



Lough Key to Carrick-on-Shannon Greenway

Public Consultation No.1

September 2023



Public Consultation

Roscommon County Council (RCC), with the support of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), has recently commissioned a technical engineering consulting team, Roughan and O'Donovan (ROD), to assist in progressing the Planning and Design of the Lough Key to Carrick-on-Shannon Greenway project.

Public Consultation forms an important and central element of the planning and design process, and as such, the Project Team would like to invite residents, and property/land owners of Carrick-on-Shannon, Boyle and the surrounding areas, members of the public and other interested parties to participate in this first non-statutory public consultation for the proposed Greenway project.

The purpose of this public consultation is to inform the public of the project and to invite feedback on the current Study Area, the constraints identified and any other features/opportunities that the Design Team should consider.

Your participation in this consultation is important and we would value any feedback/information you have.

What is a Greenway?

According to the Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways (DTTAS, 2018), a greenway can be described as *"a recreational or pedestrian corridor for non-motorised journeys, developed in an integrated manner which enhances both the environment and quality of life of the surrounding area"*.





Project Description

The proposed greenway will provide significant benefits for tourists and the local population. It will encourage sustainable travel practices and serve as a recreational facility. It will also provide a key link between the significant tourist site of Lough Key Forest Park and key population centres of Boyle and Carrick-on-Shannon that offer accommodation, eateries, and entertainment facilities.

The project is currently in the initial Concept & Feasibility Stage (Phase 1), which involves the identification of a Project Study Area and the key constraints and opportunities located therein.

The objectives for the proposed greenway have been developed in accordance with the seven headings identified in the Department of Transport’s “Transport Appraisal Framework (TAF) (June 2023)”:

- Transport User Benefits and Other Economic Impacts;
- Accessibility Impacts;
- Social Impacts;
- Safety Impacts;
- Land Use Impacts;
- Climate Change Impacts; and
- Local Environmental Impacts.

Project Timeline

Planning and Design	Phase 0	▼	Scope and Pre-Appraisal
	Phase 1	▶	Concept and Feasibility WE ARE HERE
	Phase 2	▼	Options Selection
	Phase 3	▼	Design and Environmental Evaluation
	Phase 4	▼	Statutory Processes
Construct/Implement	Phase 5	▼	Enabling and Procurement
	Phase 6	▼	Construction and Implementation
	Phase 7	▼	Close out and review

Greenway Guide to Process

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Constraints Study

- Map State-owned lands and stopping points
- Environmental / Physical / Archaeological
- Highlight opportunities and concerns
- Public Consultation No. 1
- Project Agronomist (PA) in place for project duration

Route Corridor Options

- Scenic / Segregated / Sustainable / Strategic / See and Do (Five S)
- Environment / Economic / Engineering Public Consultation No. 2
- Independent Agronomist in place for project duration

Preferred Route Corridor

- Farmer Agronomists / Property Advisors available to landowners
- Consultation meetings with individual landowners
- Public Consultation No. 3

Preferred Route

- Farmer Agronomists / Property Advisors available to landowners
- Consultation meetings with individual landowners and / or representatives
- Accommodation works outlined and discussed/ agreed

Preliminary Design

- Horizontal and vertical alignment established to determine precise land acquisition requirements
- Accommodation works agreed with landowners and / or representatives
- Voluntary Land Acquisition Process commences

Environmental Evaluation

- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
- Appropriate Assessment (AA)
- Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

Application to An Bord Pleanála

- Completion of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report/ Natura Impact Statement (NIS) where required
- Application Submitted to ABP including notice of the making of Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO)
- Voluntary Land Acquisition Process continues

Oral Hearing

- An oral hearing may be held by ABP to examine issues and concerns raised by persons with objections to / issues with the proposed Greenway
- Voluntary Land Acquisition Process continues

ABP Decision

- ABP either approves the scheme, rejects the scheme or approves the scheme with modifications
- Where scheme is approved by ABP Voluntary Land Acquisition Process continues where applicable

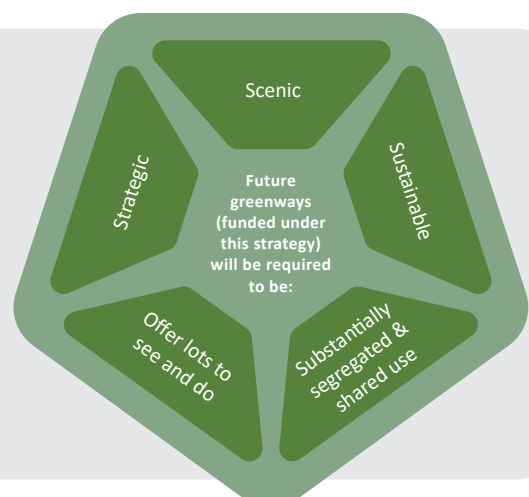
Construction of Greenway

- If the scheme is successful at the planning stage, the project promoter will proceed to construction, subject to government funding

Next Steps

The feedback and submissions received through this public consultation will be considered by the project team as part of Phase 1 (Concept and Feasibility) and will help to inform the development of the project.

The next step of the process involves the development of reasonable route options, developed in line with the 'Five S' Criteria outlined in the Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways (DTTAS, July 2018).





What's Happening Now?

During Phase 1 (Concept and Feasibility), the project team have defined the study area and are currently identifying potential constraints that may impact the development of a feasible Greenway. They are also looking into key features and opportunities to create a more attractive user experience.

Have Your Say

Please join us at the in-person public consultation event for the proposed greenway project at the below address.

Public Consultation No.1 Venue	Date	Time
Lough Key Forest & Activity Park, Boyle, Co. Roscommon	Wednesday 6th September 2023	3pm to 8pm

We would ask you to review the information provided at the public consultation event and submit your comments on the Study Area, the constraints identified and any other features/opportunities that the project team should consider using the feedback form provided.

We specifically would like to hear your views on the following:

- Need for the project;
- Locations, attractions, or facilities in your locality that could benefit the greenway and / or be attractive to Greenway users;
- Constraints or barriers to a Greenway in your area; and
- Any concerns or issues you may have at this stage.

The form attached will provide you with an opportunity to have your say and to provide feedback to the project team. Alternatively, you can download the form at www.roscommoncoco.ie. Closing date for submissions is **Wednesday, 4th October 2023.**

For project information, please visit www.roscommoncoco.ie.

Options for submitting the feedback form are as follows:

**Email:**

greenways@roscommonnrdo.ie

**Post:**

Greenways Team,
National Roads Design Office,
Racecourse Road,
Roscommon,
F42 WY23

Online: Scan the QR Code



