Quality Audit Report comprises the following key design audits : -

- Road Safety Audit undertaken by independent firm Bruton Consulting Engineers (Separate Document)
- Pedestrian and cycling Audit undertaken by the Design Team
- Mobility Impaired and Visually Impaired Users Audit undertaken by the Design Team

The subject development comprises a new Monaghan County Council Civic Office building and associated works including the provision of active travel links and a vehicular link to the Roosky lands. The general location of the subject site is illustrated in **Figure 1-1** below.

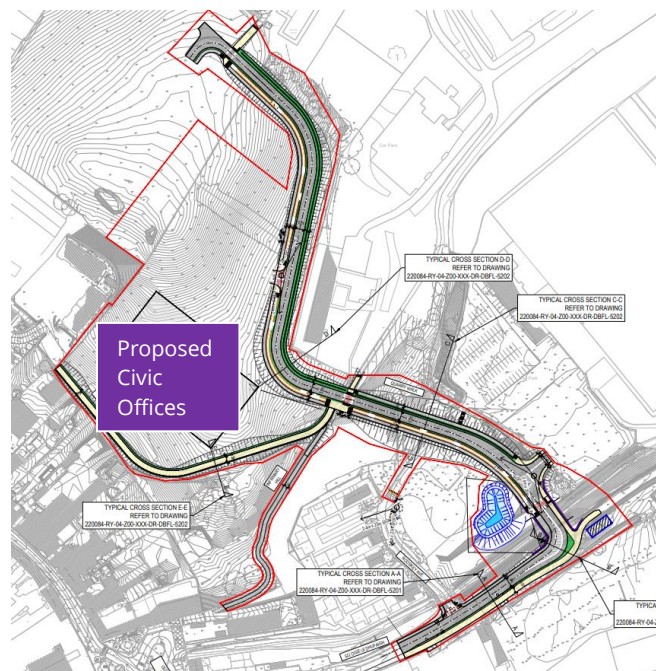


Figure 1-1 Subject Site Location

1.2 SCOPE OF QUALITY AUDIT

The geographical scope of this Quality Audit considers all internal transport infrastructure. The immediate approaches leading to/from the proposed scheme is also included in the scope of the QA, as illustrated in **Figure 1-2** below.

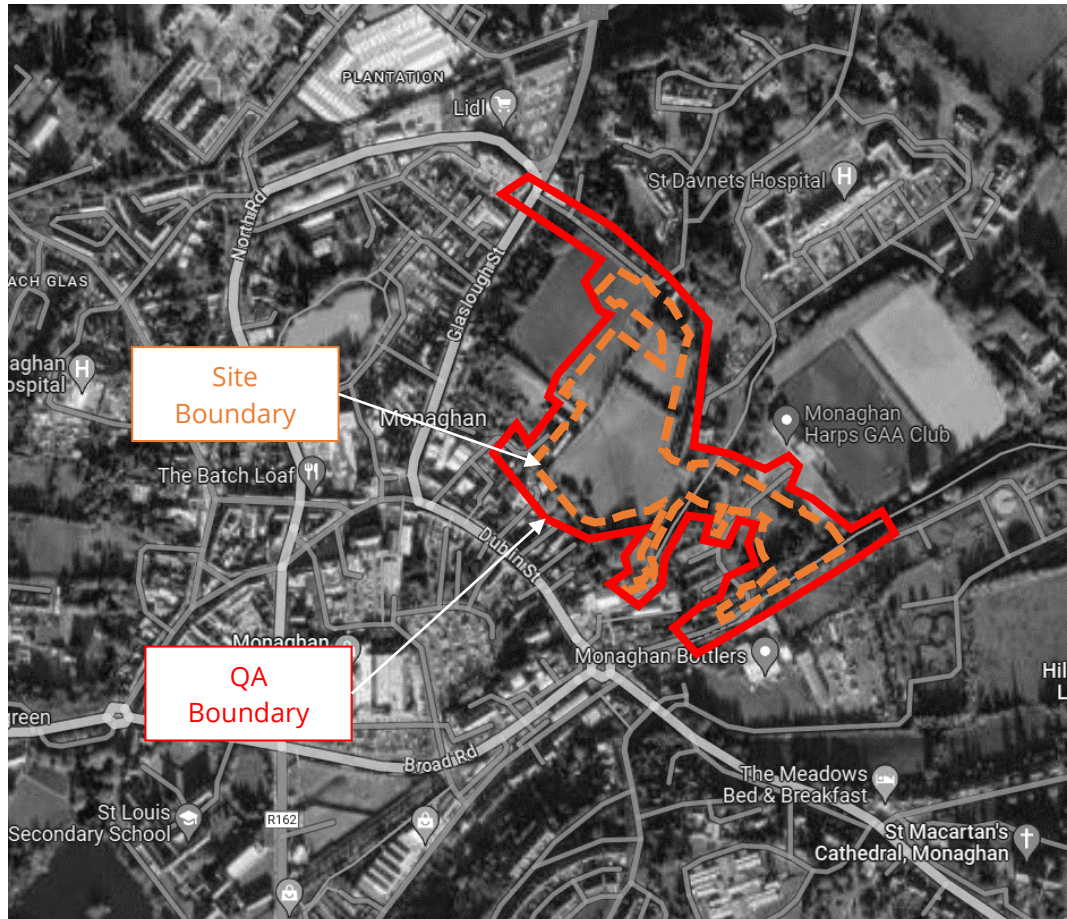


Figure 1-2 Geographical Scope of Quality Audit

1.3 QUALITY AUDIT PROCEDURE

The definition of a Quality Audit is provided within the Department for Transport (UK) Traffic Advisory Leaflet 5/11 "Quality Audit", and states: -

"QA is a defined process, independent of, but involving, the design team, that through planning, design, construction and management stages of a project, provides a check that high quality places are delivered and maintained by all relevant parties, for the benefit of all end users. QA is a process, applied