



Comhairle Contae
Ros Comáin
Roscommon
County Council



TO: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of Athlone Municipal District

**RE: Declaration of a Public Road
Roads Act 1993, Section 11
Roads Regulations 1994, Part 2
Local Government Reform Act 2014 Schedule 3**

Request for Private Road to be Taken-in-Charge: Taylorstown, Clonoown, Athlone, Co. Roscommon.

A request was received from the residents and landowners on a private road in Taylorstown, Clonoown, Athlone to be declared a public road. Where a road is declared a public road, the Council will be responsible for the future maintenance of the road. A drawing is attached with photographs showing the road requested to be taken in charge.

In accordance with the Roads Act 1993 Section 11 (b) Roscommon County Council has considered the following:

(i) *Satisfied itself that the road is of general public utility.*

This road, is approximately 300m in length and an average of 30.6 in width. The road has a surface-dressed wearing course which needs attention. There are 7 inhabited houses on the road and access to four farms.

Roscommon County Council has satisfied itself that the former public road is of general public utility.

(ii) *Considered the financial implications for the authority of the proposed declaration.*

The level of funding required from Department of Tourism Transport and Sport is not adequate to address the maintenance of the existing public road network. Each case would need to be evaluated individually. The council should maintain its policy of not taking private roads in charge except in circumstances where it is not reasonable to expect the road users to maintain the road from their own resources. In such a scenario the Roads Section considers it a prudent policy not to spend public monies on private roads. However, this road has a good foundation and a thin layered Dense Bitumen Macadam, DBM, should prevent major maintenance issues for 10 years. The estimate cost of the works to be carried out on the road is €30,000. The Council will be charged with the future maintenance of the road.

I recommend that the procedure in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and Part 2 of the Roads Regulations 1994 be commenced to declare this road a public road. The declaration of a road to be a public road is a reserved function to be performed by Municipal District Members under Schedule 3 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

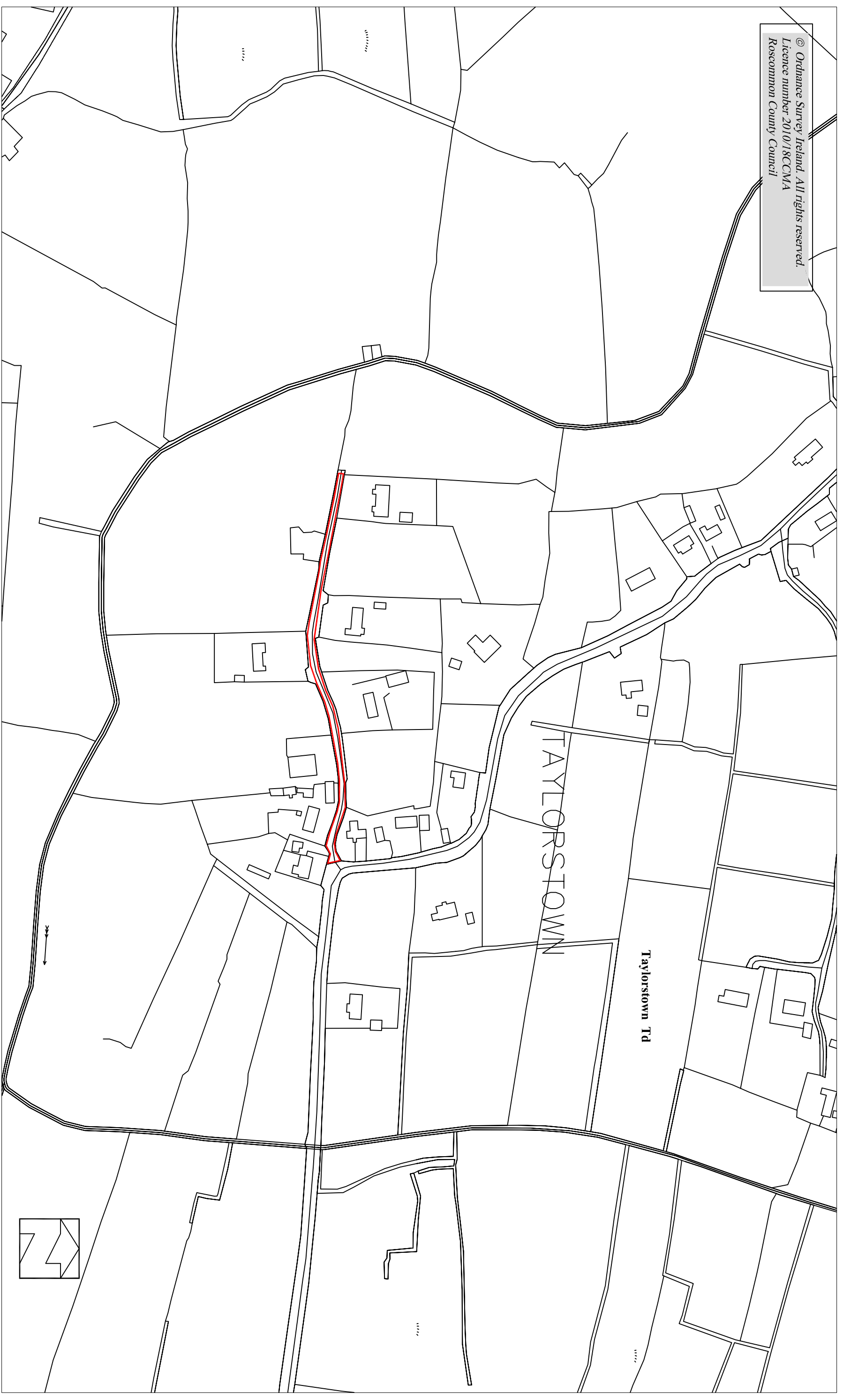
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Photographs of Private Road at Taylorstown Cloonown, Athlone, Co. Roscommon



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Area to be Taken In Charge



Map - Taylorstown Cloonown Athlone.

Project: Taken in Charge, - "Taylorstown Cloonown Athlone"			
Title: Taylorstown, Cloonown, Athlone, Co Roscommon.			
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