**PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

This is the second non-statutory public consultation. The Project Team is seeking your feedback on the Route Corridor Options.

The Route Corridor Options map and the questionnaire which accompanies this brochure, and all the relevant scheme information can also be accessed or downloaded from the project webpage on www.leitrimcoco.ie.

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION ROADMAP**

- **Public Consultation 1**
  - Study Area & Constraints

- **Public Consultation 2**
  - Preliminary Route Options

- **Option Selection**

- **Public Consultation 3**
  - Emerging Preferred Option

- **Preliminary Design & Environmental Evaluation**

- **Statutory Process (subject to approval)**

- **Detailed Design, Procurement & Construction**

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

See the project webpage at www.leitrimcoco.ie or email/mail the Project Team:

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**HAVE YOUR SAY**

We welcome your feedback on any issues or information, relating to the corridors, which you think should be considered by the project team in selecting a preferred route corridor.

**Questionnaire:** Once you have reviewed the project information and Route Corridor Options map, please complete and return the consultation questionnaire to the Project Team by Friday 18th December 2020 by:

- **Email:** n16munakill@rpsgroup.com
- **Post:** N16 Munakill Project Team, RPS Consulting Engineers, 7 Beulah Building, Finisklin Road, Sligo, F91 AOH9

**Meet with the Project Team:** The N16 Project Team (Leitrim County Council and RPS) is available to answer any questions and provide information to assist you with your submission.

The Project Team can be contacted during office hours at 071 9138909 (Weekdays 9am-5pm) and at n16munakill@rpsgroup.com.

If you would like to arrange an online consultation meeting with a member of the Project Team, please contact us by phone or email to book an appointment. Online meetings (via MS Teams or Zoom) will be facilitated between November 23rd and December 4th 2020.

(Should COVID-19 restrictions be eased during the public consultation period, it may be possible to facilitate ‘in-person’ meetings, by appointment only, at a suitable venue).
Leitrim County Council is working in partnership with the Westmeath National Roads Office and in association with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, to develop a realignment scheme along a section of the N16 at Munakill.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION & NEED**

The N16 Munakill scheme is located 4km east of Manorhamilton and forms part of the N16 National Primary route which is a strategic east-west transport corridor.

The purpose of the realignment scheme is to improve this approx. 2.7km stretch of the N16 and to address its various issues such as poor horizontal and vertical alignment, its unforgiving roadsides, the absence of hard-strips or other facilities for vulnerable road users, and the numerous direct accesses and entrances, many of which have poor visibility.

The proposed scheme will bring this approx. 2.7km section into line with modern standards. The scheme will tie-in to the previously improved sections including the Kilmakerril / Cornacloy section (to the east). This will result in a combined improved length of approx. 8km of national primary road through County Leitrim, and bring consistency, efficiency and improved road safety.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW**

The first public consultation on the 'Study Area and Constraints' took place in May/June 2020. The ‘Option Selection’ Phase is now underway. It is being undertaken in accordance with TII’s ‘Project Management Guidelines’.

**Option Selection Phase - Stage 1:**

Stage 1 of the Option Selection Phase considered the identified constraints and the feedback received through the first public consultation to develop a range of feasible route options within the Study Area. These initial options have been assessed under three criteria: Engineering, Environment and Economy, and three Route Corridor Options have been shortlisted to proceed to Stage 2 of the Options Selection process. These are now referred to as the ‘Route Corridor Options’. The three options are shown on the map above.

The Route Corridor Options shown do not represent the actual width of the road scheme or the lands to be acquired – each corridor indicates the lands within which a road scheme could be developed. However 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.

The Design Team would like to hear your views on the three Route Corridor Options to inform the design of the project. For details on how to give your views, please see ‘HAVE YOUR SAY’ overleaf.

**NEXT STEPS**

**Option Selection Phase - Stage 2:**

Feedback and submissions received through this public consultation will be considered by the Project Team in Stage 2 of the Option Selection Phase. This stage will involve a detailed assessment of all three Route Corridor Options under the following criteria: Economy, Safety, Environment, Accessibility and Social Inclusion, Integration, Physical Activity.

Stage 2 of the Option Selection Phase will identify an ‘Emerging Preferred Route’ corridor which will then be displayed at a future Public Consultation. As indicated in the Public Consultation Roadmap on the rear of this brochure this is expected to take place in early 2021. Updates, news and details of future public consultations will be published on www.leitrimcoco.ie. Public consultations will also be advertised in the local press and on social media.