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# 1. Introduction

Leitrim County Council, in partnership with Sligo County Council, Cavan County Council and Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, under the auspices of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and Department for Infrastructure (DfI) are developing the Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway.

The Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway project (the Greenway) is to provide a Greenway from Carraroe, County Sligo to Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, passing through Collooney, Ballintogher, Dromahair, Manorhamilton, Glenfarne, Blacklion, Belcoo and Letterbreen on the way.

Arup (herein referred to as the Project Team) have been appointed by Leitrim County Council to provide multi-disciplinary engineering and other specialist consultancy services, consisting of all services and deliverables for the delivery of this project through Phases 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (detailed design and tender documents only) for the Greenway.

The Greenway will be developed in accordance with the Department of Transport's *Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways* and *Code of Best Practice for National and Regional Greenways* (CBPN&RG) and delivered in line with TII Project Management Guidelines. TII's Project Management Guidelines (specifically *PE-PMG-02047*), state that consultation is required with the public at key stages. The purpose of these consultations is to engage the public in the project delivery process, inform the public of the statutory process and the likely timescales, seek the public's cooperation and understanding of the project and to capture local knowledge as part of the process of developing a solution.

This report has been prepared to document the findings of the non-statutory Public Consultation No. 2 on the Corridor Options Selection.

## 2. The Public Consultation Process

### 2.1 Aims

The aims of this public consultation were:

- To inform members of the public and other interested parties of the Corridor Options that have been developed as part of this phase and to explain the methodology and approach to the Options Selection process.
- To inform individual landowners who could be potentially impacted by one or more of the Corridor Options and inform them that the service of an Independent Agronomist is available to discuss concerns and to provide an impartial opinion on proposals.
- To provide an opportunity for members of the public and other interested parties to engage with the process and to share with the Project Team any relevant supporting information or additional constraints or opportunities that should be considered in the assessment of the Corridor Options.
- To continue to develop relationships with communities and key stakeholders and to facilitate information sharing for this and future phases of the project.
- To encourage members of the public to engage directly with the Project Team.

### 2.2 Options Selection

Upon receiving TII approval to progress from Phase 1 (Concept and Feasibility) to Phase 2 (Options Selection) in July 2023 the project team began to assess.

Prior to their presentation to the public as part of the project's second public consultation each of the Corridor Options identified in Phase 1 were assessed in greater detail to confirm that a Greenway route could be developed within each of the proposed corridors.

The assessment included a more detailed review of the constraints and opportunities identified during Phase 1 (Concept and Feasibility) as well as a high-level geometric exercise to generate an indicative route within each of the Option Corridors.

This led to total number of Corridor Options reducing from five end-to-end corridor options at the end of Phase 1 to three end-to-end corridor options (Green, Orange & Cyan) with three alternative corridor options (Yellow, Magenta & Blue) offering alternative routes to the end-to-end corridor options between different nodes within the Study Area.

The proposed Corridor Options were displayed to the public at the second non-statutory public consultation on 'Options Selection' which took place from 23 October 2023 to 24 November 2023.

The purpose of this public consultation was to inform the public of the Corridor Options that have been developed as part of this phase of the project along with the key constraints identified to date and the programme for advancement for the project. Public consultation forms an important part of advancing the design process towards the development of route options and allows the public to identify key constraints and opportunities.

The Corridor Options and constraints data was presented by way of an interactive map which can be found at <https://slncr-greenway.com/interactive-map/>.

## **2.3 Public Consultation**

To achieve the aims of the public consultation, information on the Option Corridors were presented to the public in person, online and in writing. The public were also notified of the public consultation Period and Consultation events through advertisement on different forms of media, including the project website, the Irish governments consultation site, print, broadcast, and social media.

### **2.3.1 Government Notice**

The consultation was formally advertised on the gov.ie website with a notice published on 23 October 2023, which included a link to the project website. The government notice can be found at:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/fea4e-sligo-leitrim-northern-counties-railway-slncr-greenway-public-consultation-no-2/>

### **2.3.2 Landowner Letters**

As part of this public consultation an exercise was completed to identify landowners who are potentially impacted by one or more of the proposed Corridor Options. Landowner data was sourced from the Land and Property Service (Northern Ireland) in June 2023 and the Property Registration Authority (Ireland) in March 2023.

In advance of the consultation period commencing, a total of 3183 letters were issued between 18 October 2023 and 19 October 2023 informing potentially impacted landowners about the project and inviting them to attend one of the three in-person consultation events. A copy of the letter is contained within Appendix A.

Following a meeting with Councillors held online on the 19 October 2023 it was decided that an additional in-person consultation event would be held in Enniskillen to encourage greater engagement with residents in the area and to increase the project's profile in Enniskillen. To advertise this event an additional 544 letters were sent to residents and landowners within Fermanagh and Omagh on 26 October 2023 to inform them of the additional in-person consultation event being held.

This second round of letters also acted as opportunity to address an administrative error around insufficient postage on a number of the original letters dated 18 October 2023. The project team were advised that some landowners in Fermanagh had received a slip from the Post Office advising them that their letter was available for release from their local post office.

To allow additional time for feedback following the Enniskillen consultation event the public consultation period was extended by a week to end on 24 November 2023.

### 2.3.3 Local Councillor Meeting

Local Councillors within the municipal district of the SLNCR Greenway Study Area were invited to attend a Teams meeting with the Project Team on 19 October 2023. This meeting was intended to inform the Councillors of the process used by the Project Team to develop the Corridor Options and to answer any queries they may have in advance of the public consultation period. A total of 16 Councillors attended the meeting.

### 2.3.4 Online – Project Website

A project website under the domain address of <https://sln-cr-greenway.com> was launched prior to the commencement of the Public Consultation No.1 on the 16 January 2023.

The site will be active for the duration of the project and will be update regularly as the project progresses. The site was updated prior to Public Consultation No.2 going live on the 23 October 2023.

The website displays information regarding the background and objectives of the project with information regarding the in-person Phase 2 public consultation events. Additionally, the website displays the Corridor Options maps and an interactive map in which the public can view the Corridor Options in a greater level of detail. The digital feedback form where the public can make submissions is also available.

### Project Website Analytics

During the public consultation period, a total of 1,816 users (unique IP addresses) visited the website. Between Monday 23 October 2023 and Friday 24 November 2023 the website was visited a total of 4,027 times. Each of these figures represents a greater than threefold increase from the first public consultation period.

The unique visits figure refers to the number of individuals who viewed the website. One user can view the website multiple times so there will never be more users than site visits.

Figure 1 below shows the dispersion of website traffic for each day of the consultation period with total users (unique visits) highlighted in purple and total visits highlighted in red.

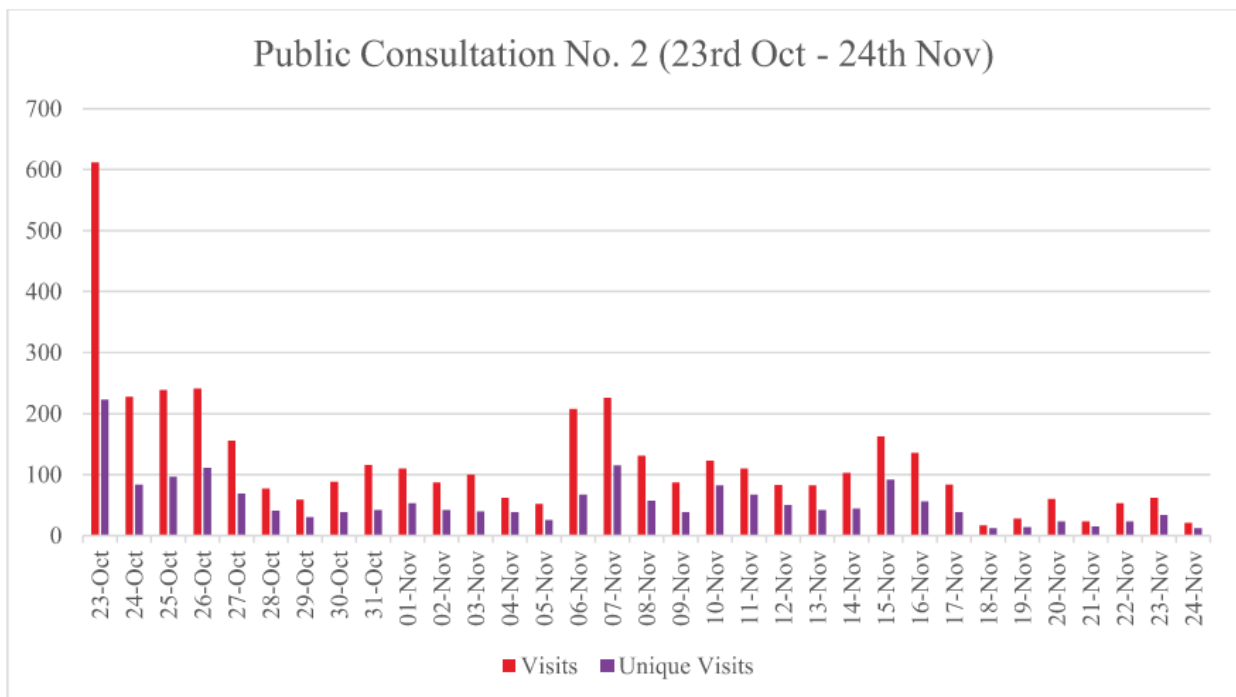


Figure 1 Public Consultation website users and visits

Figure 2 below outlines the total number of visits and unique visits to the SLNCR Greenway website between 23 October 2023 and 24 November 2023, with the greatest number of visits in the first week of the consultation period demonstrating the effectiveness of digital and written press advertisements prior to the consultation opening.

The next spike in website traffic occurred immediately prior to and on the days of the public consultation events, presumably with people preparing to attend these events.

Date	Visits	Unique Visits
23-Oct	612	223
24-Oct	228	84
25-Oct	239	96
26-Oct	241	111
27-Oct	156	69
28-Oct	77	41
29-Oct	59	30
30-Oct	88	39
31-Oct	116	42
01-Nov	110	53
02-Nov	87	42
03-Nov	100	40
04-Nov	62	38
05-Nov	52	26
06-Nov	208	67
07-Nov	226	115
08-Nov	131	57
09-Nov	87	39
10-Nov	123	82
11-Nov	110	67
12-Nov	83	50
13-Nov	82	42
14-Nov	103	44
15-Nov	163	92
16-Nov	136	56
17-Nov	84	38
18-Nov	17	12
19-Nov	28	14
20-Nov	60	23
21-Nov	23	15
22-Nov	53	23
23-Nov	62	34
24-Nov	21	12

**Figure 2 Number of website visits and unique visits from 23<sup>rd</sup> October – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Figure 2 below gives an overview of the individual page visits and hits to external links from 23 October 2023 to 24 November 2023.

Greater than 1 in 3 website visitors navigated to the Interactive Map, compared to just over 1 in 10 visits navigating to the Paper Map section. This would indicate that such a resource is a beneficial tool during a consultation period when compared to the more traditional drawing / mapping method of presenting information.

During this consultation event a banner was added to the home page of the website directing visitors to the Public Consultation No.2 tab of the website for further information on the second public consultation. This may have contributed to a higher proportion of visitors to this tab (circa. 43% of the total number of visitors to the home page) when compared to Public Consultation No.1 (circa. 10% of the total number of visitors to the home page). As result the Project Team intend to reuse this approach in the future to direct visitors to relevant areas of project website.

