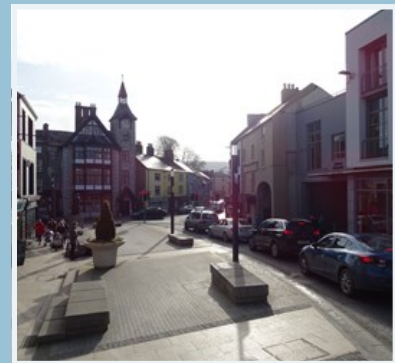




N72/N73 Mallow Relief Road

PUBLIC CONSULTATION No. 1 OPTIONS SELECTION - CONSTRAINTS & INITIAL PRELIMINARY OPTIONS

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Introduction

Project Ireland 2040 was announced by the Irish Government in February 2018. This policy initiative is underpinned by the National Planning Framework (NPF) and the National Development Plan (NDP) 2018 to 2027.

Project Ireland 2040 highlights the provision of N72/N73 Mallow Relief Road, in keeping with the second National Strategic Outcome, which is a core priority to enhance and upgrade accessibility between urban centres of populations and their regions, in parallel with the initiation of compact growth of urban centres.

For a number of years Cork County Council (CCC) and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) have been investigating options for the alleviation of traffic congestion in Mallow Town Centre and its approach roads. The N72 Mallow Northern Relief Road was granted planning permission by Cork County Council pursuant to a Part 8 planning application in 2006. This approved Part 8 scheme was not advanced further after 2006 due to funding constraints.

In view of the time that has elapsed, the significant changes to design standards and environmental considerations and the substantial increase in traffic volumes, it has been necessary to re-appraise the project.

The current commission is to bring the project through the Planning and Design Phases.

Project Objectives

A number of objectives have been established for the project including:

- improving regional accessibility,
- Reducing traffic congestion in Mallow Town
- improving journey times; and
- improving safety along the route.

The Current Stage

The project is currently at **Phase 2 (Options Selection)** of the TII Project Management Guidelines. One of the first stages of the options selection includes an examination of an area, within which all possible solutions could be identified. This area is referred to as the "Study Area", which has now been established and is depicted in this brochure.

Stage 1 (Preliminary Options Assessment). Within this Study Area, initial constraints have

been identified and the planning and design work has commenced with the identification of initial potential options. An option for improvement of the existing road network, including online widening or traffic management measures, shall also be considered.

What Happens Next

Following on from this Public Consultation and over the coming months, we will develop the initial options and undertake an assessment of the potential impacts on the constraints identified. These initial options will be assessed under three criteria:

- **Engineering**
- **Environment**
- **Economy**

The assessment will aim to shortlist the number of options that will be brought forward to Stage 2 (Project Appraisal Matrix) for further detailed consideration.

Stage 2 (Project Appraisal Matrix) of the Option Selection Phase will involve a detailed assessment of the options shortlisted from Stage 1 under the following criteria:

- **Economy**
- **Environment**
- **Safety**
- **Accessibility and Social Inclusion**
- **Integration**
- **Physical Activity**

A Second Public Consultation, communicating the findings from the Stage 1 (Preliminary Options Assessment), the preliminary findings of the Stage 2 (Project Appraisal Matrix) and presenting the Emerging Preferred Option is envisaged to take place towards the end of 2020.

