

What's Happening Now and Route Corridor Options

The project is currently in Phase 2: Options Selection, which is a 3-stage process. The three stages to select the preferred option are outlined below.

Phase 2 Option Selection	Stage 1 - Preliminary Options Assessment
	Stage 2 - Project Appraisal Matrix
	Stage 3 - Preferred Option

During the initial phase of the Stage 1 Preliminary Options Assessment, we identified feasible Route Corridor Options within the Study Area, whilst taking account of the identified constraints.

Engineering Initially 16 options were developed covering a range of potential scenarios, including a Do-Minimum scenario. The Do-Minimum scenario is similar to a "do-nothing option" (i.e. just maintain the existing network), but allows for implementation of any transportation related infrastructure or services that are already committed within the Study Area.

Environment These 16 options were subjected to the Stage 1 Preliminary Options Assessment in accordance with the TII Project Management Guidelines and Project Appraisal Guidelines under the headings of: Engineering, Environment and Economy.

The Stage 1 Preliminary Options Assessment has now been completed and has resulted in 6 Improvement options and the Do-Minimum Option being taken forward to the Stage 2 Project Appraisal Matrix.

Economy These options are shown as 200m wide corridors on the enclosed drawing. These corridors do not represent the actual width of the proposed road development or the lands to be acquired. The corridors simply indicate the lands within which a road alignment could feasibly be developed.

Multi-Modal Solution; the Letterkenny Southern Networks Project aims to provide a robust all-encompassing solution which will address the current issues experienced within the town, and will cater for its regeneration and future expansion underpinning its strategic growth ambitions.

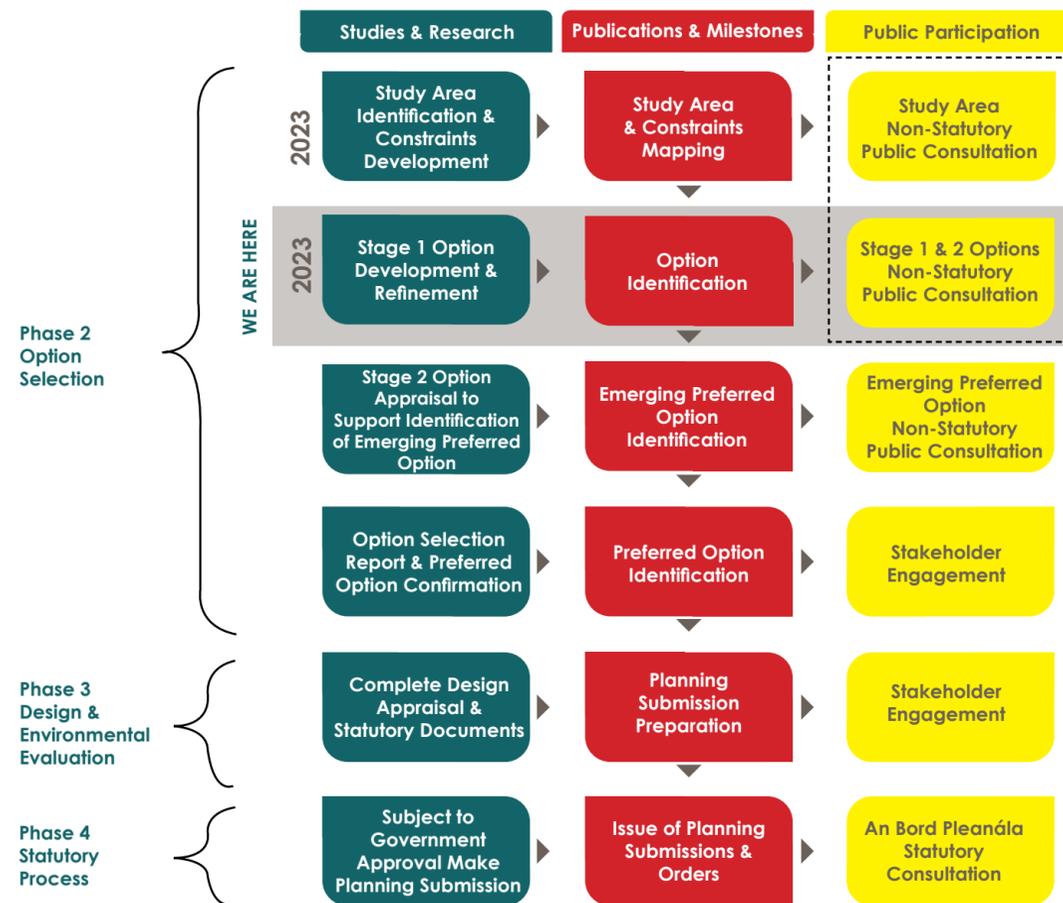
The solution will be multifaceted and will cater for pedestrians and cyclists, public transport and private vehicles to safely move around, and pass through Letterkenny.