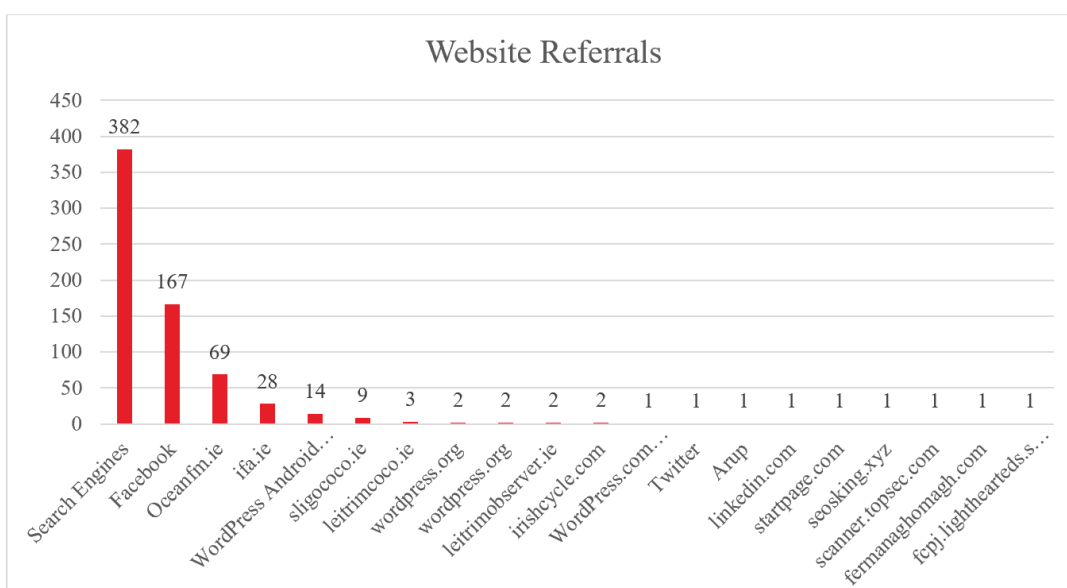
Website Content	Total	URL
Home	1787	<a href="#">Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway (slncr-greenway.com)</a>
Public Consultation No.2	760	<a href="#">Public Consultation No. 2 – Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway (slncr-greenway.com)</a>
Interactive Map	687	<a href="#">Interactive Map – Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway (slncr-greenway.com)</a>
Paper Map	206	<a href="#">Paper Map – Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway (slncr-greenway.com)</a>
Contact Us	170	<a href="#">Contact Us – Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway (slncr-greenway.com)</a>
FAQ's	130	<a href="#">FAQ's – Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway (slncr-greenway.com)</a>
Phase 2	101	<a href="#">Phase 2 – Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway (slncr-greenway.com)</a>
Public Consultation No.1	64	<a href="#">Public Consultation No. 1 – Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway (slncr-greenway.com)</a>
Accessibility Statement	56	<a href="#">Accessibility Statement – Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway (slncr-greenway.com)</a>
Phase 1	32	<a href="#">Phase 1 – Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway (slncr-greenway.com)</a>
Privacy Statement	29	<a href="#">Privacy Statement – Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway (slncr-greenway.com)</a>

**Figure 3 Number of visits to individual website pages**

Figure 4 below displays the number of visitors to the project website via the various search engines, third party websites and social media platforms. In a similar pattern to that observed in Public Consultation No.1, Search Engines & Facebook remain as the chief means of referrals to project website beyond direct visitor access (i.e. typing [www.slncr-greenway.com](http://www.slncr-greenway.com) into their web browser).

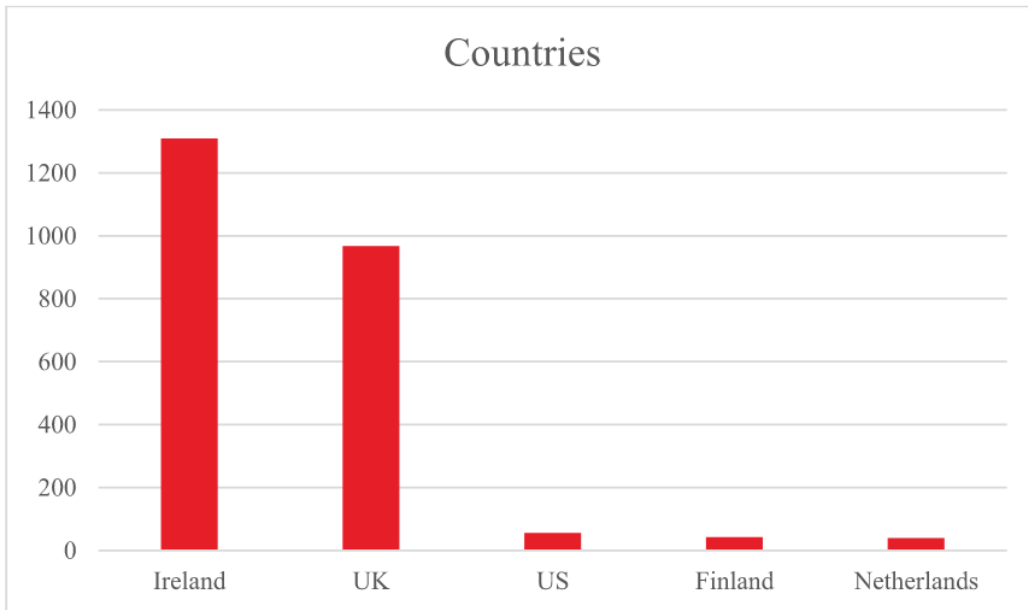
The appearance of OceanFM.ie on this list indicates that the various web articles and radio pieces ran by the station assisted in bringing people’s attention to the presence of the project website which demonstrates the benefit of engaging with this type of media.

Curiously these figures would indicate that posts on social media platforms such as Twitter and LinkedIn generate negligible website traffic.



**Figure 4 Third Party referrals to [www.slncr-greenway.com](http://www.slncr-greenway.com)**

Figure 5 Figure 4 displays the top 5 countries in the world where the website was accessed from during this period. Website traffic from Ireland and the UK still make up the vast majority of visitors to the site however the number of international visitors outside these two jurisdictions fell significantly when compared to Public Consultation No.1 where there were over 270 combined visits from web users in Finland, the Netherlands and Austria.



**Figure 5 Top five countries of origin for project website visitors**

### 2.3.5 Online – Social Media

Leitrim County Council, Sligo County Council, Cavan County Council and Fermanagh & Omagh District Council (F&ODC) shared information about the public consultation period on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Leitrim and Sligo County Council published posts in both Irish and English.

The number and dates of social media posts from each council is shown in Table 1 below. Copies of the social media posts are contained in Appendix B1.

Council	Dates of Posts	
	Twitter	Facebook / Instagram
<b>Leitrim County Council</b>	23 October 2023 02 November 2023	23 October 2023 06 November 2023 07 November 2023 (x2) 08 November 2023 13 November 2023
<b>Sligo County Council</b>	22 November 2023	23 October 2023 27 October 2023 01 November 2023 05 November 2023 09 November 2023 13 November 2023 17 November 2023 23 November 2023
<b>F&amp;ODC</b>	20 October 2023 30 October 2023 07 November 2023 14 November 2023	20 October 2023 07 November 2023 14 November 2023

**Table 1 Dates of Social Media Posts**

A total of twenty-four social media posts were put out from the council social media accounts. As discussed above the impact of the seven Twitter posts appears to have been limited as they generated only one direct referral to the project website.

### 2.3.6 Printed Media – Newspapers

Advertisements were placed in the following newspapers before and during the public consultation period:

- *Fermanagh Herald* - 18 October 2023 and 1 November 2023
- *Impartial Reporter* - 19 October 2023
- *Leitrim Observer* - 24 October 2023, 25 October 2023 and 01 November 2023
- *Sligo Champion* - 18 October 2023 and 01 November 2023
- *Sligo Weekender* - 19 October 2023

A further advertisement was released in the *Fermanagh Herald* on 08 November 2023, the *Impartial Reporter* on the 02 November 2023 and 09 November 2023 and the *Sligo Weekender* on 02 November 2023 to inform locals of the fourth in-person consultation event taking place in Fermanagh House.

Copies of the newspaper advertisements are contained in Appendix B2.

### 2.3.7 Broadcast Media – Radio

A radio interview was held on *Ocean FM* with Councillor Marie Casserly on 10 August 2023 where the public were informed that the project had been approved to move on to Phase 2. Landowners and other members of the public were also thanked for attending the public consultation events and for providing detailed submissions.

Councillor Marie Casserly encouraged landowners and other members of the public to continue to engage and have their say during the in Phase 2 Options Selection consultation period.

A further radio interview was held on Ocean FM with Councillor Marie Casserly on 03 November 2023 where more details of the public consultation events were provided. The public were encouraged again to share their views on the project.

Please refer to Section 3.3 for further information relating to OceanFM broadcasts where the SLCNR Greenway was discussed.

### 2.3.8 Brochure and Feedback Form

A colour brochure was prepared to provide readers a brief introduction to the project. The brochure documented previous work carried out, highlighted the project specific need, outlined how the project will be progressed and presented an indicative project timeline. The brochure also included a plan of the Study Area with the proposed Phase 2 Corridor Options.

The brochure contained details of the in-person public consultation events and invited readers to submit their views via a variety of different mediums (e.g. post, email and/or the project website.)

The brochure and feedback form were made available to the public via the project website at <https://slncr-greenway.com/public-consultation-no-2/>, by request via email to [slncr-greenway@arup.com](mailto:slncr-greenway@arup.com) and/or collection at one of the following locations:

- **Leitrim County Council** - Manorhamilton Branch Library, Main Street, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim, F91 C862
- **Sligo County Council** - County Hall, Riverside, Co. Sligo, F91 Y763
- **Cavan County Council** - Cavan Courthouse, Farnham St Abbeyland, Co. Cavan, H12 R6V2
- **Fermanagh and Omagh District Council** - County Buildings, 15 East Bridge Street, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, BT74 7BW

Additionally, hardcopies of the brochure and feedback form were available at each of the public consultation events. Feedback forms were accepted by post, email to [slncr-greenway@arup.com](mailto:slncr-greenway@arup.com), via the 'contact us' feedback page on the project website or in person during the consultation events. The closing date for submissions was the 24 November 2023. The public were given a 32-day period to submit their commentary on the corridor options.

Copies of the brochure and feedback form are included in Appendix C.

## 2.4 Public Consultation Events

During the Public Consultation Period from 23 October 2023 to 24 November 2023, four in-person events were held to allow the public to view the information banners, ask questions and provide feedback on the project. The four in-person events were as follows:

- Public Consultation Event 1: 06 November 2023, 12.00-20.00 - Sligo Park Hotel & Leisure Club, Pearse Road, F91Y762, Co. Sligo
- Public Consultation Event 2: 07 November 2023, 12.00-20.00 - Community Centre Belcoo, 68 Lattone Road, Gorteen, BT93 4EA, Co. Fermanagh
- Public Consultation Event 3: 08 November 2023, 12.00-20.00 - The Rainbow Ballroom, Brockagh Lower, Glenfarne, F91 RK54, Co. Leitrim
- Public Consultation Event 4: 16 November 2023, 12.00-20.00 - Fermanagh House, Broadmeadow Place, Enniskillen, BT74 7HR, Co. Fermanagh

The approximate total number of visitors to attend the public consultation events across the four days was 270 with the following breakdown across the three events:

- Sligo, Co. Sligo – 110 attendees
- Belcoo, Co. Fermanagh – 50 attendees
- Glenfarne, Co. Leitrim – 50 attendees
- Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh - 60 attendees

Included in Appendix C of this report are digital copies of the brochures, feedback forms and display boards used at each of the consultation events listed above.

### 2.4.1 Display Boards

Pull-up display boards were designed for the purpose of the in-person public consultation events. Eleven display boards were erected at each of the four events. Copies of the display boards and images of the consultation room set up are available in Appendix C3 and Appendix D, respectively, with their contents summarised as follows:

- Welcome Board
- Board 1 – Introduction, Project Overview and Objectives
- Board 2 – What’s Happening Now? Project Phasing & Timeline
- Board 3 – Proposed Phase 2 Corridor Options Sheet 1 of 4 – Carroroe to Dromahair (x2)
- Board 4 – Proposed Phase 2 Corridor Options Study Area Sheet 2 of 4 –Dromahair to East Barrs (x2)
- Board 5 – Proposed Phase 2 Corridor Options Study Area Sheet 3 of 4 – East Barrs to Lough MacNeane Lower (x2)
- Board 6 – Proposed Phase 2 Corridor Options Study Area Sheet 4 of 4 – Lough MacNeane Lower to Enniskillen (x2)

Boards 3 – 6, inclusive outlined the proposed Phase 2 Corridor Options via four maps on a scale of 1:50,000 @ A1. Digital copies of the Corridor Option maps are available to view on the project website at <https://slncr-greenway.com/public-consultation-no-2/>.

