

## **Newsletter for Local Residents.**

**Dear Resident,**

You will have seen from the local news that the Stage 1 contract to upgrade the Dunkettle Interchange has been awarded (June 2018) to Irelands largest building contractor SISK.

The Stage 1 contract consists of preparatory work prior to commencement of the main construction contract (Stage 2). The preparatory work consists of environmental mitigation measures, geophysical and geotechnical site investigation and design for the traffic management regimes, rail bridges and other long lead in items. Construction work is anticipated to commence Summer 2019.

### **Why is the upgrade needed?**

The existing Dunkettle Interchange is at capacity with excessive queuing and consequent delays to residents, workers and businesses in the locale and to through traffic. The new freeflow regime will provide a safer and smoother traffic system with savings in journey times.

### **How long will construction take?**

Construction work will take approximately 3 years from Summer 2019.

### **What work is involved?**

The construction will entail a new section of motorway, several link and slip roads on embankments, 3 rail bridges, 9 road bridges, 10 retaining structures, numerous gantry structures and a phased traffic management system to maintain traffic movements operational throughout.

### **If construction does not start till 2019, what are you working on now?**

Recently you may have seen ecologists checking the status of flora and fauna noted in the environmental impact assessment and making arrangements for their protection and/or translocation within the site. The site of the works is home to a number of protected species and great care is being taken to preserve them.

In addition, environmental scientists have been carrying out baseline noise measurements that will inform the noise abatement measures to be taken as part of the works.

Geotechnical engineers and site investigation crews have commenced the assessment of ground conditions to inform the detailed design of embankments and structures.

The main site offices for the Project is under construction to facilitate the above works and other preparatory works that are needed. The site team will be moving into the site offices in mid-November. Staff will be on hand at the site office to meet with and answer queries from the public during designated periods of each week.

### **How do I get more information?**

Please log on to the Project Website at [www.dunkettle.ie](http://www.dunkettle.ie), and also [roadconstruction@ccc-site.com](mailto:roadconstruction@ccc-site.com) where you will get further updates. You can also sign up to receive the regular Newsletter.

Should you have any queries please call 021 2021190. A 24/7 Freephone number will be established over the next few weeks

## Dunkettle Interchange Upgrade Scheme

