

N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction Project



Introduction

Tipperary County Council, in partnership with Limerick City and County Council, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the Department of Transport are progressing the N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction Project. The overall aim of the N24 project is to deliver a reliable and sustainable transport solution that will encourage balanced regional development and improve the quality of life of residents.

Project Progress Update

The project is currently at Phase 2, Option Selection. The purpose of this phase is to examine feasible alternatives and options to address the transport problems identified during Phase 1 and to carry out a systematic assessment of these with a view to selecting a preferred transport solution which will form the basis for the detailed design. To date, the study area has been identified and the key constraints were displayed as part of Public Consultation No. 1. Following the conclusion of Public Consultation No. 1 on constraints, the design team identified feasible Alternatives (i.e. active travel, improved public transport and demand management measures) and Option Corridors (i.e. road based options). These feasible Alternatives and Options Corridors were displayed as part of Public Consultation No. 2 which took place between 25 June 2021 and 06 August 2021.



Consultation

The purpose of the second non-statutory public consultation was to inform the public and stakeholders of the alternatives and options identified as potential solutions to the significant issues that residents, businesses, motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists on the corridor experience on a day to day basis, the work undertaken to date and the programme for advancement of the project. Public consultation forms an important part of advancing the design process towards the selection of a preferred transport solution and facilitates the involvement of the public in this process.

This public consultation was conducted on-line due to Covid-19 Government restrictions, and the consultation site has been visited by approximately 2,700 people, with some people visiting multiple times giving a total in excess of 6,700 viewings. Over 140 individual meetings were held via an on-line meeting or telephone over the period of

the consultation and almost 400 submissions have been received with respect to this consultation.

What Happens Next

The next step in the Option Selection process will be the assessment of feedback and submissions received by the project team and undertaking the Stage 2 assessment of the Option Selection process using a multicriteria analysis under the headings of Safety, Economy, Environment, Accessibility and Social Inclusion, Integration and Physical Activity. This is to determine the best performing Alternative or Option or combination of Alternative(s) and/or Options to be taken forward as the Preferred Transport Solution. It is envisaged that a public display of the Preferred Solution will take place in Q1 2022.



It is planned to commence the Ground Investigation Works as part of the Phase 2 assessments in the coming weeks.

The project team continues to be available to answer any questions and you can book an on-line or telephone meeting with a member of the project team through the on-line booking facility on the project website www.N24cahirlimerick.ie or by phoning **061 951000**.

Updates, news and details of future public displays will be published on the project website.