## 3. Feedback from Public Consultation

### 3.1 Overview

Throughout the public consultation period, formal submissions were accepted via post, feedback forms during the consultation events, the 'contact us' page on the website, and by email. A total of 147 individual submissions were received via the project website, project email and in-person submissions during the various consultation events. (Correct as of 04 December 2023).

Feedback received during the in-person consultation events was mixed. In general people were positive towards the idea of Greenway but had concerns around where the final route might be.

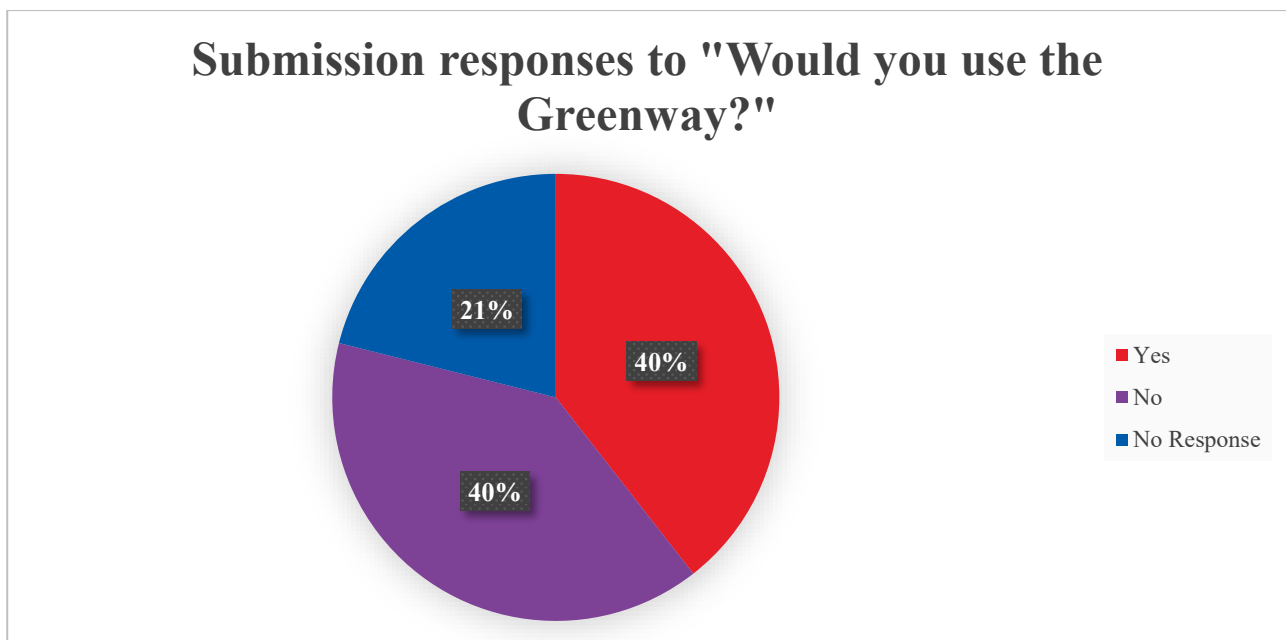
Discussions around how different corridor options could potentially impact landowners dominated discussion during in person events and typically those that were most vocal in opposition to a Greenway held concerns around the potential impact which a Greenway could have on their land / farm. The potential for severance of land and the knock-on impact that this could have on the viability/operation of a farm was the most prevalent reason for landowners within a Corridor Option having a negative opinion towards the project.

Those in favour of the project expressed opinions such as the positive impact to the local community which a Greenway could have and/or the economic benefits the project could bring to the local area. The absence of safe walking and cycling facilities outside of towns and facilities were raised as reasons for attendees to the consultation events being in favour of the project.

A sample of feedback received throughout the consultation period can be seen below in Table 2. Individual responses to many of the submissions include references to the FAQ section on the project website, which was updated following Public Consultation No.2 and it is anticipated that a response to each submission will have been made before the end January 2024.

### 3.2 Summary of Submissions

Out of the 147 submissions received, 58 responded that they would make use of the Greenway, a further 58 outlined that they would not, and 31 did not provide a response for this question. The results can be seen in Figure 6 below.



**Figure 6 Submission responses to "Would you use the Greenway?"**

Of the 58 who responded 'Yes', 14 of these were from the Fermanagh and Omagh area, 15 from Leitrim and 22 were from Sligo. The remaining 7 were from counties not directly impacted by the Greenway.

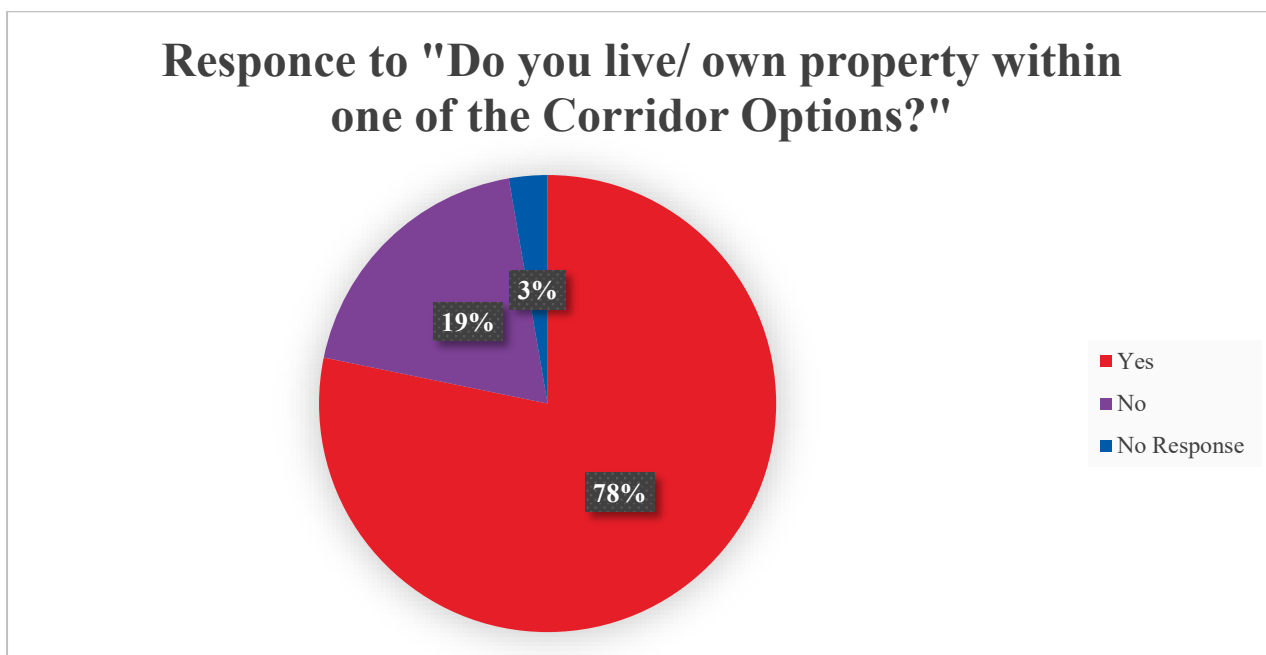
Of the 58 who responded 'No', 23 of these were from the Fermanagh and Omagh area, 3 from Leitrim and 21 from Sligo. A further 7 were from Cavan, and the remaining 4 were from counties not directly impacted by the Greenway.

This would indicate that residents within Sligo and Fermanagh who have engaged with the consultation process have the least desire for a Greenway in this area.

There were some common themes in the 'No' submissions in that this response often correlated with the submission raising concerns as to the impact a Greenway might have on a particular holding. These comments were primarily in relation to farm severance, livestock issues and impacts on property, amongst others.

A total of 51 submissions responded no to this question whilst indicating that they were someone living or owning a property within one or more of the Corridor Option.

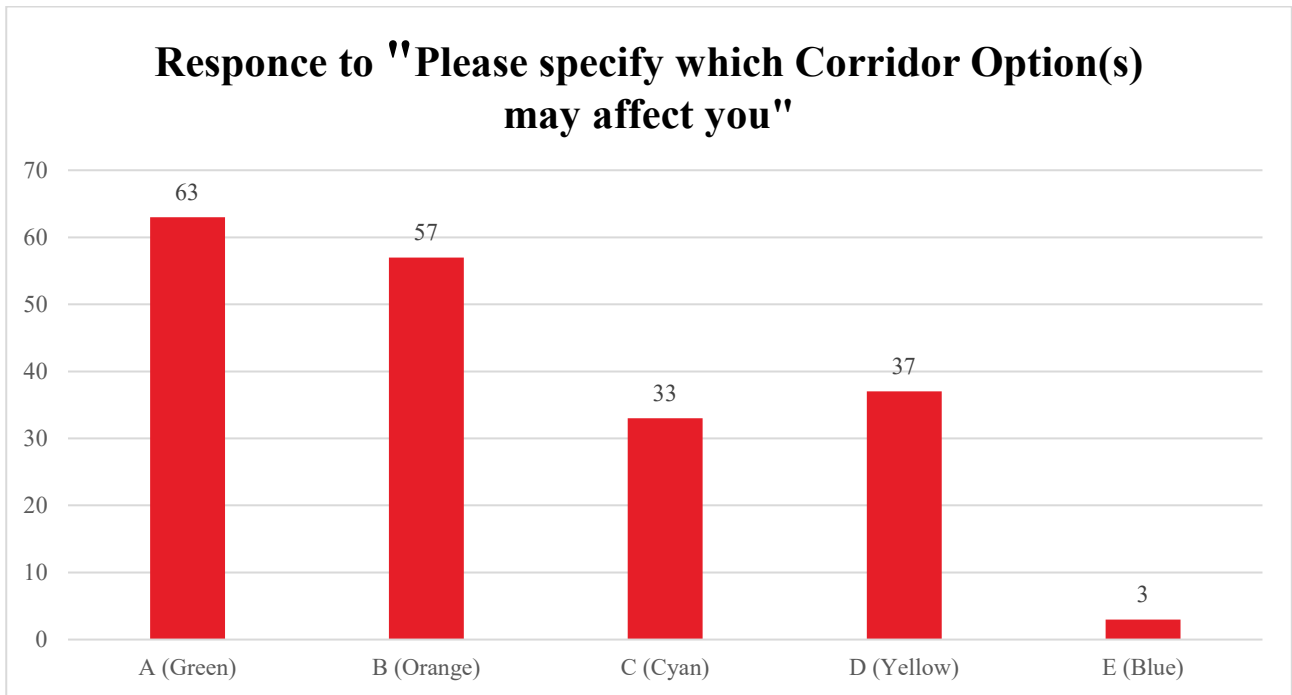
From the 147 submissions received, there were 115 submissions that identified that a person(s) lived or owned property in a Corridor Option. This shows that approximately 78% of all submissions were from people who have the potential to be directly impacted by a Corridor Option. There were 28 submissions from people who do not own property or live within a Corridor Option, and 4 submissions which did not outline if they were impacted or not. These results can be seen in Figure 7 below.



**Figure 7 Response to "Do you live / own property within one of the Corridor Options?"**

This data shows that over three quarter of submissions received during this public consultation period were from landowners who have the potential to be impacted by the Greenway. A total of 39 submissions were from people who identified as living or owning property within a Corridor Option and indicated that they would use the Greenway. Which indicates that there is support for the Greenway from some residents, despite there being potential for their property to be impacted.

The submissions can be broken down further to show which Corridor Options have been noted the most by those who answered 'Yes' to living or owning property within each. As part of the submission form there was a question asking the respondent to specify which Corridor Option(s) may affect them. Figure 8 (below) shows the number of times that each Corridor Option was selected. Please note that respondent may have the potential to be affected by one or more corridor option. As a result, there is 193 points of data, where respondents noted which Corridor Option(s) affected them.



**Figure 8 Response to "Please specify which Corridor Option(s) may affect you?"**

The Corridor Option with the most impact was *Option A – Green Corridor* (63 no.) closely followed by *Option B – Orange Corridor* (57 no.), which collectively makes up for 62% of the responses. This could be expected as both are end-to-end options.

