

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 along this corridor.

Project Progress Update

The project is currently at Phase 2, Options 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.



Following the conclusion of Public Consultation No. 2 on Alternatives and Options, the design team reviewed the submissions received and completed their detailed appraisal of the Alternatives and Options, using a multicriteria analysis under the headings of Safety, Economy, Environment, Accessibility and Social Inclusion, Integration and Physical Activity and selected a Preferred Transport Solution. This Preferred Transport Solution was displayed as part of the third non-statutory Public Display No. 3.

106 meetings were held over the period of display. Most of these meetings were in-person meetings, held at the Great National Ballykisteen Golf Hotel and Tipperary County Council offices in Tipperary Town. A small proportion of these meetings were held virtually on Microsoft Teams or by telephone.

In addition, the project website had 5,761 visitors and had 22,843 views during the public display period.

What Happens Next

Following the public display, the Phase 2 (Options Selection) process will be finalised, culminating in the publication of the Option Selection Report in Q3 2022.

These documents will be made available on the project website (www.n24cahirlimerick.ie). The Option Selection Report contains all of the supporting detail behind each step in the analysis during Phase 2, documenting both the assessments undertaken and the decisions made.

Subject to the receipt of the necessary approvals and funding, the project will then proceed to the next phase of the planning and design process, i.e. Phase 3 (Design & Environmental Evaluation).

The purpose of this phase is to develop the design of the Preferred Transport Solution selected in Phase 2 and undertake an environmental evaluation of the design to a sufficient level of detail to establish landtake requirements and to progress the project through the statutory process.

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

The aim of Public Display No.3 was:

- To provide an opportunity for members of the public to engage with the process and inform them of the Preferred Transport Solution.
- To provide information about the project and an update on the work completed to date and the next steps.
- To encourage members of the public to engage directly with the project team.
- To ensure consultation and engagement is carried out in a transparent and meaningful way.

Consultation

The third non-statutory public display of the 'Preferred Transport Solution' took place between 1pm and 8pm on 24 May 2022 and 26 May 2022 at an in-person event at the Great National Ballykisteen Golf Hotel. The purpose of this display was to inform the public of the Preferred Transport Solution identified. The attendance of the public display was 464, according to the attendance register, although not everybody signed the register.

