

Iarnród Éireann Approval in Principle Design Statement — Carcur Bridge —

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Reviewed by:	Iarnród Éireann Infrastructure (Form ref: CCE-STR-PSD-005, Appendix A, Rev B)	Status:	SUMMARY ONLY — internal IE technical document; partially redacted; not publicly available; retained internally

REPORT PARAGRAPH

A design statement was also attached to the Iarnród Éireann approval of the 17th November 2022. Page 2 of this statement notes that “planning permission is in place” for the proposed bridge.

EVIDENTIAL SIGNIFICANCE

1. This document is Iarnród Éireann's Approval in Principle (Design Statement) form (Appendix A, CCE-STR-PSD-005, Rev B), the standard IE form for technical approval of civil engineering structures. Its completion confirms that the Carcur Bridge was formally submitted to IE's technical approval process by Wexford County Council and their consulting engineers Malone O'Regan.
2. Under **Authority Consultations** on page 2 of the form, the entry reads “Planning permission in place” — the sole recorded assertion in the IE technical approval documentation that planning permission existed for the bridge at the time of the AIP process. This is the passage quoted in paragraph 35 of this report.
3. The Brief/Background section records that “the owner and developer, William Neville & Sons secured planning permission for the development” — indicating that the planning referred to in the Authority Consultations entry is the developer's residential planning permission for the adjoining lands, not a separate planning consent specific to the railway bridge itself.
4. The form records that works were expected to commence “late 2022 / early 2023” — a timeline that was not met, as construction of the bridge did not begin until January 2025, over two years later.
5. This document has been **partially redacted** prior to its use in this report: the estimated cost figure and the identity of the person who prepared the form have been redacted. The document as held is the redacted version.

KEY PASSAGES FROM OFFICIAL RECORD

“Planning permission in place”

— Approval in Principle Design Statement, Authority Consultations, Page 2, Carcur Bridge Rev B, 10 June 2022

“The owner and developer, William Neville & Sons secured planning permission for the development.”

— Approval in Principle Design Statement, Brief/Background, Page 1, Carcur Bridge Rev B, 10 June 2022

RELEVANCE TO THIS REPORT

This source is directly relied upon in paragraph 35 of this report for the assertion that planning permission was recorded as “in place” in the IE technical approval documentation. The significance is that this assertion — made in an internal IE form in June 2022 — appears to refer to the developer’s residential planning permission rather than a specific planning consent for the railway bridge itself. This is at the centre of the planning permission question that Martin Power has been investigating since 2023.

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