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Corrib Onshore Gas Pipeline Community Update

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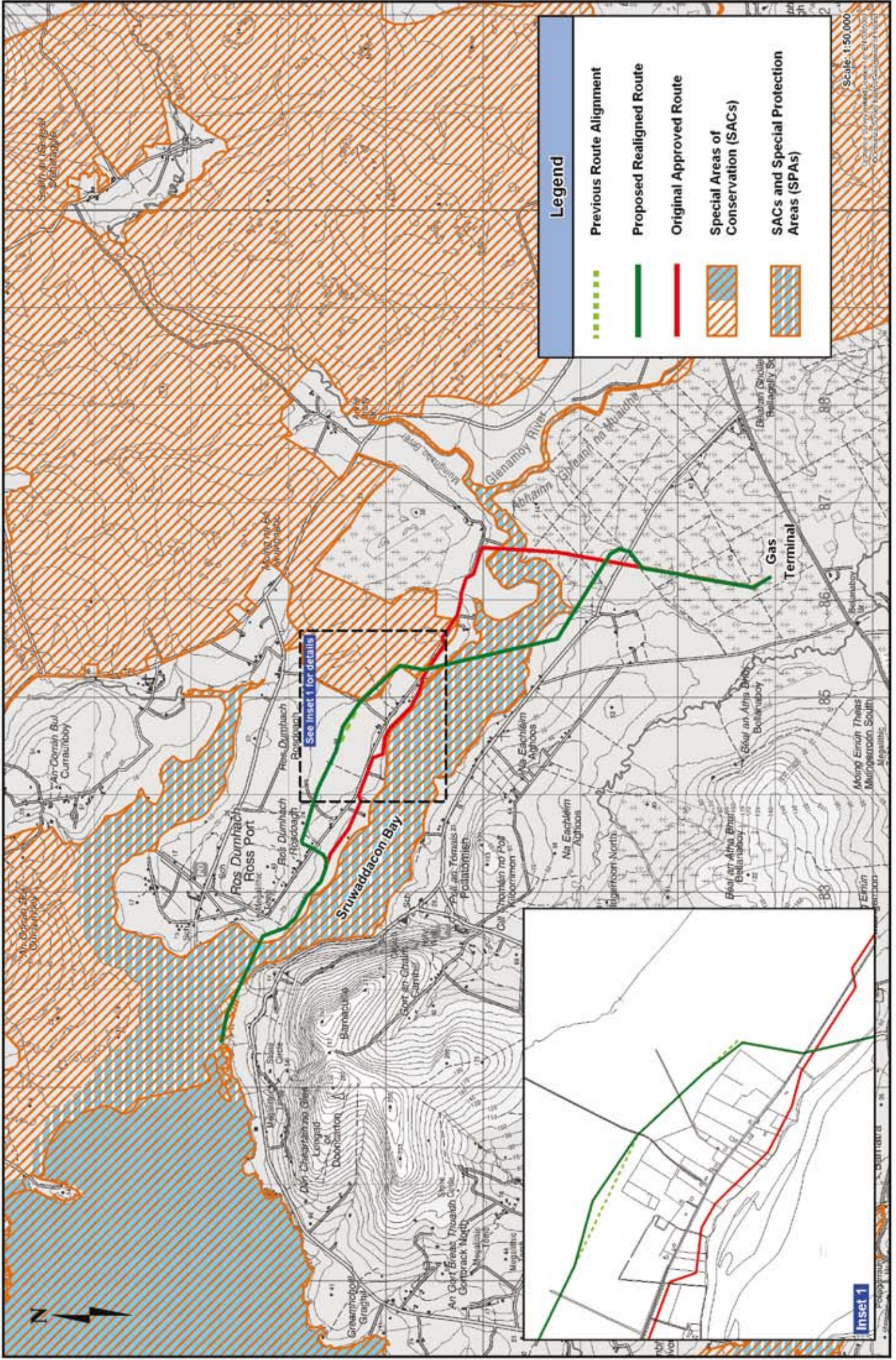
Introduction

Following recent site surveys, RPS has recommended minor realignments to the route of the Corrib onshore pipeline in order to avoid more sensitive habitats, including bog pools in Rossport commonage. Therefore the original application was withdrawn from An Bord Pleanála (ABP) in December 2008 and from the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources (DCENR) in January 2009, to allow for these minor realignments to be made. The route of the pipeline is largely unchanged and remains a minimum of 140 metres from occupied dwellings.

New applications will be submitted to the relevant statutory bodies in the coming weeks, which will include information on the Srahmore Peat Deposition Site, an up-dated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) reflecting the minor realignments of the route, additional information that was requested by ABP, as well as additional survey data, recently gathered.

The applications will also seek, in certain areas, approval for a wider route corridor within which the proposed Corrib onshore pipeline will be constructed.

See inside for a map of the route and the proposed realignments.



Corrib Onshore Pipeline - Proposed Route Realignments



Proposed Route Realignment

The map overleaf details the route which was submitted for approval to ABP and DCENR in April 2008 and the proposed realignments to the route. These minor realignments are being made to avoid more sensitive habitats, including bog pools in Rossport commonage. The route, therefore, is largely unchanged and will remain a minimum of 140 metres from occupied dwellings.

Proposed Route Corridor

The new applications will seek approval for a wider route corridor of approximately 100 metres in some areas, within which the proposed Corrib onshore pipeline will be constructed. Widening the route corridor will enable small deviations to be made to the pipeline route during the construction phase, should this be deemed necessary, for example, for environmental or archaeological reasons.

Submission of Applications

The new applications will be submitted to ABP under the Strategic Infrastructure Act, to DCENR under the Gas Act, and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (DAFF) under the Foreshore Act. Notices will be published in local papers advertising details of the public consultation processes as specified by the statutory bodies.

The applications and updated EIS will be publicly available at both the RPS and Corrib Gas Partners offices in Belmullet as well as additional locations in Erris. These locations will be advertised by public notice. The applications will be available for download from www.corribgaspipeline.ie. The application to ABP will also be available on a dedicated website specified by the board.

Comments / Further Information

If you have any comments or queries on the proposed route realignments, please contact the RPS Project Office in Belmullet. RPS is also available to answer any other queries you may have in relation to the Corrib onshore pipeline.

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