



Introduction

Westmeath County Council (WCC) in conjunction with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) intends to deliver a greenway from Kilbeggan to Mullingar. This section of greenway will complete a strategic link between the established greenway infrastructure, which is part of the Galway to Dublin national cycleway, at Mullingar and the greenway infrastructure at Kilbeggan, which links onto the Grand Canal greenway. This will provide a high-quality greenway, designed to promote cycling, walking and other non-motorised travel.

Work began on this project in 2021 by Offaly County Council (OCC) but was not completed due to changes in the guidelines for delivery of greenway projects. TII are now the Funding and Approving Authority for the project. The project is now being delivered on a phased basis in accordance with the TII's Project Manager's Manual for Greenway Projects.

In 2023, WCC appointed Consultants RPS to deliver the proposed greenway through Phases 1 to 4 of the TII Guidelines. We are now at the initial Phase 1 Public Consultation stage of project development, which is focused on the Study Area and the Constraints. We have identified the broad project study area (see map overleaf) within which the greenway could feasibly be located; and the likely constraints that could impact where and how the greenway is designed.

Members of the public and interested parties are invited to participate in the public consultation phase. The purpose of this first public consultation is to present the Study Area, identify Constraints and hear your feedback.

We want to hear your views on the following:

- Need for the project
- Potential routes that could be considered
- Locations, attractions, or facilities in your locality that could be attractive to greenway users or would benefit from a Greenway
- Constraints or barriers to a greenway in your area

Information on the project will be on display at:

Public Consultation No. 1 Venue	Date	Time
Bloomfield House Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, N91 HP8E	Thursday 18 th May 2023	3pm to 8pm

Have Your Say



The form attached will provide you with an opportunity to have your say and to provide feedback to the project team.
Closing date for submissions is the **8th June 2023**

Email: info@kilbeggantomullingargreenway.ie

Post: Kilbeggan to Mullingar Greenway, RPS, Lyrr 2, IDA Business & Technology Park, Mervue, Galway, H91 H9CK

Website: www.kilbeggantomullingargreenway.ie

Who Can Get Involved?

Any interested parties such as property owners and landowners along the route, the farming community, local businesses, sports and recreational groups, heritage centres, arts and cultural groups, transport services providers all have an important role in its success.

Local Community and Interest Groups and local businesses all stand to benefit from the opportunities that come with increased visitor numbers to the area.



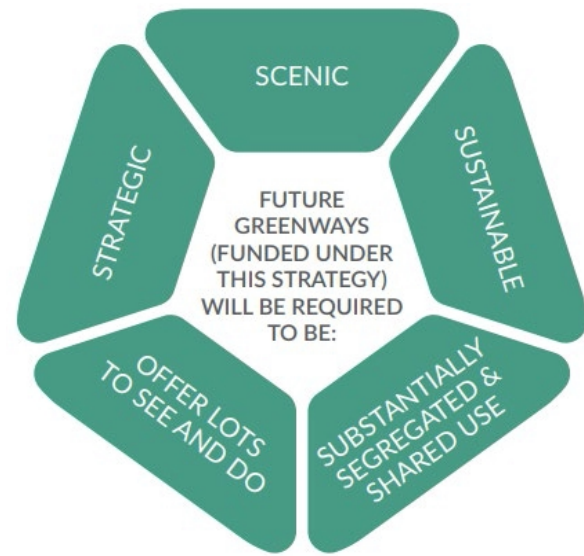


Greenway Process

Code of Best Practice National and Regional Greenways – December 2021

Greenway Strategy

Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways - July 2018



An objective of the Government's Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways (2018) is to have greenways constructed to an appropriate standard in order to deliver a quality experience for all greenway users.

Consultation

Further Public Consultations will be held on the proposed greenway to inform the public and discuss the project before it is submitted to An Bord Pleanála.