*Option C - Cyan Corridor* (33 no. responses) and *Option D – Yellow Alternative Corridor Option* (37 no. responses) offer alternative alignments for each of these corridors and collectively makes up for 36% of the responses. Given that the total length of *Option C - Cyan Corridor* is circa. 40% of *Option A – Green Corridor* the number of people indicating that *Option C - Cyan Corridor* may affect them indicates that *Option C - Cyan Corridor* has the potential to disproportionately impact on respondents.

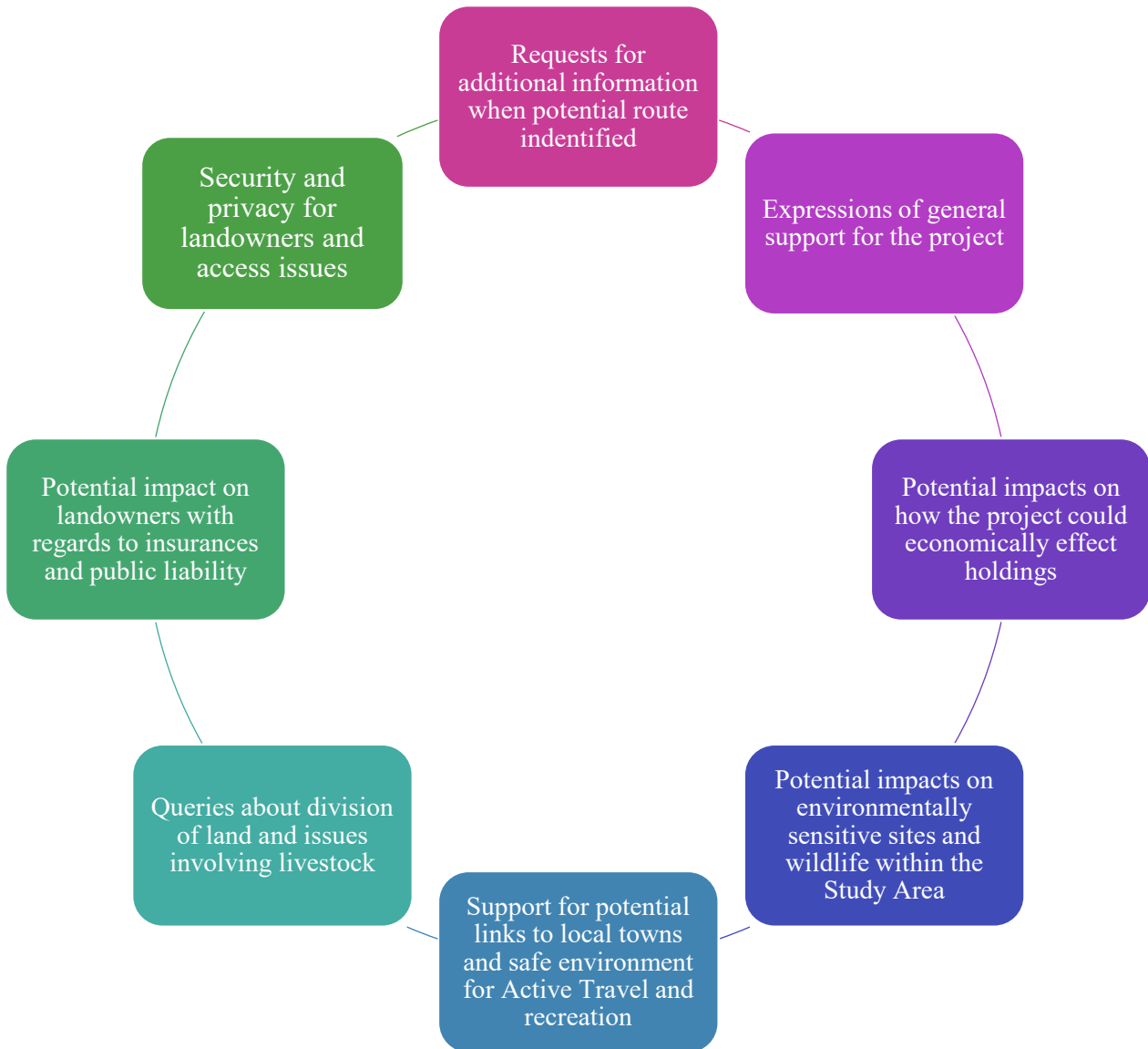
*Corridor E - Blue Corridor Access to Ballysadare* would be an Active Travel type scheme as either a link to Ballysadare or an alternative to the Green Corridor Option and accounted for circa 3no. responses.

It should be Noted that the *Option F - Magenta Corridor Option through Union Wood* aligns with existing paths within the woods which likely accounts for it not being highlighted as directly affecting and individual.

In conclusion, it is perhaps not surprising that the two end-to-end corridor options were indicated by respondents as having the greatest potential to affect landowners.

### 3.2.1 Common Themes

Figure 9 displays a thematic analysis of the submissions broadly identified the following feedback topics:



**Figure 9 Consultation Themes**

### 3.2.2 Public Consultation Submissions

Submissions received were mixed and included numerous expressions of support for the project, along with some concerns from potentially affected landowners. These concerns were wide ranging, and the vast majority would be covered using the “FAQ” section of the website.

When reviewing feedback submissions, it was noted that there were common issues that were already covered by the “FAQ” section of the website. However there were some additional questions around future planning applications and general maintenance which have now been added to this section of the project website. See Appendix F for the full list of FAQs.

Where submissions were more private in nature or relevant to the individual these will be responded to on a case-by-case basis by the local Project Liaison Officers (PLOs).

Table 4 below shows a sample of the feedback received from the consultation. The information does not provide a conclusive representation of the feedback received but has been provided to demonstrate the range of submissions received.

Submissions that contained identifiable/personal information have not been included for the purpose of maintaining the anonymity for the individual and to ensure compliance with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requirements.

Where “...” is included below (Table 2) this indicates that a passage of text has been taken from a submission.

**Table 2 Sample of Submissions Received**

Date	Summary
06/11/2023	<i>“We have land at ..., in the village. We are in favour of and would support corridor ‘A’ along the old railway line”</i>
08/11/2023	<i>“I am concerned about the impact on our farm as it runs through our land so I would be opposed to it coming through our land”</i>
08/11/2023	<i>“Both yellow and green corridors are too close to my residence, and I have objections to both for health and safety reasons”</i>
14/11/2023	<i>“I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed SLNCR Greenway, specifically the orange route, which threatens to disrupt our local farms and family homes. This objection is not made lightly, as my family and I have a deep commitment to our land, the local environment, and the native Irish wildlife that call this area home. ...”</i>
16/11/2023	<i>“We would love to see the scheme in Glenfarne. We hope it creates work for our youth.”</i>
16/11/2023	<i>“The current greenway stops outside our house, and we use it a lot, it’s been wonderful to our quality of life. ...”</i>
16/11/2023	<i>“I cycled from Belcoo to Enniskillen one evening &amp; said ‘NEVER AGAIN’. Just too dangerous. Would love to see the greenway completed before my cycling days are over. ...”</i>
16/11/2023	<i>“This area is home to many cherished animals, and I am against destruction of their ecosystems.  It would also affect some friend’s homes directly. They farm and live off their land. This would have a drastic effect on their life.”</i>
17/11/2023	<i>“This Greenway will have huge economic and local benefits to the region. First time I walked the Great Western Greenway I saw the new access that farmers had to land that they didn't have before, it is a win-win for everybody. We cannot be left behind the rest of the country any longer.”</i>

17/11/2023	<i>“I am writing to emphatically express my strong opposition to the proposed Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway that is being considered in our area. I believe that this project, in principle, is unnecessary and I wish to outline my reasons for this vehement objection, with a particular focus on how it would affect our property. ...”</i>
17/11/2023	<i>“...I think this proposed route is wonderful. As a keen cyclist, I look forward to going on a cycling trip along it. ...”</i>
21/11/2023	<i>“I want to totally support the establishment of this Greenway - Former Fermanagh resident and frequent greenway user when available. ...”</i>
21/11/2023	<i>“... I would prefer the money was invested in public transport. There is a greater need for a better public transport network which would serve a wider demographic. Improvement of the current almost non-existent bus service and reintroduction of the train is essential, especially to reduce dependency on private vehicles and therefore meet environmental targets.”</i>
21/11/2023	<i>“We express our collective objection to the proposed SLNCR Greenway route Corridor Option B through Ballintogher. The unique terrain, including sloping hard granite ground and a vital stream serving as a migratory path for eels, presents significant challenges and environmental concerns. ...”</i>

### 3.3 Newspaper Articles

In addition to formal feedback being received via the feedback form and during the in-person public consultation events, the following newspaper articles were released prior and during the consultation period:

- Article in the Leitrim observer titled *‘With the Greenway coming in five years, we need to get our act together’* (26 October 2023)
- Agriland Online article titled *‘Concerns raised over proposed Sligo Leitrim greenway route’* (13 November 2023)
- Article in the Irish Independent titled *‘Serious concerns raised by IFA over proposed Sligo/Leitrim greenway’* (14 November 2023)
- Ocean FM interview with Michael O’Dowd Chairperson of the Sligo IFA and article titled *‘Local farming reps express concerns at Sligo-Enniskillen Greenway project’* (14 November 2023)
- Ocean FM interview with Shay O’Connor, Senior Engineer Capital Projects with Leitrim County Council and article titled *‘Farmers have no need for concern over Sligo-Enniskillen Greenway insists Council official’*. This interview followed the interviews and statement released by the Chairs of the IFA.

All articles can be found in Appendix E.

In response to these articles Leitrim County Council completed a radio interview on Ocean FM clarifying some of the issues raised. The interview can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.oceanfm.ie/2023/12/04/farmers-have-no-need-for-concern-over-sligo-enniskillen-greenway-insists-council-official/>.

## 4. Conclusion

Leitrim County Council values the opinion of the community on the Project and welcomes comments from the public and interested parties. Public consultation forms an important part of the Options Selection process and allows the public to bring constraints and opportunities to the project team which will further inform the appraisal of these options.

The feedback received shows that there is a mixture of support and opposition for the project. It has reaffirmed that there is desire for the provision of safe walking and cycling infrastructure across the region whilst also highlighting landowner concerns should the preferred route impact upon their holding.

The project Public Liaison Officers are currently analysing and responding to all the feedback received as part of this public consultation and will be engaging with potentially impacted landowners throughout the planning process. The information collected will be utilised by the Project Team as part of the assessment to identify a preferred Corridor Option. There will be a further public consultation period to present the Preferred Corridor Option, where the public will again be invited to engage and provide feedback on the proposal.

# Appendix A

## Landowner Letters



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From land registry information, we have identified you as a property owner with lands which are located within one or more of the route option corridor(s) being assessed as part of the Project. There are several potential options at this time and the final selection of the Preferred Option will not be determined until Q2 2024.

