



N5 WESTPORT TO TURLOUGH ROAD PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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WEBSITE

Our project website, n5w2t.com and our newsletters will keep you informed of progress on the works. These will inform you of upcoming elements of the project and where these will likely impact the general public. We are committed to constructing the works with the minimum disruption to the public and to road users and to contributing to the Irish economy through job creation and endeavouring to source materials and subcontractors through the local supply chains where possible.

Welcome to the first edition of the N5 Westport to Turlough Road Project Newsletter. This publication provides an insight into the progress of works currently underway on this major scheme.

Due to the Corona Virus Covid 19 all construction works were suspended on Saturday the 28th March 2020 and the site reopened on Monday the 18th May 2020.

All works are now being carried out in accordance with current Government and HSE Guidelines with the following Covid-19 protocols in place:

All employees and pre-arranged visitors are obliged to have completed the CIF Online Induction re Covid-19 and have also completed the Self Declaration Form prior to coming on to site.

The Contractor has a Covid-19 Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in place with the document being updated as per Government Directions – this is being monitored by our 3 No. C-19 Compliance Officers.

Currently, visitors are only allowed come to site by appointment – all other visitors will not be permitted onto site. Details can be left with site security or contact can be made using contact information from our website.

We would ask that visitors do not take offence at this procedure, as safety needs to be a priority.



SCHEME OVERVIEW

The N5 Westport to Turlough Road will include a 25.5km overall length of route which consists of approximately 20.3km of Type 2 Dual Carriageway and approximately 5.2km of Single Carriageway including a section of online improvement linking the towns of Castlebar and Westport with roundabouts connecting the scheme to the existing road network at each end. The route stretches from Deerpark East in Westport to the village of Ballyneggin, near Turlough, Castlebar, in addition to a 2.5km single carriageway link to the N59 Westport to Mulranny national secondary road.

Wills Bam (WBJV) is the joint venture responsible for the design and construction of the scheme.

Since the scheme was awarded in October 2019, we have been really busy progressing the planning and programming of the works. Our highly skilled team consists of more than 40 staff who are all situated at our project's offices at Castlebar. As a team we are committed to delivering this project in a safe and effective manner using best practice techniques with regard for the local community, natural environment and road users alike.



WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW

We have completed our office and compound set up at Aughadrinagh, Castlebar just off the Ballinrobe Road.

Behind the scenes we are on working on the detailed design for the scheme, we have commenced pre earthworks drainage, stripping topsoil in some locations between Turlough to Derrylea including the construction of internal haul roads within the site.

The Windsor road L-5786 will be closed from the 6th July 2020 until April 2021. Future road closures include the Islandeady road scheduled to close on the 11th of August for 9 months.

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

The design and construction activities will be delivered by a fully integrated joint venture between Wills Bros Ltd and BAM Civil Ltd. For this project, Wills Bros Ltd and BAM Civil Ltd have come together to form the Wills BAM Joint Venture (WBJV) to design and construct the N5 Westport to Turlough Road Project.

WBJV has appointed design engineers RPS to provide permanent design for the project. RPS are market leaders in the infrastructure sector and bring to the table extensive experience in Irish road schemes.

BENEFITS OF THE NEW N5 WESTPORT TO TURLOUGH ROAD PROJECT

An investment of this scale will deliver numerous benefits for the West region, including improved road safety by reducing the frequency and severity of collisions and casualties on the existing stretch of N5.

Reduced journey times for traffic travelling between Mayo and the East will support economic growth in the region and in turn improve balanced regional development. Improvements on inter-urban connectivity by efficiently diverting national traffic away from the town centre of both Castlebar and Westport, while retaining sufficient access for local traffic to the towns will enable Castlebar and Westport to focus on sustainable transport policies to create shorter commutes and to develop safe pleasant pedestrian routes for the benefit of both locals and tourists.

The Wills BAM JV, together with representatives from Mayo County Council, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and Roughan & O'Donovan moved the project along with the signing of contracts on this most significant project for the West of Ireland.



Wills Brothers were formed in 1972 as plant hire and civil engineering business as a joint partnership between James and Charles Wills. In 1999 Wills Brothers Limited was incorporated and took over the activities of Wills Brothers Plant Hire Limited.

The Company has undertaken a vast number of civil engineering projects throughout Ireland utilising its extensive fleet of owned plant and equipment with all projects being supervised by its team of long serving staff.

As a family run company, Wills Bros Ltd take pride in the standards they achieve in their projects, which cumulate in numerous repeat contracts with their clients.

Their client base is very extensive ranging from nearly all local authorities within Ireland such as Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), Irish Water, major private developers and associated construction industries.



BAM Ireland is a wholly owned subsidiary of Royal BAM Group of the Netherlands and covers the entire spectrum of construction in Ireland. BAM Ireland is the holding company for all BAM's operating companies in Ireland. These include: BAM Building; BAM Civil; BAM Fit-out; BAM Property; BAM Housing; BAM PPP; BAM Facilities Management and BAM Rail. Together, these operating companies rank in the top 2 of major Irish construction companies.

BAM Ireland employ over 2700 people directly and indirectly and turnover for 2018 was €524 million. BAM Building has carried out projects of the largest scale for the most prestigious of clients. BAM Civil is the largest civil engineering contractor in Ireland. Projects include PPP motorway schemes, transportation, water & waste water, marine, energy and rail projects.

Below is a summary of expected works over the coming months.

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2020

- Detailed Design
- Construction of Site Access Points
- Well Monitoring /Pre-Condition Surveys /Noise and Vibration Monitoring
- Site Clearance works with Archaeology
- Silt Fencing
- Pre Earthworks Drainage
- Rock breaking and blasting operations will be happening in the following areas: *Aghalusky, Drumaleheen, Breaffy, Baloor and Aughadrinagh*

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2020

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- Structures
- Culverts
- Accommodation Works