

//PREFERRED ROUTE CORRIDOR

Project Description

Monaghan County Council is working in association with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to develop a scheme to upgrade a 28km section of the N2/A5 Dublin-Derry Road. The proposed project is in County Monaghan between Clontibret and the Northern Ireland Border. This project is called the N2 Clontibret to Border Road Scheme.

This is an important project to enhance key North/South and Regional connectivity and to improve road safety. Monaghan County Council has appointed Jacobs Consulting Engineers (Jacobs) to advance the project through the planning and design process.

What's Happening Now –

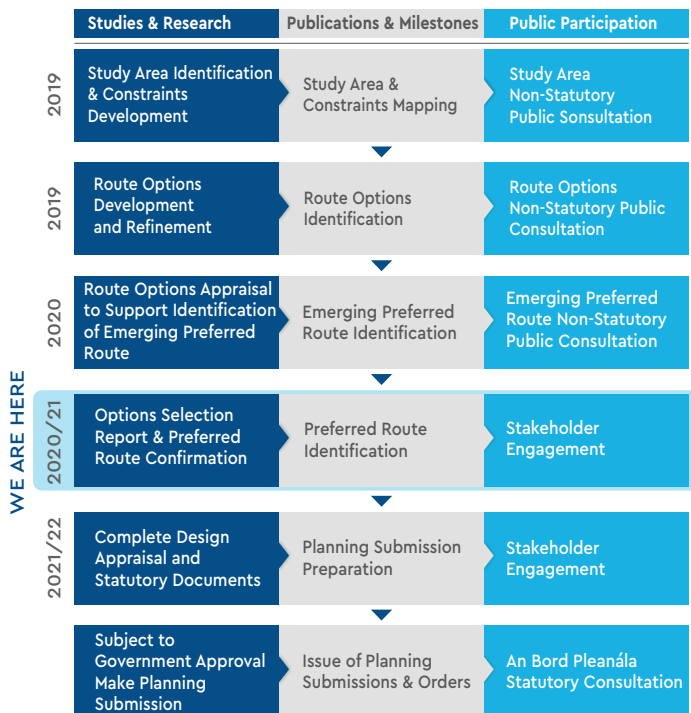
Publication of the Preferred Route Corridor

This project is being developed in accordance with TII's Project Management Guidelines. An Emerging Preferred Route Corridor was published for this project in August 2020, followed by a period of non-statutory public consultation seeking feedback on the Emerging Preferred Route Corridor. The public consultation period concluded in October 2020. A Post Consultation Report for this third non-statutory public consultation is available to download from the project website (N2MonaghanLouth.ie).

Following review and consideration of the submissions and feedback received through the public consultation, it was determined that there was no substantially new and/or additional information which would result in an amendment to the previously presented Emerging Preferred Route Corridor (Option H: Green+Yellow+Orange). Therefore, Option H, without any amendments, has been selected as the Preferred Route Corridor ('Preferred Option').

A map of the Preferred Route Corridor is shown overleaf. The Preferred Route Corridor is typically 400m wide. The corridor does not represent the actual width of the road scheme or the lands to be acquired – the corridor indicates the lands within which the N2 road scheme could be developed.

Public Consultation Road Map



The Option Selection Report, which has now been finalised, documents the process of selecting the Preferred Route Corridor and outlines the rationale and criteria applied in the selection of this Corridor. The report can be accessed by the public in the following ways;

- It can be viewed or downloaded from the project website (N2MonaghanLouth.ie). A digital copy of the report (on a memory stick) can be requested from the N2 Project Team for those who cannot download the report due to poor internet access.
- It can be viewed by appointment at the offices of Monaghan County Council (subject to applicable government restrictions/guidelines related to COVID-19). Please contact the N2 Project Team to request an appointment.

Next Steps

Following the selection of the Preferred Route Corridor, the next phase of TII's planning and design process can commence subject to relevant approvals (i.e. Phase 3: Design and Environmental Evaluation). This will involve further development of the scheme, including design of the road, identifying the landtake required, junction design and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment. As shown on the Public Consultation Road Map, Phase 3 is planned to be undertaken in 2021 and 2022.

Throughout the Phase 3 design process, the N2 Project Team is committed to continuously engaging with people living, working or who own land and property within the Study Area, however the design of the road and identification of the impacts on land and property will take some time to develop.

In order to inform the design process, the N2 Project Team will first undertake a range of engineering and environmental site surveys. The design team will be in contact with relevant landowners to arrange these surveys.

As the site surveys are completed, the initial design of the road can be progressed. When the design has reached a level of maturity where informed discussions can take place, the N2 Project Team will consult with directly impacted landowners in relation to the initial design and its impact on land and property. Thereafter, feedback will be considered, and amendments may be made, where feasible, before finalising the design and landtake requirements. The dates shown on the figure are indicative, subject to approval to commence Phase 3, and may be subject to change as the Phase 3 design process progresses.

