

KILBEGGAN TO MULLINGAR GREENWAY PROJECT

PUBLIC CONSULTATION NO.2 - ROUTE CORRIDOR OPTIONS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Westmeath County Council 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 proposed 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.

In 2023, Westmeath County Council appointed RPS to deliver the Kilbeggan to Mullingar Greenway Project through Phases 1 to 4 of the TII Project Management Guidelines.

ROUTE CORRIDOR OPTIONS DEVELOPMENT

In Phase 1 (Concept and Feasibility), the first public consultation for the Kilbeggan to Mullingar Greenway Project was held in May 2023 and displayed the study area for the project. Feedback from the first public consultation helped inform the identification of areas of interest and constraints, which in turn informed the development of route corridor options within which a route for the greenway could be developed.

Following an appraisal process, two feasible route corridor options have been identified. The route corridor options have been developed to connect likely tourism and leisure attractions and use publicly owned land where possible. Both route corridor options start in Kilbeggan Harbour and end in Mullingar with one corridor to the west of Lough Ennell and one corridor to the east of Lough Ennell. A map of the route corridor options is available on the project website:

www.kilbeggantomullingargreenway.ie.

Phase 1 (Concept and Feasibility) of the project has now been completed and the project has moved into Phase 2 (Option Selection).

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

Phase 2 (Option Selection) involves the assessment of the route corridor options to identify a preferred route corridor. Westmeath County Council will be conducting Public Consultation No.2 Route Corridor Options to help inform this assessment. Information on the route corridor options and the public consultation is available through a virtual consultation platform on the project website. Further details are provided overleaf including how to provide feedback.



PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT

Westmeath County Council want to hear your views on the route corridor options and invite all interested parties to participate in this public consultation. Your feedback is important as it can provide valuable information to the project team as they identify a preferred route corridor for the greenway.

The consultation period opens at 9am on Tuesday 7th May 2024.

The closing date for submissions is 4pm on Friday 14th June 2024.

A public consultation event will take place at the following time and location.

**Bloomfield House Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath (N91 HP8E)
Thursday 9th May 2024 from 3pm to 8pm.**

VIRTUAL CONSULTATION PLATFORM

The virtual consultation platform can be accessed through the project website.

www.kilbeggantomullingargreenway.ie

On the virtual consultation platform, you can view the information displayed at the public consultation event, make a submission or contact the project team.

Alternatively, written submissions can be made via email or post:

Email: info@kilbeggantomullingargreenway.ie

Post: RPS, IDA Business & Technology Park, Mervue, Galway, H91 H9CK



ONLINE FEEDBACK
FORM



WEBSITE LINK

LANDOWNER ENGAGEMENT

The Code of Best Practice for National and Regional Greenways was published by the Government in December 2021.

TII and the local authorities worked with the farming representatives and other stakeholders to develop the Code of Best Practice. The Code sets out the process for the delivery and management of greenways and provides information on the acquisition of privately owned lands for the greenway.

Project Liaison Officers (PLOs) will be available to meet with landowners by appointment. PLOs are also available to talk on the phone or by online virtual meeting. The PLOs will be the main point of contact for the landowner and will ensure that the landowner's interests and concerns are taken into consideration.



DOWNLOAD THE
CODE OF BEST PRACTICE

WORKING WITH YOU

We aim to route the greenway through publicly owned lands wherever practicable. However, as there is limited connecting public lands in the area it will be necessary to develop a considerable portion of the greenway on privately owned land.

Where private land is required for the greenway, we will strive to purchase it through voluntary land acquisition agreements, if at all possible. We will work with the landowner to, where possible, pick the least disruptive route in accordance with the Code of Best Practice. This is likely to follow existing features and land boundaries, minimising severance.