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Yours sincerely,

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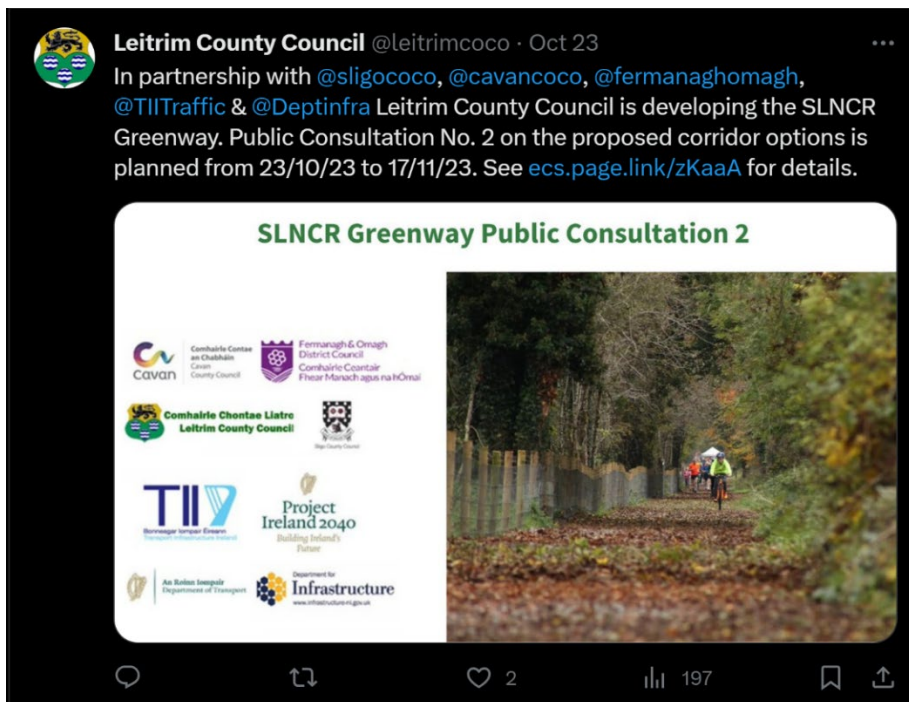
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# Appendix B

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## B.1 Social Media Advertisements



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Sligo County Council: Posting During Public Consultation – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023



Fermanagh & Omagh District Council: Posted Pre-Public Consultation – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023



Fermanagh & Omagh District Council: Posted During Public Consultation – 30<sup>th</sup> October 7<sup>th</sup> November and 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023



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23 October · 🌐



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## SLNCR Greenway Public Consultation 2



Leitrim County Council: During Public Consultation – Posted 23<sup>rd</sup> October 7<sup>th</sup> November and 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023



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6 November at 12:34 · 🌐



We are holding a public consultation event today in the [Sligo Park Hotel](#) on the SLNCR greenway - Phase 2, Options Selection. We will be here until 8pm this evening to answer any questions or deal with enquiries. The project proposes the development of a greenway from Sligo Town, through Collooney, Ballintogher, Dromahair, Manorhamilton, Glenfarne and on to Enniskillen.

Drop in and see what's proposed. [#Greenway](#) [#SLNCR](#) [#Leitrim](#) [#Sligo](#) [#Manorhamilton](#)

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Leitrim County Council: Posted During Public Consultation – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023



Leitrim County Council is at Belcoo Co. Fermanagh.

7 November at 15:55 · Enniskillen · 🌐



Today, we are holding a public consultation event on the SLNCR greenway - Phase 2, Options Selection, in Belcoo Community Centre, County Fermanagh. The project proposes the development of a greenway from Sligo Town, through Dromahair, Manorhamilton, Glenfarne, Belcoo and on to Enniskillen.

Our staff are on hand until 8pm this evening, drop in and see what's proposed and see how this greenway will benefit the region. #Greenway #SLNCR #Leitrim #Sligo #Manorhamilton #Belcoo

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Leitrim County Council: Posted During Public Consultation – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023



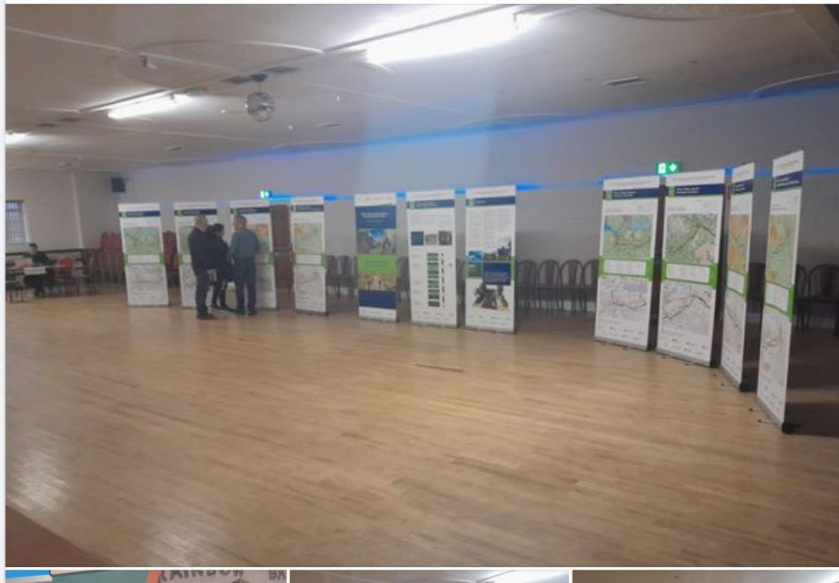
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8 November at 16:37 · 🌐



Our latest public consultation event on the SLNCR Greenway takes us to the Rainbow Ballroom of Romance Glenfarne Co. Leitrim where our team are on hand to discuss any queries members of the public may have on the proposed SLNCR greenway, which will run from Sligo, through Glenfarne and into Enniskillen. We will be here until 8pm this evening. Drop in to find out more...

#Leitrim #Glenfarne #Kiltyclogher #Manorhamilton #SLNCR #Greenway  
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Leitrim County Council: Posted During Public Consultation – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023



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Sligo County Council: Posted During Public Consultation – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 1<sup>st</sup> November 5<sup>th</sup> November 9<sup>th</sup> November 13<sup>th</sup> November 17<sup>th</sup> November and 23<sup>rd</sup> November



Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

20 October

Sligo to Enniskillen (SLNCR) Greenway - Public Consultation

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To have your say:

Public Consultation No. 2

Consultation on the proposed route corridor options

**Public Event:**

**Tuesday 07 November**

**2023 from 12noon to**

**8pm**

**Belcoo Community**

**Centre**

**Online consultation:**

**Open from Monday 23**

**October to Friday 17**

**November 2023**

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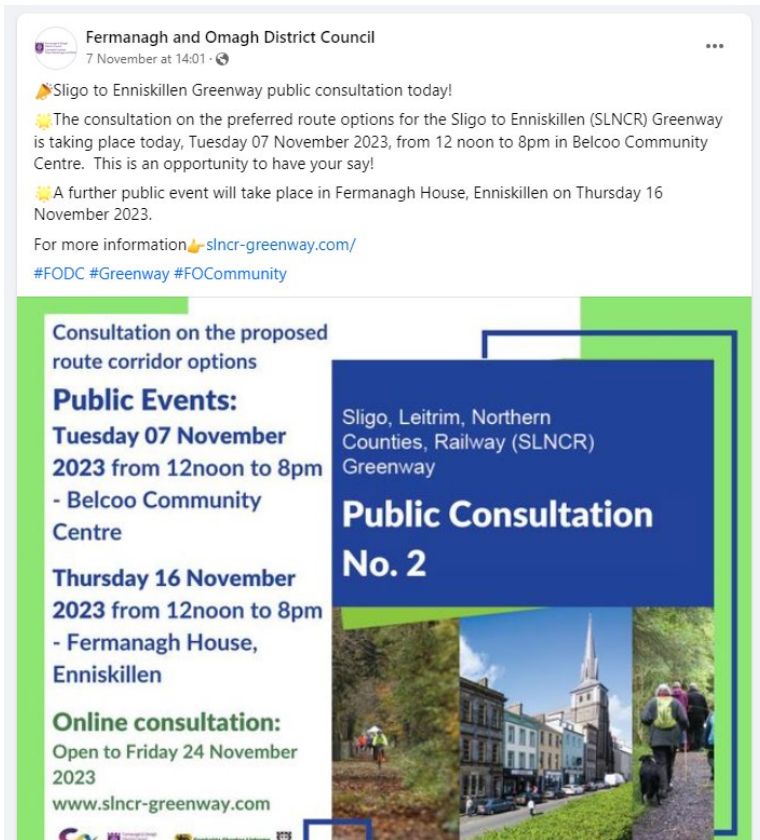
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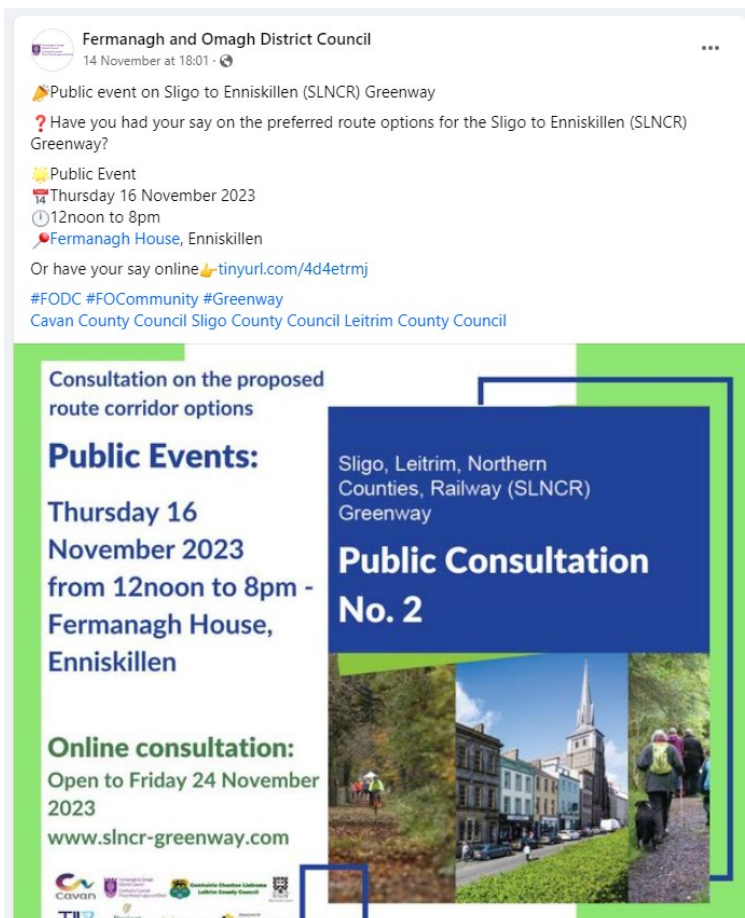
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Fermanagh & Omagh District Council: Posted Pre-Public Consultation – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023



Fermanagh & Omagh District Council: Posted During Consultation – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023



Fermanagh & Omagh District Council: Posted During Consultation – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

# B.2 Newspapers Advertisements

Fermanagh Herald – 18<sup>th</sup> October 1<sup>st</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

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**TO ADVERTISE CONTACT OUR SALES TEAM ON 028 6632 2066**

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LAJ0/2023/0551/F (Re-Advertisement)	3 Deacons Rd, Inishreevin	Change of use from office to residential accommodation with ground floor garage (Associated proposal)
LAJ0/2023/0570/D	Concession Barracks, Caberlet Rd, Enniskillen	Removal of outline planning permission LAJ0/2023/0507/D from a shared, mixed use and mixed tenure housing project in its scheme - with associated open space and landscaping
LAJ0/2023/0596/F	324 Cross Rd, Newtownstewart	Retention of mobile home (Temporary)
LAJ0/2023/0595/F	18 Coahill Rd, Brookstownagh	1 Downst Double Garage without scope cover
LAJ0/2023/0597/FM	Immaculate W of 626 and 628 Sligo Rd, Belleau	Dwelling and Garage
LAJ0/2023/0598/F	28 W 11 <sup>th</sup> of 15 Dunlop Rd, Derrinifee	Replacement dwelling & Garage
LAJ0/2023/0204/F	96 Mughaveenly Rd, Newtownstewart	Extension to dwelling
LAJ0/2023/0201/F	321 Lake St, Rosslea	Amended access to dwelling from approach L206/213661 - Dwelling

**SLIGO, LEITRIM, NORTHERN COUNTIES, RAILWAY (SLNCR) GREENWAY PHASE 2 – OPTIONS SELECTION PUBLIC CONSULTATION NO. 2**

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The development of the SLNCR Greenway will attract domestic and international visitors to come, explore and stay in the region. The surrounding areas contain attractive scenery and an opportunity for users to interact with nature whilst benefiting from outdoor activity. The SLNCR Greenway will link the Republic of Ireland to Northern Ireland, bringing communities together and promoting cross border tourism.

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LA/20/22/2241/O	30 of 32 Kinnear Rd, Lisnaska	Dwelling & Garage
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# Charity's warning as increase in children going to bed cold and hungry

by Victoria Johnston

**F**or some families in Fermanagh the cold reality is that as temperatures drop they will not be able to heat their homes and their children will be going to bed hungry and freezing.

