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Aerial View at Oldtown, South of Cullahill

M8/N8 CULLAHILL TO CASHEL

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This is the second in a series of newsletters to provide an update on the scheme progress to date.

Current Status of the Scheme

Since February, good progress has been achieved with construction works mainly concentrated on Fencing, Earthworks, Drainage, Bridgeworks and Accommodation/Utility Works. Other aspects including Archaeology resolution and Environmental works are also in hand.

Fencing

Fencing of the mainline is presently 80% complete with some minor sections of the dual carriageway/motorway and some side roads outstanding.

Earthworks

Topsoil strip and excavation of soft ground areas has been substantially completed.

The excavation of material in the cuttings and transportation to the fill areas is ongoing with 85% completed.

Rock excavation with subsequent processing is well advanced at Grangemore, Inchirourke and Grangefertagh.

Drainage

Installation of culverts to watercourses is presently 80% complete. Road drainage has commenced since April and will continue over the coming months.



Rock Excavation at Grangemore, Cashel

Bridgeworks

Works are underway on 75% of the bridge structures, with beam placement completed on fifteen structures and deck poured on ten structures. Two farm accommodation underpasses on the existing N8 at Ballytarsna and Coolkip have been constructed. Temporary traffic diversions of local roads around bridge sites are in place to enable the structures to be constructed. Two local road closures with alternative routes are in place at Grangemore and Grangefertagh.

Accommodation/Utility Works

Accommodation Works for landowners are progressing including consultation regarding timing of the individual works ensuring that services are maintained as required. Utility diversions for ESB are substantially completed, other services such as Eircom and Water being 30% completed.

Archaeology & Environmental

Archaeological monitoring has continued, with resolution works substantially completed at Twomileborris. Environmental design and mitigation measures for badgers, bats, otters, and fish have been finalised.

Public Liaison

Kilkenny County Council and SRB have been consulting and will continue to liaise with landowners and members of the public during the course of the project.



Abutment to Structure 120 Bord Na Mona Railway Bridge

Upcoming Works

Works planned for the next few months will include

- Road Drainage throughout the scheme
- Earthworks cut to fill between Horse & Jockey - Twomileborris Road and in vicinity of Rathdowney Road north west of Johnstown
- Rock excavation and processing to continue at Grangemore, Inchirourke, and Grangefertagh
- Pavement works to commence north of the Turnpike at Twomileborris, as well as at the northern end of the scheme at Oldtown south of Cullahill.

Other works to commence in the next few months include:

- Structure 101 at the Cashel Interchange
- Structure 104 at Grangemore
- Structures 107 & 108 at Coolkip/Moycarkey Rd.
- Structure 114 at Coolcroo
- Structures 130 & 131 West of Johnstown

To enable construction of Structure 101 at the Cashel Interchange, major traffic management works are required at the northern end of the existing Cashel Bypass. The existing roundabout will become obsolete and traffic will be diverted via a new ramp and roundabout on the N8 at this location commencing in September. A 50kph statutory speed limit will also apply.



Farm Underpass at Two Mile Borris