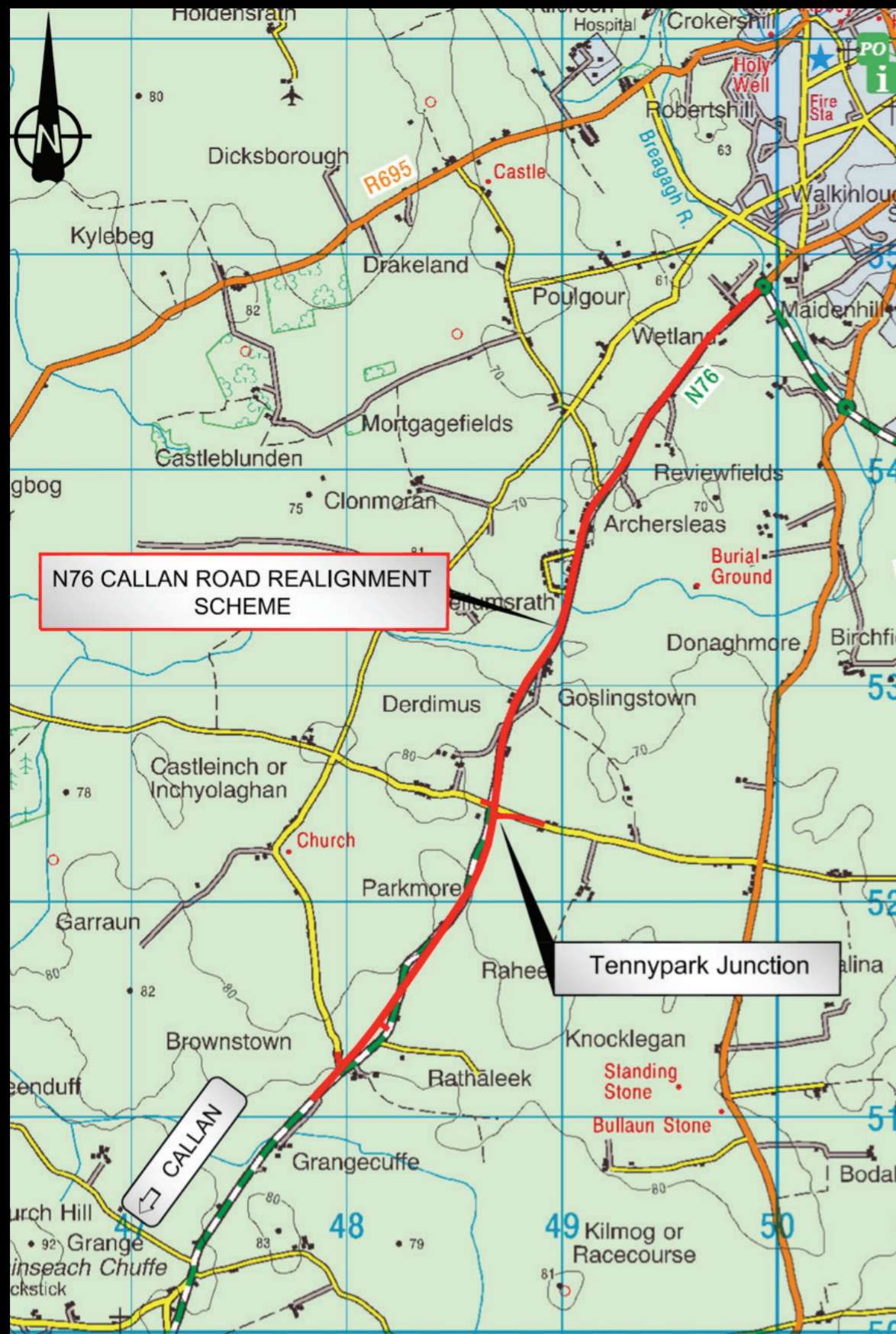


THE N76 CALLAN ROAD REALIGNMENT SCHEME



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DURING CONSTRUCTION 2017 & AFTER PHOTOS 2018

The improved section of road extends for 4.4km's from the N76 Callan Road Roundabout, on the Kilkenny Ring Road, to a point just south of the Brownstown Junction where it connects into a previously improved section of road near the townland of Cuffsgrange.

The Scheme provides for the provision of on-line improvement works with footpaths/cycle-tracks and public lighting from the Ring Road to Tennypark Cross and an off-line road realignment between Tennypark Cross and Brownstown Junction. The Scheme includes priority junctions incorporating central ghost islands, to provide for safer turning movements onto local roads, at the junctions at Tennypark and Brownstown. The Tennypark Cross junction was also reconfigured to a staggered crossroads to eliminate the risk of road-users driving straight through the junction whilst travelling along the local road network. The cross-section along the 1.6km realigned section of road consists of a 7.3m wide carriageway with 2.5m wide hard shoulders. This newly realigned section of road provides for improved safe overtaking manoeuvres along the route. The Scheme also provides for the following key components: a surface water drainage system, fencing, landscaping, road markings, signage, service diversions, accommodation works and the installation of sanitary service infrastructure for future use. All these features provide for a properly engineered and safer road which will improve both the capacity and efficiency of the N76 thereby providing more reliable journey times.

The contract to undertake the works was awarded to SIAC Construction Limited following a competitive tendering process and works commenced in early 2017. The €9.5million funding required to deliver this project was by provided by Transport Infrastructure Ireland under the Pavement Improvement and Minor Works Programme.

It is noted, that a significant number of landowners were affected with respect to the acquisition of lands and that residents along the route and the general public were inconvenienced during the construction phase of this Scheme. To this end, Kilkenny County Council wishes to acknowledge the co-operation and patience shown by all during this period.

To conclude, there is no doubt, the lives of the residents living along this road will be greatly enhanced; it provides all road-users with a safer and comfortable environment and creates a more attractive approach into Kilkenny City.



BEFORE PHOTOS 2016



BACKGROUND

The N76 National Secondary Road is 49km in length linking the N10 in Kilkenny to the N24 just east of Clonmel via the town of Callan, which was bypassed in the 1990's.

The improvement scheme extends from the N76 Callan Road Roundabout, on the Kilkenny Ring Road, southwards for a distance of 4.4km to the Brownstown Junction. On average this section of road carries 9,000 vehicles per day of which in excess of 800 are Heavy Goods Vehicles.

Pre-works, this section of road varied significantly in nature and could be broken into two distinct elements, semi-urban and rural. The semi-urban section from Archersleas to Tennypark Cross varied in cross-section, had very limited pedestrian and cyclist facilities and no public lighting along a significant length of same. The rural section from Tennypark to Brownstown had a very narrow cross-section, a sub-standard geometric alignment, poor forward visibility with no overtaking, sub-standard junction layouts, and restricted visibility from private access points, all of which cumulated in a poor safety accident record along this section of the road.

The improvement of this section of road has been a long term aim of Kilkenny County Council, and was a key objective in successive Development Plans since the 1980's. Statutory planning approval was obtained for this scheme, under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, when it was approved by the Elected Members in 2007. Thereafter, the funding of the Scheme represented the principal remaining challenge, particularly during the down-turn in the economy. Fortunately in 2012 Transport Infrastructure Ireland met that challenge which allowed for the publication of the Compulsory Purchase Order in 2014 which was subsequently confirmed in January 2015.