

1.1 Letterfrack Site Proposed Development

The proposed development at the Letterfrack site is as follows:

1. The provision of a new Farm Walking Trail
2. The provision of a new All-Ability (Pond) trail
3. The provision of a new All-Ability Trail from the Car Park to the Ellis Wood Trail
4. The provision of a new Sensory Trail which will be located close to the existing Visitor Centre

The proposed Farm Walking Trail is a new trail of approx. 1590m, and this is to be accessed off the Lower Diamond Hill loop, crossing wet grassland, heath, and blanket bog. The path then links back into the existing car park and the Tourist Office.

The All-Ability trail will consist of the re-surfacing/re-grading of some of the existing trails around the visitor centre and pond area. This trail will skirt the pond to the west and connect to the top of the Ellis Woods trail, and will connect into the trail from the car park which will be accessible also, with a platform lift proposed at this location to allow access for wheelchair users to the amenities around the Visitor Centre.

The Sensory Trail will be located on mainly existing paths (and will incorporate some sections of the All Ability trail). The sensory trail will circle the pond and Visitor Centre / Tea-room Building, and also follow the trail which leads from the pond towards the stables, through the willow woodland. A new section of trail will be included through the willow woodland to create a looped walk. The other section of the sensory trail will begin near the Stables and connect across the grassland to the existing Sruffaunboy trail and onto the proposed viewing area.

The proposed new Trail lengths are collated in the following Table:

Table 2.1 Proposed Trail Routes - Letterfrack

Trail	Approximate Length (m)
Farm Trail	1590m
Sensory Trail	Additional 150m
Accessible Trail	Additional 250m

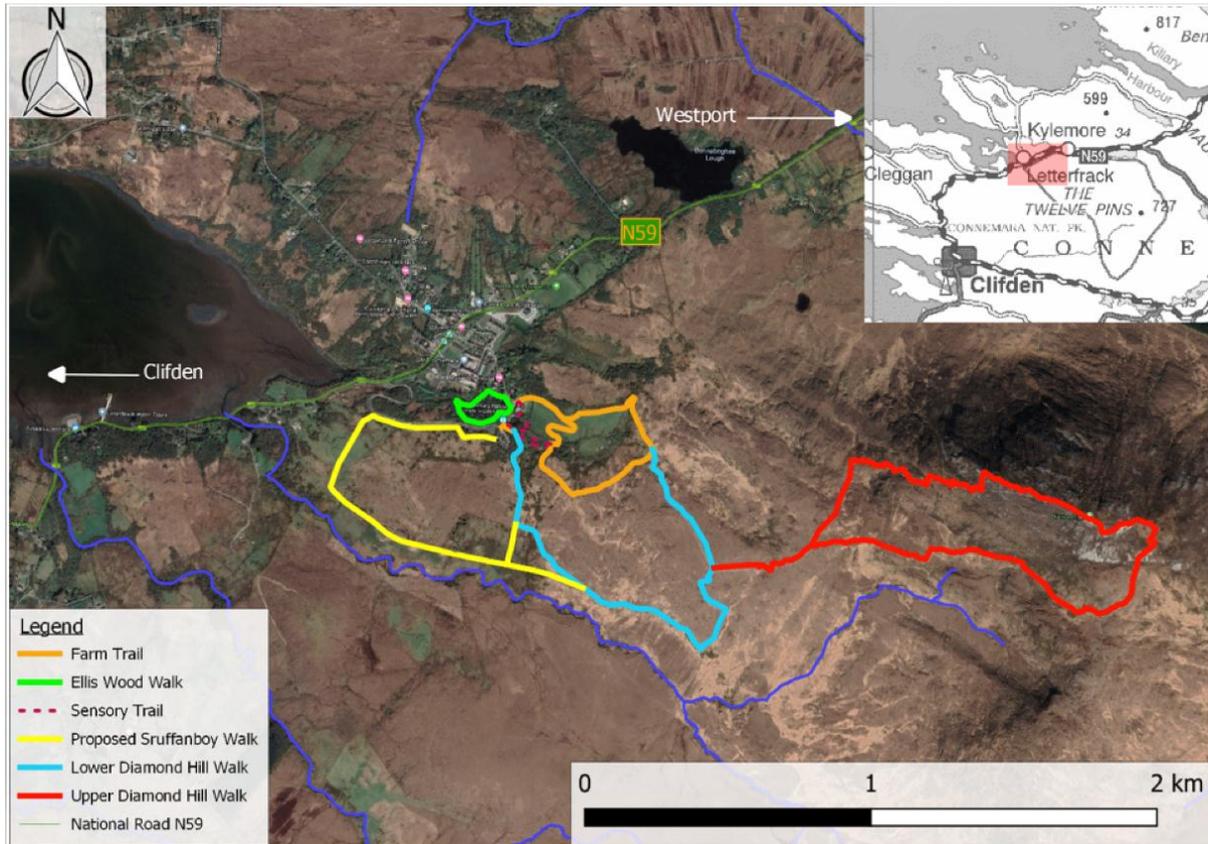


Figure 2.1 - Letterfrack Trail Routes

1.2 Mweelin Site Proposed Development

The proposed development at the Mweelin site is as follows:

1. The provision of a new Walking Trail along the line of the old Galway Road (1550m approx.).
2. The provision of a new Lime Kiln Trail (660m approx.). This will encompass a viewing area at the top of the old quarry and also identify points of interest such as the well and the graveyard.
3. The provision of a new Canal Trail which will be located alongside the existing canal.
4. The provision of a new Bog Trail which will link into the existing Farm Track.
5. The construction of a new 144 space Car Park (incl. 7 accessible parking spaces and bus parking) and toilet facilities to service the Mweelin Walking Trails and provide a new Trail Link which will connect the Car Park to the new Walking Trails.

