



**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000, as amended,**  
**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001, as amended**  
**ARTICLE 81 OF PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001, as amended**

Pursuant to the requirements of Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, Tipperary County Council hereby gives notice that it intends to carry out the following development:

**Description:**

Tipperary County Council propose to construct a cycle lane and improve the existing pedestrian footpath, to improve active travel connectivity along the R498 at Castlemeadows Thurles, Co Tipperary. The proposal also includes, a Bus Set down area to the front of Coláiste Mhuire school. The scheme proposed is to run along the R 498 between the Technology University of the Shannon Roundabout and Bohernanave Junction, Thurles, Co Tipperary.

**Nature and extent of the proposed development is as follows:**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Nature and Extent of Proposed Development</b>
R 498 between the Technology University of the Shannon Roundabout and Bohernanave Junction, Castlemeadows, Thurles, Co Tipperary. Regional Road R498 within the townlands of Thurles Townsparks and Racecourse.	A new pedestrian – cycle facility on both sides of the R 498 at the location noted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Works include site clearance, construction of a new footpath – cycle path.</li><li>• The provision of 700m of 1.5m wide raised cycle tracks from the Technology University of the Shannon Roundabout to the R498/Bohernanave Junction.</li><li>• Upgrading of the existing footpaths from the Technology University of the Shannon Roundabout to the R498/Bohernanave Junction.</li><li>• Provision of minimum footpath widths of 1.8m;</li><li>• The provision of new bus set down area adjacent to Coláiste Mhuire.</li><li>• Improvement to entrances and accesses to businesses and residential properties.</li><li>• Reduction in the width of the R498 traffic lanes to 3.25m lanes to reduce vehicle speeds.</li><li>• Controlled and uncontrolled pedestrian and cyclist road crossings.</li><li>• Reduction in junction widths to reduce crossing times and distances.</li><li>• The installation of new artwork, to celebrate Thurles as the birthplace of the GAA, at the entrance to Semple Stadium which may be lit at night.</li><li>• All associated ancillary works.</li></ul>

The development has been the subject of an Appropriate Assessment screening in accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and article 250(1) of the Planning and

Development Regulations 2001 as amended. The Appropriate Assessment screening concluded that the proposed development would not be likely to give rise to significant or indeterminate impacts on any Natura 2000 site.

In accordance with Article 120(1)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, the Planning Authority has carried out a preliminary examination of nature, size and location of the proposal, and has concluded that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development, and an EIA is not required.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development, including Appropriate Assessment Screening and Environmental Impact Assessment Preliminary Examination report will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at: -

- **Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices, Castle Avenue, Thurles, Co. Tipperary, E41 KA44**
- **Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices, Limerick Road, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, E45 A099**

from 09:30am- 4:30 pm Monday to Friday for a period 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 (excluding bank holidays).

Details of the proposed development are also available online at <https://planning.localgov.ie/>

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development will be situated, may be made in writing and addressed to **Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services, Roads, Transportation and Infrastructure, Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary**, or via e-mail to [activetravel@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto:activetravel@tipperarycoco.ie) correspondence should be clearly marked '**Part 8 in respect of Active Travel proposal, Castlemeadows Thurles,**' no later than 4.30pm on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Any person may, within 4 weeks from the date of this notice, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether this development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

**Signed: Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services  
Roads, Transportation and Infrastructure, Tipperary County Council,  
Civic Offices, Limerick Road, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.**