This is the stark reality facing families in Fermanagh according to Paul Kellagher, Children's services manager with Action for Children in Enniskillen.

"What we are seeing is children going to bed hungry in cold homes. It is sadly becoming increasingly common", he said who added that being cold and the knock-on effects can have a "detrimental" impact on all children's lives.

"There has been some scientific research carried out, if you put someone in a cold chamber at 10 degrees Celsius, your blood supply to your brain reduces by 20 per cent, to put ten degrees in context, the yearly average temperature [in Fermanagh] is 13.6 degrees.

"The seven months of autumn, winter, and spring, from the start of October to the end of April, the mean average temperature is 6.4 degrees.

"If the external temperature averages between now and Easter is 6.4 degrees and you can't afford to heat your home, you can see how your home could very quickly become those temperatures."

Mr. Kellagher added: "The Department of Health in 2011 recommended that your home should be kept between 18 and 21 degrees so you can see that gap, it's not heating itself on its own.

"We have largely very old and quite poorly insulated housing stock so it is not [just] about heating in that sense, if you were heating a well-insulated box, you would heat it up much quicker than an uninsulated one."

Citing some of the effects living in a cold home can have on children, Mr. Kellagher explained: "We see an increased risk of asthma with children in cold homes,

that loss of blood supply to the brain is impacting on children's ability to learn and study and in a way that traps children in cycles of poverty.

"If you don't have good nutrition or good heat, it detrimentally impacts on your ability to learn, and your educational outcomes obviously affect your future life outcomes."

This is just one of several issues that Action for Children as a charity deals with regularly and they are trying to tackle some of these issues with a crisis fund.

"We have run a crisis fund appeal since the start of the pandemic.

"We have looked nationally at all the reasons for applications, we have analysed several thousand applications across this period.

"The highest reasons for applications are food and combined heating and electric costs.

"In Fermanagh terms, you have a high reliance on heating oil. That's what we are seeing through our family support hub and our family support services here.

"Some research done has shown that 67.5 per cent of households in Northern Ireland rely on home heating oil, that rises to about 90 per cent in Fermanagh."

Discussing how the ever-changing price of fuel on the market could impact people who are struggling to heat their homes Mr. Kellagher said: "The other issue is about your free expenditure and whether you have free sufficient finances to respond to market prices.

"If you are filling your oil tank and you're watching oil prices, you can watch for oil prices to drop pretty low and you can fill the tank.

"If you can't afford several hundred pounds at a time to fill your oil tank you are relying on smaller fills and then the problem is you're more at risk of fluctuations and having to buy at times when the market prices are very high.

"We know of situations where young people who are leaving care are having to buy 20 litres drums at the filling station type of things, which in the grand scheme of an oil burner doesn't go terribly far."

A recent survey carried out by the organisation revealed that staff are concerned about the future for families.

"95 per cent of staff we surveyed predicted family outcomes will be worse over the next six months," Mr. Kellagher said.

While fuel poverty is only one issue facing the local area, Mr. Kellagher said there is an overlap of fuel poverty, food poverty and transport poverty in some parts of the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area.

With an eye to the future, the long-term issues are causing concern.

He said: "We know that poverty is having a really detrimental impact on children and adults' mental health. The stress of the constant worry and when you translate that stress into childhood what we are doing is laying down really long term problems with children's physical and mental health."

What is it as Children's Service Manager for a local charity supporting families in the local area most worried about?

"It would be hard to quantify a single thing and say I am worried about it," he said.

Pausing, Mr. Kellagher added: "It is the long-term very detrimental impact of poverty on children's mental health, their physical health, their well-being and their future outcomes.

"At the minute, we are trying down what will be transgenerational problems."



Paul Kellagher, Children's service manager Action for Children.

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### Rise in number of sexual offences recorded by the PSNI from April to September, 2023

**N**EW data shared at October's Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) meeting showed there were 32 incidents of rape recorded by the PSNI in the Fermanagh and Omagh area in the past six months.

This is a slight decrease in the same period in 2022 (April 1 to September 30) when there were 34 incidents of rape recorded by the PSNI.

Overall, there has been a rise of 8.2 per cent in the number of sexual offences recorded, with 105 incidents recorded in the previous six months, compared to 97 incidents recorded for the same period in 2022.

Reports of stalking and harassment recorded by the PSNI have fallen by more than a quarter (26.7 per cent) in the past six months, with 195 incidents of stalking and harassment recorded by the PSNI in Fermanagh and Omagh in the period, compared to 266 such incidents for the same period in last year.

**Increase**

Data shown in the G District Commander's Report from the PSNI shows there has been a 2.7 per cent increase in victim-based crime in Fermanagh and Omagh, with 1,946 incidents recorded from April 1 to September 30.

This is up by 31 incidents compared to the same six month period last year, when there were 1,895 incidents recorded.

Crimes classified as violence against the person have recorded a 13.8 per cent fall from the same six-month period in 2022.

The previous six months in 2023 saw 877 incidents recorded, compared to 1,017 in 2022.

There have been seven incidents of death or serious injury caused by unlawful driving in the past six months, compared to nine in the same period last year.

Violence with injury incidents have seen a fall of 14.6 per cent fall in the Fermanagh and Omagh area, with 275 incidents recorded in the period, compared to 322 such incidents for the same period last year.

There has also been a fall in the number of incidents of violence without injury, falling from 430 to 400 incidents reported by the PSNI in the same six-month period over 2022 and 2023.

Finally, no homicides have been recorded in the district in these six months.

### Reported fall in domestic abuse incidents may be down to new crime counting rules

**T**HERE has been a fall in reports of domestic abuse to the PSNI in the past six months, according to the figures heard at last week's PCSP meeting.

However, PSNI analysts believe the decrease is due to changes in the way crimes are recorded.

**Analysts view**

A report provided by the PSNI to members of the PCSP at the meeting read: "This decrease in reported domestic crimes/incidents is reflected across the province with domestic motivated crime decreasing by 6.4 per cent across Northern Ireland.

"Our analysts believe that the decrease is due to changes in the Home Office Crime Counting Rules. This means that only the highest offence recorded in an incident is used for crime-counting purposes.

"For example, if an incident involves an assault and criminal damage, only the assault will be used for Home Office Counting Rules, as it is the higher offence.

"Previously it would have been counted as two crimes – assault and criminal damage.

**Committed**

"The PSNI are committed to increasing reports of domestic abuse and work is ongoing internally across various departments to address this."

Data shows a 15.2 per cent decrease in the total number of domestic related crimes; so far this financial year, in Fermanagh and Omagh, 414 incidents of domestic-related crimes have been recorded by the PSNI.

For the same period in 2022, 488 domestic-related crimes were reported.

A rolling 365-day figure also shows a decrease in domestic-related crimes, with 834 incidents recorded in the past 12 months, compared to 910 incidents in the 12 months prior – a decrease of 8.4 per cent in domestic-related crime in Fermanagh and Omagh area.

However, during the same period, there has been an increase in domestic incidents, with a 1.7 per cent increase of these crimes recorded by the PSNI.

In the past six months, there were 884 domestic incidents recorded, compared to 866 for the same six-month period in 2022.

The report also detailed the PCSP's work with both Fermanagh Women's Aid and Omagh Women's Aid and some of the work that is taking place within the community, including with local churches.

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# Appendix C

## Consultation Material

# C.1 Brochure

# C.2 Feedback Form

# Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties, Railway (SLNCR) Greenway

## Phase 2 Option Selection Public Consultation No. 2 23 October – 17 November 2023

### Feedback Form - Please tell us your views!

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# C.3 Public Consultation Display Boards



# Appendix D

## Images from Public Consultation Events





## Independent Agronomist Table



## Fermanagh House



# Appendix E

## Newspaper Articles

# Concerns raised over proposed Sligo Leitrim greenway route



*Aisling O'Brien*

November 13, 2023 2:15 pm



The Irish Farmers' Association (IFA) has highlighted "serious farmer concerns" over the proposed route of the Sligo Leitrim Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway.



The proposed greenway would link Sligo town to Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, passing through Collooney, Ballintogher, Dromahair, Manorhamilton, Glenfarne, Blackloin, Belcoo and Letterbreen.

The project is being developed by Leitrim County Council, in partnership with Sligo County Council, Cavan County Council, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.

## Greenway

The farm organisation held a recent meeting with representatives of Leitrim and Sligo county councils, along with the project consultants, ARUP.

Chair of Sligo IFA Michael O' Dowd, IFA Leitrim county Chair Liam Gilligan and Cavan IFA environment rep Seamus Dolan called for the project to maximise the use of public lands and minimise the impact on private lands.

The group said that this is in line with the government's Strategy for the Future Development of Greenways and the Greenways Code of Best Practice.

"This is clearly not the case with the proposed Sligo/Leitrim Greenway as the vast majority of the lands on the proposed routes are in private farmer ownership," they said.

■ *"This is unacceptable and extremely challenging for the landowners.*

"The IFA is requesting a re-assessment of the proposals with the objective of using State owned or State-controlled lands for the greenway project," the group added.

## IFA

The IFA said that it is opposed to any severance of farms or compulsory purchase orders (CPOs) for amenity projects like greenways.

■ *"The IFA pointed out to Leitrim County Council that the proposed routes for the Sligo/Leitrim greenway will predominantly take private lands and have the potential to sever and divide a large number of the farms and this is totally unacceptable.*



“Severance and division of farms will not work and must be reviewed by the councils,” Michael O’Dowd, Sligo IFA chair, said.

Leitrim IFA chair Liam Gilligan added that farmers use most of the land where the abandoned railway line, which forms the basis for the proposed greenway route.

“This is now part of their farm and may include houses and farmyards. Many farmers actually own the land where the railway line was,” he said.

The IFA representatives also raised concerns about privacy, safety, security, litter and anti-social behaviour.

The councils have committed to continue engaging with the IFA on the project.

The second round of public consultation on the proposed greenway is currently open until next Friday.

The IFA has encouraged farmers and landowners to outline their views, objections and concerns about the greenway in a submission.

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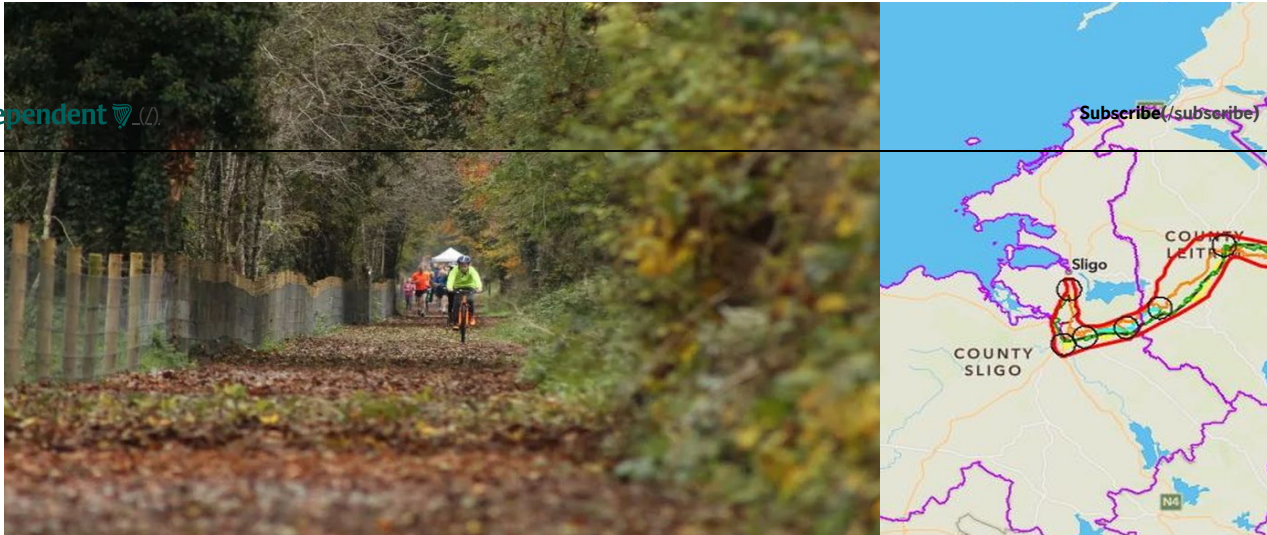
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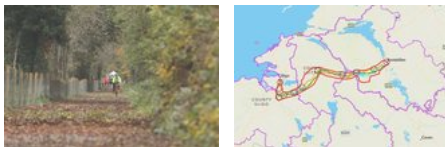
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## Serious concerns raised by IFA over proposed Sligo/Leitrim greenway



The Irish Farmers' Association (IFA) has highlighted "serious farmer concerns" over the proposed route of the Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties, Railway (SLNCR) Greenway. Photo: sln-cr-greenway



**Emma Ryan**

Today at 02:00



The IFA has highlighted the very serious objections and concerns of farmers over the proposed Sligo, Leitrim and northern counties greenway.