Planned Delivery of the Phase 3 Design Process



If you have further queries about the design process, or wish to speak to someone about the project, the N2 Project Team is available and can be contacted on the Project E-mail address (ClontibretBorder@N2MonaghanLouth.ie) or by phone on 087 340 3786 during normal working hours.

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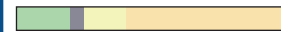
Please see below a map of the Preferred Route Corridor, which can also be downloaded from the project website www.N2MonaghanLouth.ie.



N2 CLONTIBRET TO BORDER ROAD SCHEME

N2 Clontibret to Border Road Scheme Study Area

Emerging Preferred Route Corridor (Option H: Green+Yellow+Orange)

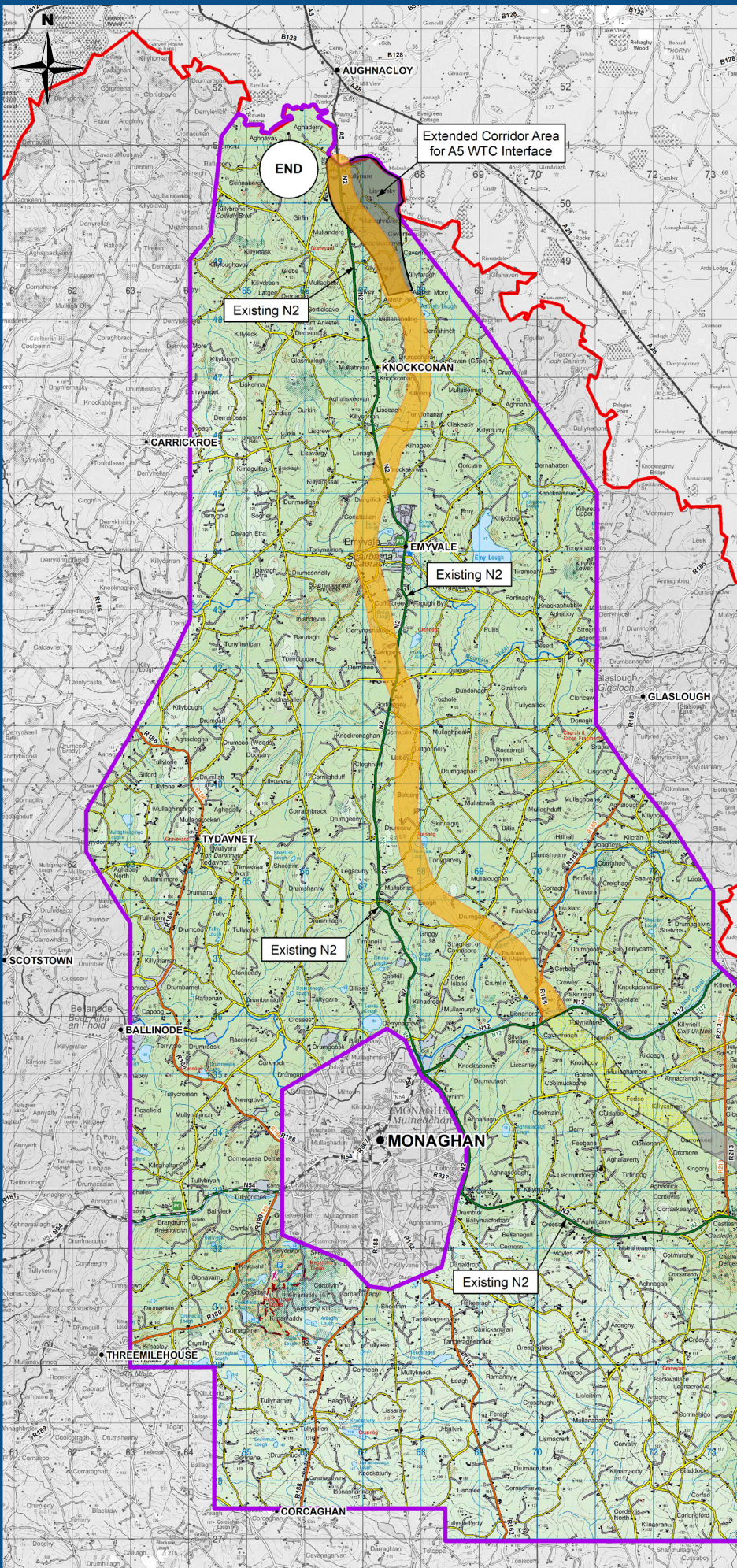


Note:

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START

END

Extended Corridor Area for A5 WTC Interface

Existing N2

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