Next Steps

The feedback and submissions received through this public consultation will be considered by the project team as part of the Options Selection process. Over the next few months, the next stage will involve the analysis of the options. Each of the Options that have progressed to Stage 2 of the Option Selection process will be subject to the assessment criteria in accordance with the Six Common Appraisal Framework (CAF) Criteria headings, Economy, Safety, Accessibility & Social Inclusion, Physical Activity, Environment, Integration. This will result in an Emerging Preferred Route Corridor.

Any comments received at this Public Consultation (May-June 2023) will be taken on board as part of the Stage 2 assessment process, when refining the options and selecting the Emerging Preferred Route Corridor. A further public consultation shall be held displaying the Emerging Preferred route corridor prior to finalising the option selection process.

Public Consultation Roadmap



Your Feedback

If you would like to submit any comments on the proposed development, please visit Donegal County Council's online consultation portal at consult.donegal.ie and complete a feedback form. Forms can be submitted online or by post to the below address by the 15th June 2023

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Donegal County Council,
The Diamond,
Lifford,
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Or by email to LSNP@Donegalcoco.ie

For additional project information, please visit the project webpage at www.LSNP.ie.

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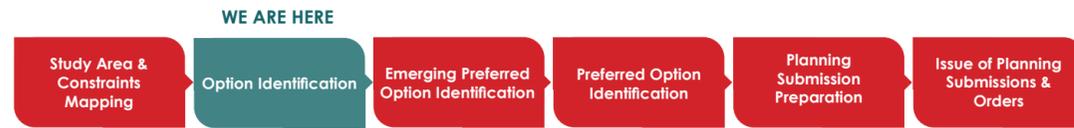


PUBLIC CONSULTATION 1 STUDY AREA CONSTRAINTS / 2 OPTION IDENTIFICATION

Project Background

Letterkenny is the healthcare, educational and retail centre of County Donegal. Current levels of development, population and traffic within the town and its environs has given rise to unacceptable climate, safety and congestion issues. To facilitate solutions to these problems, Donegal County Council intends to deliver a multi-modal intervention in south Letterkenny which will improve connectivity between Letterkenny and West Donegal, enhance accessibility across the town for all modes and support compact growth, as part of an integrated approach which aims to promote sustainable travel. The aim of this project will be to form a catalyst for positive physical, environmental, social and economic change in Letterkenny and support progression to city status. This Project is the Letterkenny Southern Network Project (LSNP). The LSNP is supported by European, National, Regional and Local Policies. Current and proposed future Letterkenny Plans identify the LSNP as an important strategic route for the town, having been supported in policy since identification in 2009.

ROD-AECOM, the appointed consultant, has scoped a study area, identified constraints within same and subsequently developed options for assessment in accordance with the TII Project Management Guidelines.



Donegal County Council now invites comments on the developed options. Your feedback is important and will help inform this assessment process. This non-statutory public consultation will run from 18 May 2023 - 15 June 2023 with an exhibition on display at the Letterkenny Public Services Centre.

Need for the Project

Letterkenny is recognised as the key economic engine of the Donegal economy, and a strategic regional centre for the North-West, inclusive of its broader function as a key component of the cross-border North-West City Region (the fourth largest urban agglomeration on the island of Ireland) along with Derry City, Strabane and their intervening hinterlands. Letterkenny's growth and strengthening as a major centre of critical mass together with its wider hinterland is critical in the context of National, Regional, Local and Cross-Border importance.

The spatial pattern of land use development over the past 20 years has resulted in significant sprawl of suburban housing and road infrastructure to the extreme edges of the town primarily to the north, north-west and north-east of the town. Current and proposed future Letterkenny Plans aim to rectify this.

Currently the town can be described as a motorized vehicle-dominated town, there is a need for a targeted and effective suite of sustainable mode schemes to encourage and incentivise the use of sustainable modes of transport as an alternative to the car (tailored to the specific needs of Letterkenny);

- The need for a complementary roads-based strategy primarily designed to address long standing strategic traffic issues that impact on the proper functioning of the town and, thereby, the experience of those living, working, visiting and doing business in the town, as well as those passing through;
- The need to provide for the safety of all transport users in the town.
- To integrate land use and transport planning to ensure the appropriate development of all lands within the Local Plan boundary having adequately assessed the anticipated transport impacts and future transport demand requirements.
- To maximise opportunities to remove congestion in the town with a particular focus on the town centre providing a more sustainable future.
- To aid the delivery of a Regional multi modal transport Hub.

Stage 2 Route Corridor Options

(Multi-Modal Solution, including: Active Travel Infrastructure (footways/cycleways), Public Transport Infrastructure (including Park & Walk Facilities), Private Motor Vehicle Infrastructure)