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In a joint statement, the Chair of Sligo IFA Michael O' Dowd, IFA Leitrim County Chair Liam Gilligan and Cavan IFA Environment representative Seamus Dolan highlighted their serious concerns about the project.

The statement said the IFA- has made it very clear that Greenway projects must maximise the use of public lands and minimise the impact of private lands, in line with the Government Strategy for the Future Development of Greenways and the Greenways Code of Best Practice.

They believe this is not the case with the proposed Sligo/Leitrim Greenway as the vast majority of the lands on the proposed routes are in private farmer ownership.

The IFA said, "This is unacceptable and extremely challenging for the landowners.

"The IFA is requesting a re-assessment of the proposals with the objective of using State owned or State-controlled lands for the Greenway project".

The IFA Sligo and Leitrim County Chairs made it very clear to the project promoters that IFA is opposed to any severance of farms or compulsory purchase orders (CPOs) for amenity projects like Greenways.

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Leitrim IFA Chair Liam Gilligan said one of the key proposals on the Greenway from the Councils is to follow the old railway route.

"However, in practice farmers now farm and use most of the land where the abandoned railway line was.

"This is now part of their farm and may include houses and farmyards.

"Many farmers actually own the land where the railway line was.

"The old abandoned railway line is long gone and this land is now active farmland, with some in private ownership, making it totally unsuitable for a Greenway," said Mr Gilligan.

Sligo IFA Chair Michael O'Dowd added, "The IFA pointed out to Leitrim County Council that the proposed routes for the Sligo/Leitrim Greenway will predominantly take private lands and have the potential to sever and divide a large number of the farms and this is totally unacceptable.

"Severance and division of farms will not work and must be reviewed by the Councils," said Mr O'Dowd.

The IFA farm leaders also raised a number of additional serious farmer concerns including privacy, safety and security, anti-social behaviour, litter, animal disease and wildlife, and environmental and other issues at the meeting with the Councils.

Representatives from Leitrim County Council updated the IFA on the project and explained that the second public consultation is currently open until next Friday.

Farmers and landowners are encouraged to outline their views, objections and concerns about the Greenway in a submission with details on the web site <https://slncr-greenway.com/>

Michael O' Dowd and Liam Gilligan said the meeting provided a good opportunity for the IFA to outline the serious concerns of farmers and also provided the project team with an in-depth understanding of the fears and concerns of farmers regarding the proposed Greenway and how it could impact very significantly on farmers and their property and businesses.

The IFA team said it was agreed that the Councils would continue to engage with the IFA on the project.



Liam Gilligan said full and proper consultation with farmers is critical and an invitation was extended to Sligo and Leitrim County Councils to attend future IFA public meetings on the project.

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The Chairs of the IFA in Counties Sligo and Leitrim have issued a joint statement expressing concerns at the aspects of the planned new Greenway project between Sligo and Enniskillen, which is being promoted by the local authorities along the route. The IFA reps insist there needs to be more engagement with farmers in relation to the possible infringement of the route on their lands

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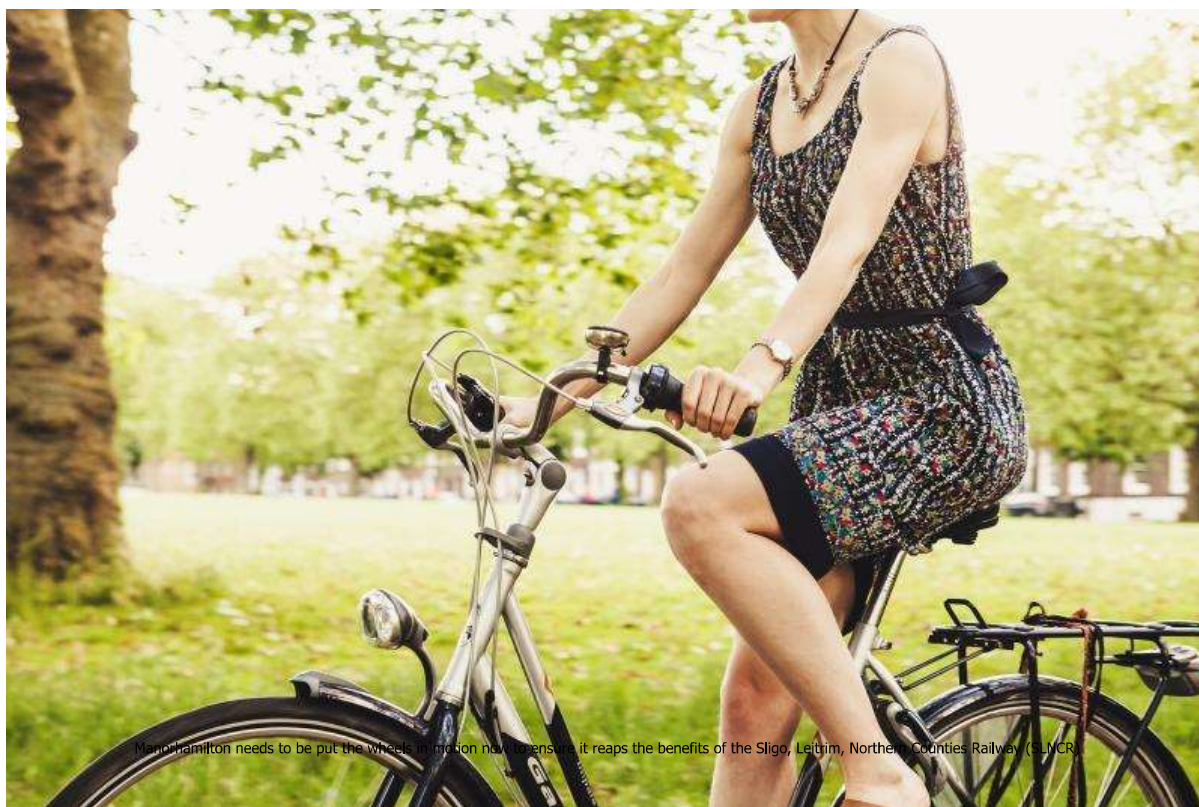
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# With the Greenway coming in five years, we need to get our act together - Gurn



Manorhamilton needs to be put the wheels in motion now to ensure it reaps the benefits of the Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR)

By **Claire Corrigan**

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Manorhamilton needs to be put the wheels in motion now to ensure it reaps the benefits of the Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) which will be completed in five years, said Cllr Felim Gurn at the latest meeting of Manorhamilton municipal district.

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Speaking to the Leitrim Observer, Cllr Gurn said: "The masterplan is to have an overall plan in order for Manorhamilton to benefit from the SLNCR.

"We have to look at where we will put accommodation; where we will put maybe apartment buildings; where we will put a hotel; where will we put pod

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In a motion, Cllr Gurn asked that Leitrim County Council develop a masterplan for Manorhamilton town particularly with the SLNCR greenway coming in 2027/28.

He added, “With the Greenway coming in five years, we need to get our act together. This is totally different than any other Greenway,” adding that they have 'spurs'.

“These are routes that mean you have to come into the town; so the greenway won't bypass the town but will be coming into it; that will be from Collooney to Ballintogher to Dromahair to Manorhamilton, Glenfarne, Blacklion to Enniskillen.

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“If we don't come up with plans for these towns and villages, the main two benefactors will be Sligo and Enniskillen because they have plenty of accommodation,” he said.

The official response said the council is “acutely aware of the importance of having a well developed Masterplan for the town of Manorhamilton in order to submit well-developed applications under the various funding streams that are currently available to support community and economic development.”

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The response continued that it is anticipated that the next round of funding for the development of Town Centre First Plans will be announced before the end of the year and an application for funding will be submitted.

“If successful, the Town Centre First plan will be developed by the local town team working alongside the Leitrim town regeneration team and will identify challenges, actions and integrated responses across a number of themes (business/commercial; community/cultural; housing; built environment; heritage).

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“The potential projects mentioned above will no doubt form a key plank of the future Manorhamilton Masterplan.”

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Farmers in Counties Sligo and Leitrim need not have any concerns over the route of the Sligo-Enniskillen Greenway impinging on their lands – that’s according to Shay O’Connor, Senior Engineer Capital Projects with Leitrim County Council. It follows a statement released by the Chairs of the IFA in both counties

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# Appendix F

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**Q1: Who is running the project?**

A1: Leitrim County Council, in partnership with Sligo County Council, Cavan County Council and Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, under the auspices of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and Department for Infrastructure (DfI) are developing the Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway. Arup have been appointed by Leitrim County Council to provide multi-disciplinary engineering and other specialist consultancy services.

**Q2: What is a Greenway?**

A2: TII defines a Greenway as “...a cycleway that caters for people walking, wheeling and cycling in a mainly recreational environment.” Where a cycleway is “...an offline public road reserved for the exclusive use of people cycling or people walking, wheeling, and cycling. All mechanically propelled vehicles, other than mechanically propelled wheelchairs and electric bikes, are prohibited from entering except for the purpose of maintenance and access.”

**Q3: The origins of the project name.**

A3: The Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway as a concept has been around for a number of years and is recognised locally. That said, Leitrim County Council have held initial discussions with Fáilte Ireland around branding and a name change is under consideration.

**Q4: Why are we not just following the line of the historic railway?**

A4: The latest design guidance and policy encourages the use of “state-owned land”, and “disused railway infrastructure” is quoted as an example. While the preferred option may end up on the line of the historic railway there are sections of the historic railway which are no longer available for use as a Greenway (eg. the N16 at Blacklion / A4 at Belcoo). We are required to formally appraise all viable alternatives as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment to ensure that the advantages and disadvantages of the various options are considered, and the emerging preferred option represents the best solution.

**Q5: How will the route of the Greenway be decided?**

A5: The Project will be developed in line with TII Project Management Guidelines Phases 1-5 and the Code of Best Practice for National and Regional Greenways (CBPN&RG). *“The emerging preferred route corridor will be identified based on the respective advantages and disadvantages of the various options, as well as consideration of the various route corridor options in relation to the scheme objectives and Five S criteria (Scenic, Sustainable, Strategic, Segregated and lots to See and do).”* [CBPN&RG]

Phase 1 Concept and Feasibility will identify an appropriate Study Area and a long list of route options. During Phase 1 the long list of options are examined in terms of their feasibility, conceptually and practically, to achieve the Project objectives as part of the Preliminary Options Assessment and some may be ruled out.

During Phase 2 Options Selection viable options will be evaluated by undertaking an appraisal of the quantifiable and non-quantifiable impacts. This appraisal will be in accordance with *Project Appraisal Guidelines Unit: 13.0 Appraisal of Active Modes* under the headings of Economy, Safety, Environmental Appraisal, Accessibility & Social Inclusion, Integration and Physical Activity. Following this appraisal, a preferred option will be identified.

**Q6: When will the landowners directly affected by the Preferred Option be contacted?**

A6: Every landowner directly affected by the Preferred Option will be contacted as part of the third Public Consultation event.

**Q7: When is the earliest timeframe that the project could be built? / When will the project be submitted for planning permission and get planning consent?**

A7: The project is currently programmed to submit simultaneous planning applications in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland in 2025. Once these planning applications are submitted, the planning authorities will dictate the project timeline and their decision date. Subject to planning approval and funding for the project to proceed it will subsequently take time to complete the detailed design and appoint a contractor. The duration for construction is currently unknown as the extents of the project are still unknown at this Phase. Therefore, the only certainty on timeframe at present is that it is expected that the submission of the planning applications will occur in 2025.

