



## R392 Forgney Realignment

### R392 Public Consultation – Route Corridor Options

12th February to 1st April 2021

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### How is COVID-19 affecting this consultation?

For this Public Consultation (Route Corridor Options), an information brochure and questionnaire has been distributed to residents and landowners throughout the study area and is also available for download on the LCC website. The R392 project team is available to answer any questions and provide information to assist you with your submission.

In compliance with current COVID-19 measures, and to provide access to project information in a safe environment, online meetings will be facilitated within the period between February 12<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. If you would like to arrange an online consultation with a member of the project team, please contact us by phone or email to book/arrange an online meeting.

The project team can be contacted during office hours at (043) 3343341 (Weekdays 9am-5pm) and at [ROADS@longfordcoco.ie](mailto:ROADS@longfordcoco.ie)

*Should the current COVID-19 restrictions be eased during the course of the public consultation period, it may be possible to facilitate 'in-person' meetings, by appointment only, at a suitable venue. Strict adherence to COVID-19 guidelines will apply, in order to safeguard the health and safety of the public and staff. Should this be possible, further information will be published on this website.*

### What are the Next Steps?

Feedback received during this public consultation will be considered by the project team as part of the Option Selection phase. The next stage will involve a detailed assessment of all four Route Corridor Options under the following criteria:

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

The Option Selection Phase will identify an Emerging Preferred Route Corridor which will then be displayed at a future Public Consultation.

## How can I provide my views on the route corridor options?

The project team welcomes feedback on any issues or information, relating to the corridors, which you think should be considered by the engineers and environmental consultants in identifying an Emerging Preferred Route.

Once you have viewed the scheme information including the route corridor map, you are invited to complete the consultation questionnaire and return it:

- **Email:** ROADS@longfordcoco.ie
- **Post:** R392 Forgney Project Team, Road Design Office, Longford County Council, Great Water Street, Longford, N39 NH56

All feedback should be returned to the Project Team *by Thursday 1st April 2021*.

## How will my feedback be used?

Feedback and submissions received through this consultation will be considered by the project team in the Option Selection Phase.

## What process was used to identify the Route Corridor Options?

As part of Phase 1 Concept & Feasibility, a broad project study area was identified within which the proposed road or alternative could feasibly be located.

As part of the Option Selection phase, a walkover survey was carried out within the study area during 2020 to enable a general understanding of the topography and terrain. The development of Stage 1 Preliminary Route Corridor Options has progressed during this period with the project team examining engineering, environmental and economic factors.

Four feasible route corridor options have now been identified for the R392 Forgney Realignment scheme as shown on the route corridor options map.

## My property is located within a Route Corridor Option. How will this project impact my landholding?

The project is currently at the 'Public Consultation Preliminary Route Option Stage' in accordance with the TII Project Management Guidelines. Landowners whose properties are located within the route corridor options are encouraged to engage with the project team.

It is important to note that the route corridor map options at this early stage of public consultation do not represent the actual width of the road scheme or the lands to be acquired – the corridors are route options within which a road scheme could feasibly be developed.

The project team will make every effort to minimise the impact of this improvement scheme on private landholdings. Where it is necessary to acquire lands to accommodate the improvements, the project team will be liaising directly with impacted landowners.

It should be noted that the boundary of a route corridor may be subject to change as the project develops to address any new or previously unidentified constraints emerging during the design process.

## When will an Emerging Preferred Route be identified?

Based on the current project programme, it is anticipated that an Emerging Preferred Route will be identified in the first half of 2021 and will be subject to further consultation. The project team will be contacting all impacted landowners and liaising directly with them.

## **How will the project affect planning applications within the corridors?**

Longford County Council has the responsibility for planning and managing development within its county. New planning applications within the study area may have an impact on the delivery of this project.

All relevant planning applications will be reviewed by the Project Team. Each application will be considered on a case by case basis. Some planning applications may affect the Route Options and as such may be considered premature until the project is further developed. Other Planning applications not impacting on the project/ Route Options will not be affected by the Project.

## **How likely is the scheme to be built?**

The advancement of this scheme is subject to ongoing funding and statutory approvals.

The upgrade of the R392 is required to address the sub-standard section of road and improve the road consistency and road safety performance of the R392. This objective is supported by EU, national and regional policies including the National Planning Framework, the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, the Regional Planning Guidelines and the Longford County Development Plan.