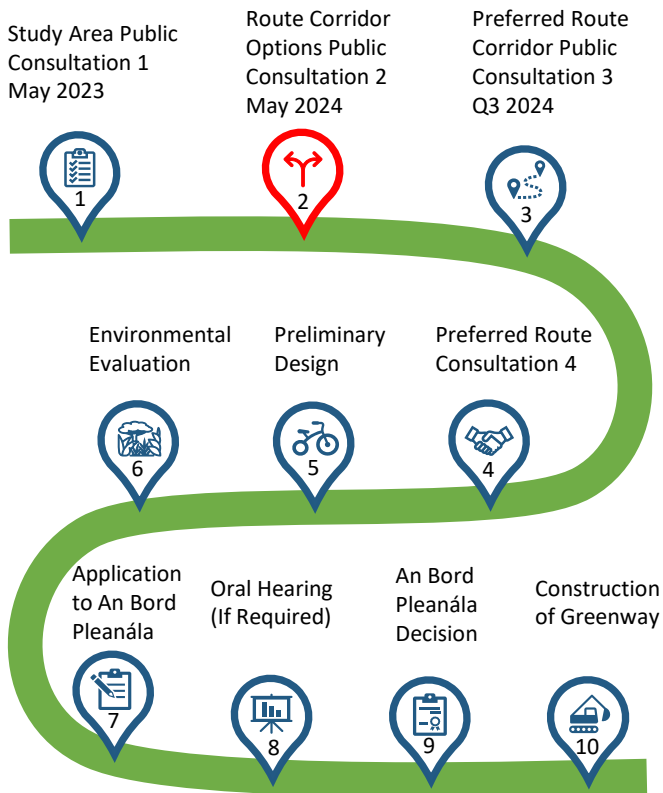
If you own lands within the route corridor options / consultation area, we would like to hear your opinion on the route corridor options.

We can be contacted on the following platforms:

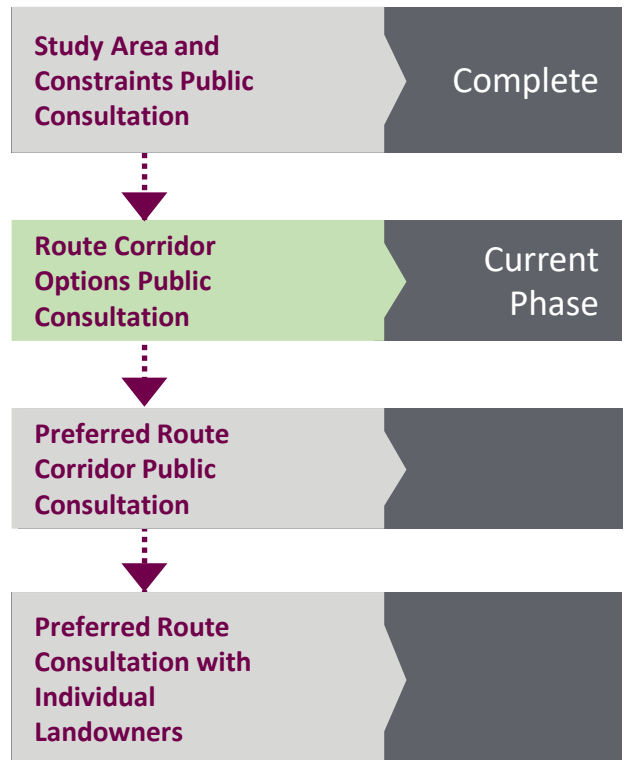
- Website: www.kilbeggantomullingargreenway.ie
- Email: info@kilbeggantomullingargreenway.ie
- Telephone: 087 671 3210 (9am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday).

The goodwill and cooperation of the landowners and community is important to make the greenway a success. Real and open engagement with the landowners and community will be central to everything we do.

STAGES OF THE PROJECT



STAGES OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION



Questionnaire – Please tell us your views

Please complete the feedback form and return by email or post to:

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Post: RPS, IDA Business & Technology Park, Mervue, Galway, H91 H9CK



ONLINE
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Name	Email
Address: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ Eircode:	Telephone No.
	Would you use the greenway? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Do you live or own property within or adjacent to one of the Route Corridor Options/ Consultation Areas? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Please tell us your views on the Route Corridor Options and provide any information that you would like the project team to consider. (Please use additional paper and include supporting documents / pictures / maps if you wish).

Please tick here if you would like to be contacted regarding project news and updates.

Data Protection: By providing my details in this feedback form, I consent to the use of my personal data in accordance with Westmeath County Council's Privacy Notice which is available at:
www.westmeathcoco.ie/en/ourservices/yourcouncil/privacy/privacynotice

Submissions must be received by 4pm on Friday 14th June 2024

Thank you for your feedback