**Q8: Why is the project needed?**

A8: The need for the SLNCR Greenway is underpinned by the necessity to provide facilities which enable physical activity in a safe environment for all, by the need to connect rural communities using sustainable modes for short trips and strengthen rural economies and communities, whilst enhancing amenity and heritage.

**Q9: Why is the project starting again from a blank canvas? What has happened to the previous project?**

A9: The previous project was developed and assessed in four separate sections back in 2013 and/or 2016. A lot may have changed in those years both in terms of constraints and legislation. TII have only recently published new standards and guidelines for Greenways, and it is important to start from a blank canvas to fully understand what the issues are and what is the most optimal solution.

**Q10: Will my house be given the same level of importance as other constraints when selecting the preferred option?**

A10: Your house is an important constraint and will be considered among all the constraints.

**Q11: How do I find out about compensation?**

A11a Republic of Ireland: The Code of Best Practice for National and Regional Greenways sets out guidance around compensation, payments, etc. for landowners affected by a greenway project. The code is available from the [tii.ie](http://tii.ie) and [gov.ie](http://gov.ie) websites.

A11b Northern Ireland: At present access to privately owned lands and land purchases would be by agreement only. Initial discussions around compensation for cross border Greenway projects have been held at Department level. Any agreed approach will need to be backed by legislative measures by the Northern Ireland Executive. Updates on this topic will be communicated via the “FAQs” section of the project website and future consultation events.

**Q12: How will potential impacts on ecology and protected sites be managed?**

A12: The design team are at the very early stages in the development of a greenway in this area. The protection of the natural environment is one of the key considerations that informs the design process and even at this early stage, the various designated sites along the routes have been identified as key ecological receptors. In addition, the potential (and known) presence of several protected species has been identified in the area and these have also been identified as potential key ecological receptors. As the design and route selection process continues, a series of robust and comprehensive ecological surveys will be carried out in line with the most relevant policies and guidelines and will allow a full description and evaluation of the ecological baseline along the route of the greenway. This will inform the final selected route and the design of the greenway itself. The development will be designed to avoid ecological impacts wherever possible and to minimise and mitigate any unavoidable impacts. It will be the subject of Appropriate Assessment (or Screening) and will not proceed if the potential for adverse effects on the Conservation Objectives of any European Site (SAC or SPA) cannot be excluded in the absence of scientific doubt. Similarly, the greenway will not proceed if significant impacts on key ecological receptors cannot be avoided. However, through careful design and route selection processes, we are confident that a Greenway can be designed within the Study Area without resulting in any adverse effects on European Sites and/or significant impacts on Key Ecological Receptors.

Once the preferred option has been identified detailed ecological surveys will be undertaken and appropriate mitigation measures will be put in place.

If required an assessment of the potential for the proposed greenway to adversely affect the integrity of the SACs and potentially Special Protection Areas (SPAs) will be undertaken and presented in a Natura Impact Statement along with any mitigation that is prescribed to avoid any such effects. We note that it is reasonable and permissible to carry out development within an SAC provided that it can be clearly demonstrated that the development will not result in adverse effects on it. Should the preferred option travel through an SAC we will be required to demonstrate that any proposed development will not result in adverse effects on the SAC and will not prevent the individual Conservation Objectives for the site from achieving or maintaining favourable conservation status. If this cannot be demonstrated then this route would not be considered viable.

**Q13: Can a member of the project team be contacted by the public or their representative to ascertain if a proposed planning application will be affected by the project?**

A13: Yes, our project liaison officers will be available for the full duration of the project to answer any questions the public and interested parties may have in relation to the project. The project team will be able to advise of any potential conflicts between a proposed planning application and this project.

**Q14: Who finally decides to give planning or not?**

A14: The decision to give planning will be made by the relevant authority which will be An Bord Pleanála in the Republic of Ireland and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council in Northern Ireland.

**Q15: How will biosecurity and/or disease control be managed?**

A15: The councils will comply with all regulations relating to biosecurity and / or disease control as direct by the relevant government department, be it the Department of Agriculture in the Republic of Ireland and/or the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland.

**Q16: Will horses be allowed on a greenway?**

A16: No, horses will be prohibited. Use of the Greenway will be restricted to people walking, wheeling, and cycling.

**Q17: My property is remote. How will my security concerns be addressed?**

A17: Concerns will be discussed with individual landowners once the emerging preferred route has been identified. Where practical, the Greenway will be routed to stay away from houses and/or farm buildings. Where necessary, screening such as hedges, fences or other suitable screening will be used to provide adequate privacy. Boundary treatment will be discussed and agreed with the landowner / farmer during the landowner consultation process in Phase 3 (2024).

The Council will work closely with key stakeholders, like An Garda Síochána & the PSNI, and apply experience gained on other Greenway projects. Experience to date from other greenways around the country is that anti-social instances are infrequent, and that Greenways tend to be managed by passive surveillance of the users.

**Q18: Who will make the decision on the Preferred Option?**

A18: Leitrim County Council, in partnership with Sligo County Council, Cavan County Council and Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, under the auspices of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and Department for Infrastructure (DfI) are developing the Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway. Arup will assess all of the constraints, issues identified, and feedback received from the public consultation, and then the design team, which includes a team of environmental specialists, make a recommendation on the Preferred Option to the Steering Committee.

**Q19: What is the width of the Study Area?**

A19: The width of the Study Area varies and may increase following comments received during the first Public Consultation – Concept and Feasibility. At its narrowest the Study Area is  $\geq 3$ km. In developing the Study Area a radius of 1.5km was set around the population centres of Carraroe, Collooney, Ballygawley, Ballintogher, Dromahair, Manorhamilton, Glenfarne, Blacklion, Belcoo, Letterbreen and Enniskillen. 1.5km was selected on the basis that “*average urban commuter cycling speeds are up to 20 km/h*” which translates to a  $\leq 10$ -minute cycle to and from the greenway to the centre of each town / village. A similar principle was then applied to the areas in between these population centres with the Study Area then expanded to capture nearby opportunities and / or constraints.

**Q20: What will be the width of the preferred option corridor?**

A20: The corridor for the Preferred Option has yet to be defined. The width selected will need to provide flexibility and sufficient scope to vary the exact route of the proposed greenway to avoid constraints, allow for construction and operation of the greenway, and accommodate necessary elements such as earthworks, drainage / environmental features, boundary treatment, accommodation works and public facilities such as bins, toilet facilities, rest / picnic areas, fishing platforms, slipways, trailheads, parking areas, etc.

**Q21: What will be the width of the finished Greenway?**

A21: As the route design has not begun the width of the finished greenway is not yet known. As this will most likely be a Shared Use (2-way) facility the absolute minimum width of the finished greenway is likely to be of the order of 5-7m, excluding necessary elements such as earthworks, drainage / environmental features, boundary treatment, accommodation works and public facilities such as bins, toilet facilities, rest / picnic areas, fishing platforms, slipways, trailheads, parking areas, etc.

**Q22: Where is the design?**

A22: We are currently at Phase 1 Concept & Feasibility so there is no design at present. The design will be developed during Phase 3, after the Preferred Option has been identified.

**Q23: How will I know if my property will be affected by the route?**

A23: “*Identification of the preferred route in Phase 2 will lead to discussions taking place on a one-to-one basis with the potentially affected landowners. The project promoter will take all reasonable steps to notify each property holder likely to be affected by the preferred route in advance of official public announcements...*”

As the design progresses through Phase 3 and the landtake necessary for the construction and operation of the preferred option will be identified and those with property within the landtake will be notified.

#### **Q24: What do I do if I want to object?**

A24a Republic of Ireland: Formal objections can only be submitted after the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) are published. In the interim, please feel free to contact the project team via the online feedback form, by email to [slncr-greenway.com](mailto:slncr-greenway.com) or by post to the Arup Dublin or Belfast office with your concerns as it may be possible to mitigate issues throughout the design process.

A24b Northern Ireland: Once the planning application has been made the public have the right to comment on the Environmental Statement or to object to the project. In the interim, please feel free to contact the project team via the online feedback form, by email to [slncr-greenway.com](mailto:slncr-greenway.com) or by post to the Arup Dublin or Belfast office with your concerns as it may be possible to mitigate issues throughout the design process.

#### **Q25: How will my personal data be handled?**

A25: Our full Privacy Statement with regards to the collection and usage of personal data is available on the project website. Personal data provided to the project team is stored securely and in accordance with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requirements. The data will only be used for the purposes of the SLNCR Greenway Project. Data will not be retained for any longer than is necessary.

#### **Q26: How do I contact a member of the Project team to discuss the potential impacts on my property?**

A26: You can contact the Project Team either through the “Contact Us” page on this project website or using any of the following emails:

- [leitrim@slncr-greenway.com](mailto:leitrim@slncr-greenway.com)
- [sligo@slncr-greenway.com](mailto:sligo@slncr-greenway.com)
- [cavan@slncr-greenway.com](mailto:cavan@slncr-greenway.com)
- [fermanagh&omagh@slncr-greenway.com](mailto:fermanagh&omagh@slncr-greenway.com)

#### **Q27: What about Insurance/Indemnities?**

A27a Republic of Ireland: The Council will indemnify the landowner / farmer against all actions, claims and demands arising from the acquisition of the land for the construction and use of the Greenway. This would also be applicable for Investigation Works and Advanced Works.

A27b Northern Ireland: At present access to privately owned lands and land purchases would be by agreement only. Initial discussions around compensation, insurance/indemnities for cross border Greenway projects have been held at Department level. Any agreed approach will need to be backed by legislative measures by the Northern Ireland Executive. Updates on this topic will be communicated via the “FAQs” section of the project website and future consultation events.

#### **Q28: How will farm severance be treated?**

A28: We will seek “... to minimise severance on individual landholdings by following the perimeter of farm / existing field / property boundaries...” where practical to do so. In the event that severance to an integral part of the farm operation is unavoidable, then, an underpass or other appropriate structures / crossing or compensation in lieu will be provided by the project promoter on a case-by-case basis, in conjunction with the farmer / landowner and their Farmer Agronomist / Property Advisor.” [CBPNRG]

**Q29: What will be boundary treatment between the Greenway and my property?**

A29: *“Fencing and boundary treatment will be discussed and agreed with the landowner and provided by the project promoter. ... The type of fencing will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis with each landowner and their representative. ... Permanent fencing including crossing points, if required, will be erected / replaced with appropriate materials in each case.”*

*“Where any fences, walls, boundary treatments or hedges are damaged they will be made good and will be reinstated with similar materials at least as good as heretofore, in a timely manner. Boundary fences erected as part of the Greenway will be maintained by the project promoter, unless otherwise agreed. ...”*

*“The typical standard of boundary treatment will vary depending on land use. An example of standard fencing detail can be found here.” [CBPNRG]*

**Q30: What sort of business opportunities will the greenway bring?**

A30: The development of the SLNCR Greenway will attract domestic and international visitors to come, explore and stay in the region. It will unlock the tourism potential of the counties it traverses and will provide opportunities for the development of a local tourism-based industry in the area. New developments and alterations use will still be subject to normal planning procedures / approvals.

**Q31: What type of public facilities will be provided?**

A31: As the route design has not begun a complete list of public facilities is not yet known. The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport have published [Greenways and Cycle Routes Ancillary Infrastructure Guidelines](#) and facilities typically provided along Greenways can include bins, toilet facilities, rest areas, picnic benches, fishing platforms, slipways for canoes / kayak access to rivers, parking areas, trailheads and viewing spots.

**Q32: Could the Greenway affect future planning applications?**

A32: Each planning application is assessed by the planning authority on its own merits. In the event that a proposed development may impact upon/interact with the Greenway planning authorities will consult with the Council before reaching a decision on relevant planning applications in the same way they would for an application that may impact upon/interact with a public road and/or walkway. As a Greenway is *“an offline public road reserved for the exclusive use of people cycling or people walking, wheeling, and cycling ...”* Councils would have this in mind when providing their views on the proposed development.

**Q32: Who will be responsible for the general maintenance (fencing/hedging/littering etc.) of the Greenway?**

A33: General maintenance of the Greenway will be undertaken by the relevant Council, unless otherwise agreed.