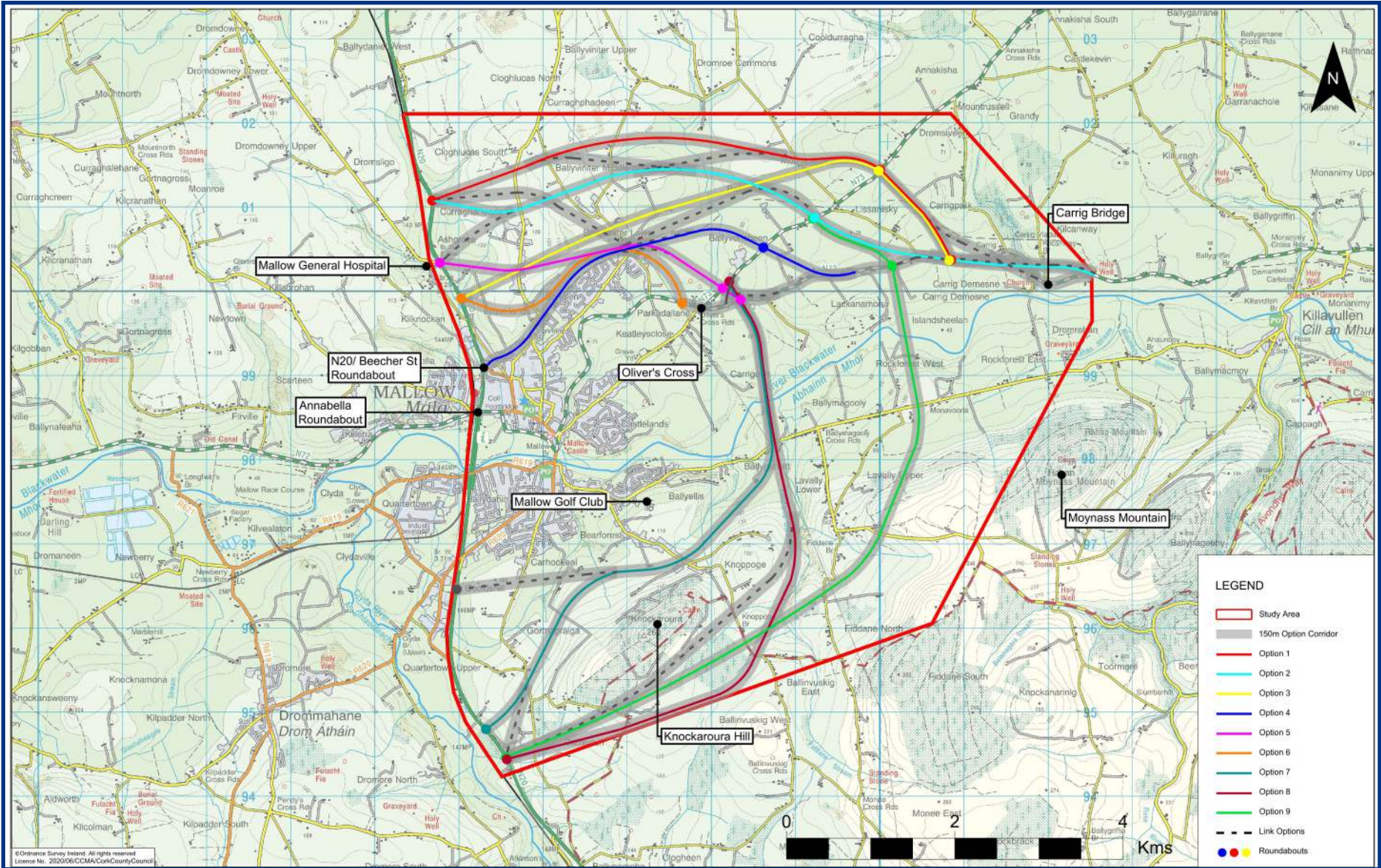
Stage 3 of the Option Selection Phase will identify a Preferred Option which will then be displayed for information envisaged during Q1 of 2021.

Feedback

You can provide feedback to the team by:

- Viewing the Public Consultation information on the project website on www.corkrdo.ie/major-schemes/n72-n73-mallow-relief-road/ and completing the online feedback form;
- Emailing the project team using the email address mallowrr@corkrdo.ie. Preferably with completed feedback form attached.

STUDY AREA & INITIAL PRELIMINARY OPTIONS



PROGRAMME

Phase 0 – Scope & Pre-Appraisal		Completed 2018
Phase 1 – Concept & Feasibility		Completed May 2020
Phase 2 – Options Selection		We Are Here
	Constraints Identification	Ongoing
	Stage 1 – Preliminary Options Assessment	Ongoing
	Stage 2 – Project Appraisal Matrix	Q4 2020
	Stage 3 – Preferred Option	Q1 2021
Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation		Commencement envisaged Q1 2021*
Phase 4 Statutory Processes		Publish Part 8 / CPO envisaged Spring/ Autumn 2022*

* subject to approval to proceed.

N72 / N73 Mallow Relief Road Public Consultation Roadmap