Public Consultation No. 1

Study Area & Constraints - 18th May 2023

Public Consultation No. 2

Route Corridor Options - Q3/Q4 2023

Public Consultation No. 3

Preferred Route Corridor - Q1 2024

A Code of Best Practice for National and Regional Greenways is available at: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/6b6a0-code-of-best-practice-for-national-and-regional-greenways>

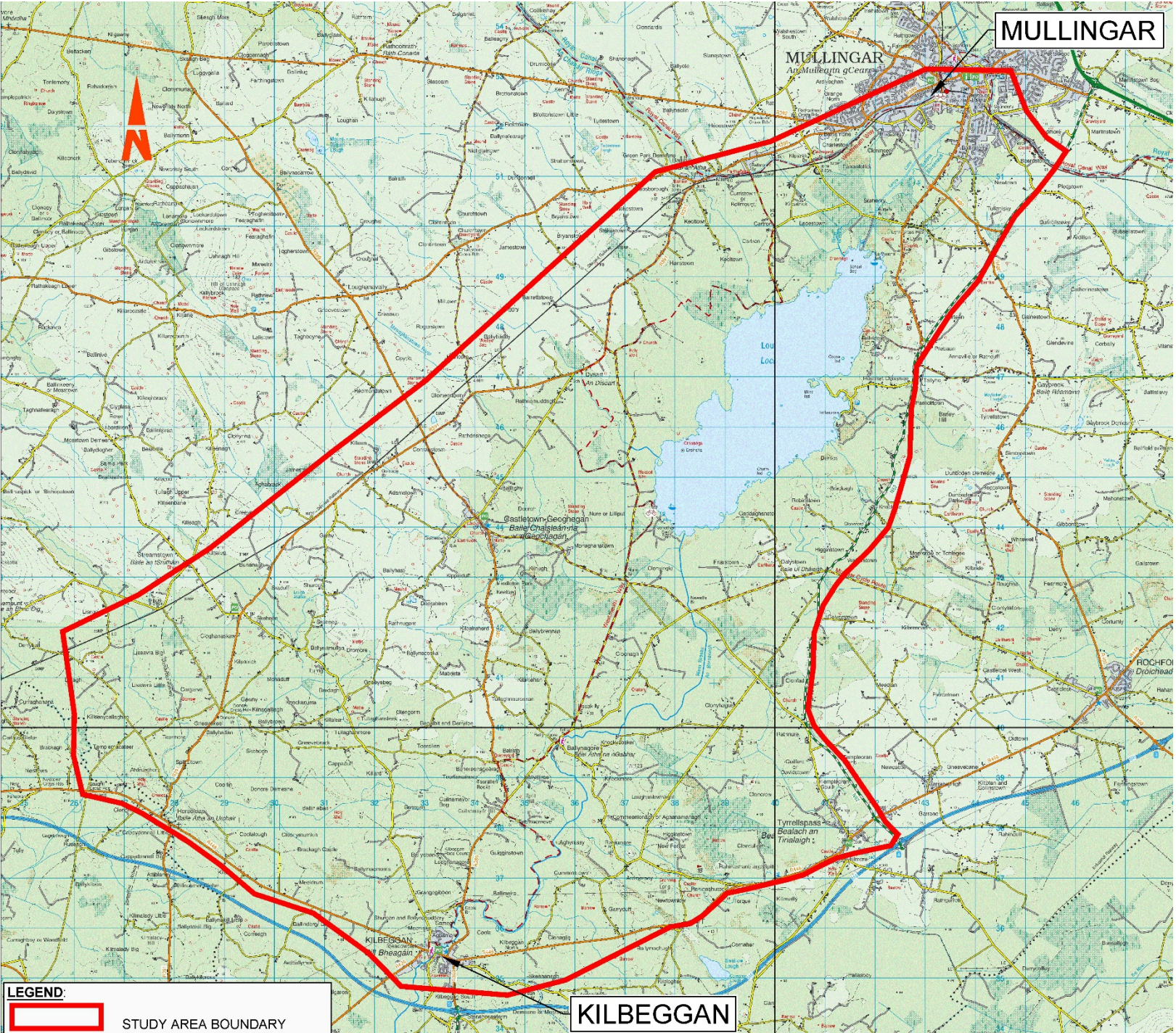
We welcome your views

Have your say:

Please tell us your views and provide any information that would inform us. Please use additional paper and include supporting documents/images/maps if you wish.

This can include your opinion on the:

- Need for the project
- Possible routes that should be considered
- Locations, attractions or facilities in your locality that could be attractive to greenway users or would benefit from a greenway
- Constraints or barriers to a greenway in your area
- Any concerns or issues you may have at this stage



Study Area – Kilbeggan to Mullingar Greenway

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Details will only be used for the purposes of contacting you in relation to the scheme should the need arise.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK