

N4 Mullingar to Longford (Roosky)

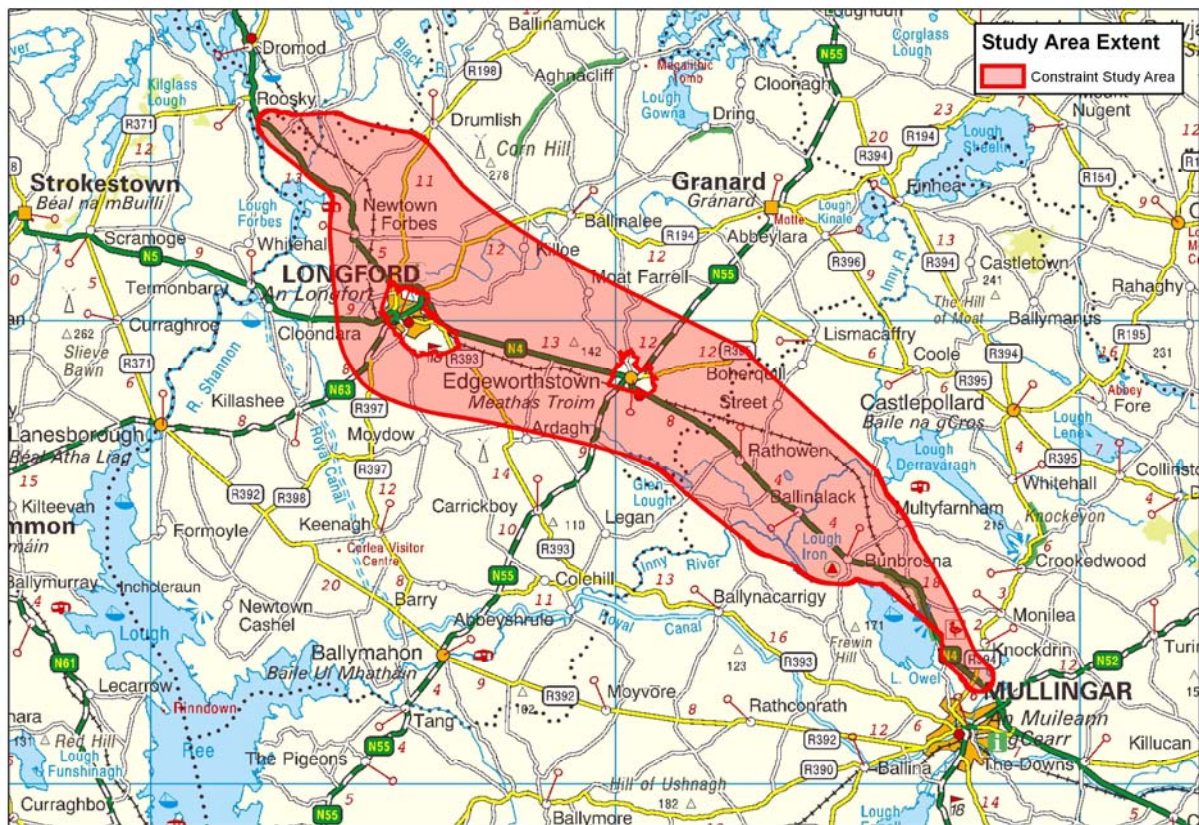
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Westmeath County Council, in partnership with Longford County Council and in association with the National Roads Authority, are promoting a scheme to upgrade approximately 40km of the N4 National Primary Road between Mullingar and Tomiskey, County Longford. This proposed road will link the N4 Mullingar Bypass to the N4 Dromod-Roosky Scheme.

To assist in the project, Westmeath County Council has appointed Hyder Tobin Consultants as consultant engineers to the project.

The project is currently at the preliminary stage, with work focusing on the Constraints Studies and initial public consultations.

The study area is shown below



The purpose of the Constraints Study is to gather/collect all available data on major engineering and environmental constraints within the broad study area. Data collection for the Constraints Study has begun. Traffic surveys within the study area will be commissioned shortly. It is anticipated that the Constraints Study Report will be available in Spring/Summer 2008.

Once the Constraints Study is complete, the Route Selection Study can commence. Possible route corridors within the study area will be identified and brought forward for public comment at a second public consultation in late 2008. Following input from the public, government bodies, environmental specialists and key stakeholders an emerging preferred route corridor will be selected. The emerging preferred route will be placed on display in late 2008/early 2009.

The Preliminary Design will then be developed and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will assess the likely significant impacts of the preferred route on the environment. It is intended that the Environmental Impact Statement and completed Compulsory Purchase Order documentation will be complete by late 2009/early 2010.