Refer to Figure 2-2 for the existing and proposed Mweelin Trail Route Map

The proposed Old Galway Road Walking Trail is a new trail of approx. 1550m, and this is to be accessed off the new Link Trail to the Carpark which crosses grassland, heath and blanket bog. The path then links back into the new Lime Kiln Trail.

The proposed Lime Kiln Trail will involve the upgrading of the existing trail which leads into the Lime Kiln and the construction of a new Trail up to a viewing point overlooking Kylemore Lough. This will link back into the Old Galway Road Trail and the Canal Trail.

The proposed Canal Trail will follow the existing path which runs parallel to the existing canal. This will then link into the Bog Trail.

The proposed Bog Trail is a new trail which will be located around the perimeter of the National Park. This will utilise part of the existing “Bog Road” which is located within the Park. The trail crosses over grassland, heath, and blanket bog. The trail will continue to link into the existing farm access trail.

The proposed new Trail lengths are collated in the following Table:

Table 2.2 Proposed Trail Routes - Mweelin

Trail	Approximate Length (m)
Link Trail	1350m
Old Galway Rd	1550m
Bog Trail	1470m
Old Canal Trail	935m
Lime Kiln to Canal Trail	150m
Ex Track upgrade / Lime Kiln Trail	660m

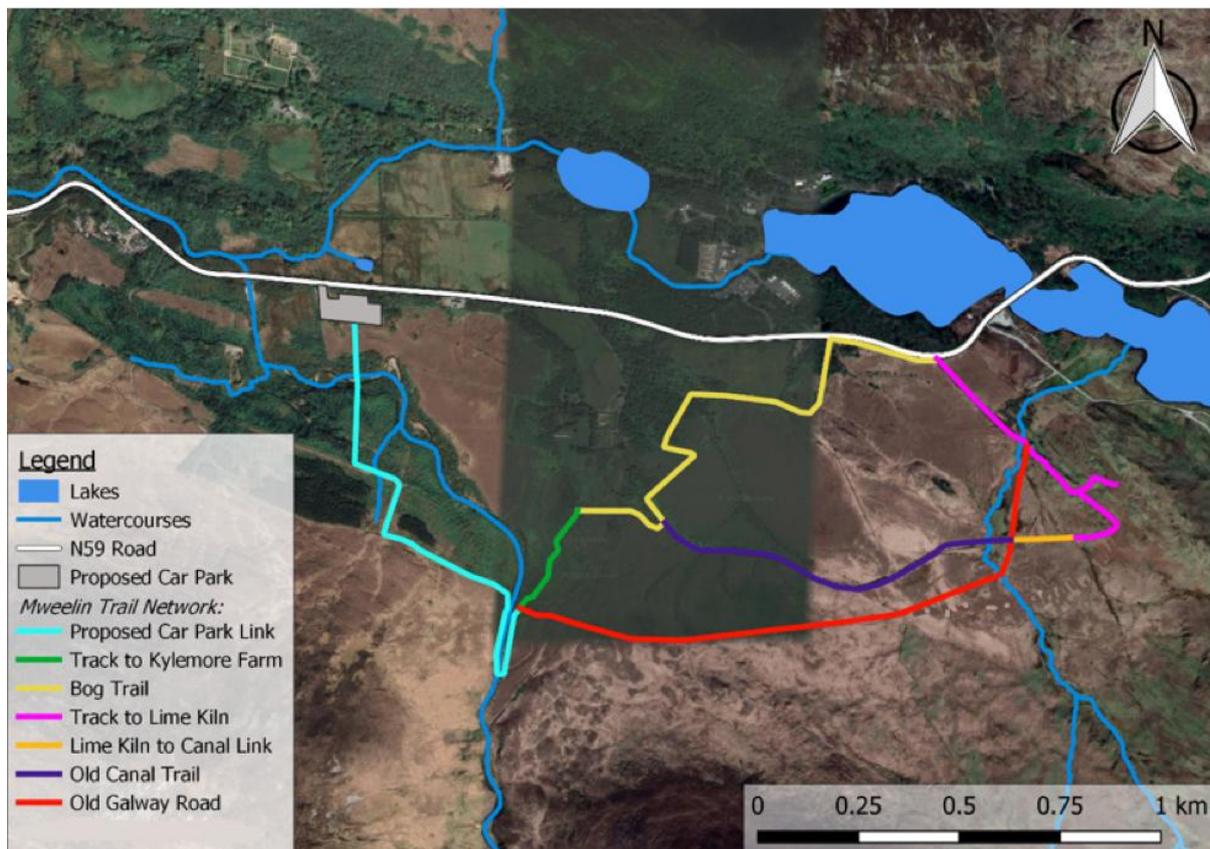


Figure 2.2 - Mweelin Trail Routes