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Application Reference No.

**Expression of Interest for Participation in**

**The Walks Scheme**

**To be completed by Local Authority / Local Development Company on behalf of Applicant Group**

**Local Authority / Local Development Company[[1]](#footnote-1) Name:**

**Meath County Council**

**Contact name[[2]](#footnote-2):**

**Position:**

**Contact address:**

**Email address:**

**Contact number:**

**Walk Details**

**Name of Walk:**

**Name of Walk/Trail Management Committee:**

**Walk/Trail Management Committee Contact (name, position in the organisation, phone number and email):**

**Type (Way Marked Way, Loop Walk, etc.):**

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| **Length of Walk (in KM):** |  |
| **Length off-road:** |  |
| **Length on Road:** |  |
| **Location (from Townland to Townland):** |  |
| **Townland from:** | **To:** |
| **GPS Coordinates:** |  |
| **Coordinates from:** | **To:** |
| **Number of private landholders on Walk:** |  |
| **Length of walk on private lands:** |  |
| **Trail usage (walk, cycle, multi-use, etc.):** |  |

**Walk crosses areas of shared land or commonage? Yes ☐ No ☐**

**Trail included on Sport Ireland’s trail register? Yes ☐ No ☐**

**Trail is Fáilte Ireland Approved?** **Circle as appropriate: Yes ☐ No ☐**

*(Click on box to mark appropriate answer with an “x”)*

The Scheme is aimed at farmers/private landowners and landholders and involves the development, enhancement and maintenance of National Waymarked Ways (NWMW) and priority walks.

The Scheme will only operate in respect of an entire walk, which is open and will not be available for part of a walk, however, separate defined sections of a walk which are Sport Ireland Trails approved in their own right, may be eligible for inclusion.

**Qualifying trails must have the following in place:**

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|  | **Yes** | **No** |
| All the sections of the trail i.e. off road sections, to which this application relates, are in private ownership. *Note: trails may have sections that are in public/other ownership or be on road – these sections are not eligible sections under this scheme.* |  |  |
| The entire length of the Walk is a defined trail and no part of it crosses an undefined area. |  |  |
| The Walk is listed on Sport Ireland’s trail register, and covered by Sport Ireland Trails insurance policy. |  |  |
| Clear agreement (in writing) will be forthcoming in respect of private landholders, across whose lands the walk/trail traverses, that they are willing to allow access to recreational users and are willing to participate in the scheme or nominate a relevant alternative under the terms and conditions of the Walks Scheme, as outlined, if the Walk is accepted onto the Scheme. |  |  |

Where the Walk is Sport Ireland Trails Office approved, please attach copy of the approval and most recent inspection report, if available.

**Case for inclusion of Walk**

Outline health, tourism and/or economic case for the inclusion of the trail under the Scheme.

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(Max 800 words).

**Note in relation to data protection:**

**The personal information (data) collected on this form, including any attachments, (which may include the collection of sensitive personal data) is collected for the purpose of processing this application and any data collected is subject to Meath County Council’s privacy statement which can be found at** [**http://www.meath.ie/Data Protection/**](http://www.meath.ie/Data%20Protection/)

Note: Under the terms of the Irish Data Protection Acts, the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2016 and in line with the Department of Rural and Community Developments' GDPR Policy:

The information and any Personal Data where applicable, you provide us with will be stored for six years after your involvement in the scheme.It may be stored in hard copy (paper form) in secure locked cabinets and/or electronically with password encrypted protection. All access is strictly limited to those individuals who need to control / process the relevant Data, as strictly necessary for the purposes of accurate running of the scheme in line with our data protection policy.

**The Data**

The information we record is used for two main purposes:

1. To establish that the proposed area is eligible for the programme.

2. To be reviewed from time to time as part of a programme audit.

Some of the information we require is personal data such as name and address, phone number, etc. We need this in order to be able to make contact, to access eligibility for the Scheme, review areas covered by the scheme and may form part of programme audit.

**DECLARATION**

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| **I Declare that the information and particulars given by me/us on this application form are correct and I/we undertake to notify the Department of Rural and Community Development of any change in circumstances affecting this application.**  **I also authorise the Department of Rural and Community Development to make whatever enquiries it considers necessary to verify details of this application.**  **I accept that the furnishing of false or misleading information is an offence liable to prosecution and will disqualify this application from being considered for the Walks Scheme.**  **I understand and consent that the Department will record this personal information in line with our GDPR policy, in order to establish eligibility and auditing of the Walks Scheme programme.**    **Position\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **(Local Development Company CEO, or Local Authority Director of Service)**  **Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Block capitals)**  **Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |

**Important Notes:**

* There is no closing date for EOI’s at this time as trails will not be brought onto the scheme on a first come, first served basis; but rather on the basis of the Department’s consideration of rationale, strategic importance, readiness, etc. and in due course with regard to the result of the Walks Scheme review.
* Each project/trail proposal must be supported by a fully completed Application Form.
* Only applications submitted by eligible applicants as described in the Scheme Information will be considered.
* Applications must provide all the information required in order to be considered for inclusion in the scheme.
* EOIs submitted via LDCs must be approved by the CEO and at least at Director of Services level in the Local Authorities. The Department will make the final decisions in relation to the walks that will be accepted onto the scheme.
* Please feel free to contact the Department at [CnaT@DRCD.gov.ie](mailto:CnaT@DRCD.gov.ie) if you or your team have any queries in the meantime.

1. Eligible applicants are Local Development Companies referenced under Section 128(1)(d) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014) and Local Authorities. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. RRO, where applicable. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)