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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 Ballysadare, 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.

In Northern Ireland the project will be developed in accordance with UK web-based '*Transport analysis guidance*' (TAG) and Department for Infrastructure (DfI) Director of Engineering Memo (DEM), 'TD 37/93 - Scheme Assessment Reporting DEM 182/20'. In the Republic of Ireland, 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. 3 on the selection of the Emerging Preferred Corridor.

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 Emerging Preferred Corridor that has 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 the Emerging Preferred Corridor 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 next Phase - Phase 3 (Design and Environmental Evaluation).
- 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 Identification of the Emerging Preferred Corridor

The Project Team received TII approval to progress from Phase 1 (Concept and Feasibility) to Phase 2 (Options Selection) in July 2023.

Public Consultation No.2 took place between 23 October 2023 to 24 November 2023. In this consultation the proposed three end-to-end Corridor Options and their alternative routes between different nodes (switches) were displayed to the public. The Project Liaison Officers (PLO) and key members of the Project Team were available to provide information on the proposed Corridor Options and enable stakeholders to provide feedback on the proposed Corridors highlighting potential constraints and opportunities that had not yet been identified.

Following this consultation, the three end-to-end Corridor Options and their Switches were subject to a two-stage assessment process to identify the Emerging Preferred Corridor. This assessment consisted of various Engineering, Environmental and Economic assessments as outlined by TII's *PE-PAG- 02036 Project Appraisal Guidelines Unit 13.0 - Appraisal of Active Modes* and the UK's web-based 'Transport analysis guidance' (TAG).

The Emerging Preferred Corridor was displayed to the public at the third non-statutory public consultation on the 'Emerging Preferred Corridor' which took place from 29 April 2025 to 3 June 2025.

The Emerging Preferred Corridor 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 Emerging Preferred Corridor was 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 Landowner Packs

As part of this public consultation an exercise was completed to identify landowners who are impacted by the Emerging Preferred Corridor. 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, approximately 1240 letters were issued to landowners within the EPC between 20 March 2025 and 27 March 2025. These letters provided background information on the project and enclosed a map/ maps that showed their property/properties in relation to the Emerging Preferred Corridor.

Each Landowner also received a Survey Notification Letter which explained the purpose, timing, and methodology of the proposed surveys. It also included a request for permission to carry out the surveys, along with contact details for the relevant Public Liaison Officer (PLO) for any follow-up queries.

A landowner specific Feedback Form was also issued as part of this pack.

All materials included in the Landowner Pack issued in March are provided in Appendix A.

2.3.2 Government Notice

The consultation was formally advertised on the gov.ie website with a notice published on 17 April 2025 which included a link to the project website. The government notice can be found at:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/leitrim-county-council/consultations/sligo-leitrim-northern-counties-railway-slncr-greenway-public-consultation-no-3-phase-2-option-selection-emerging-preferred-corridor/>

2.3.3 Online – Project Website

A project website under the domain address of <https://slncr-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 updated regularly as the project progresses. The site was updated prior to Public Consultation No.3 going live on the 29 April 2025.

The project website includes information regarding the background, project specific need and key objectives of the project. It also includes the following key information in relation to the public consultation events;

- Key details and link to Public Consultation 1 Report
- Key details and link to Public Consultation 2 Report
- Information relating to Online and In-Person events for Public Consultation 3
- Public Consultation 3 supporting information including Brochure, Feedback Form and Maps
- Interactive map which includes the Emerging Preferred Corridor and Corridor Options from Public Consultation No.2
- Online feedback form where the public can make submissions
- Frequently Asked Questions and project specific responses

2.3.4 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. To accommodate varying schedules and encourage maximum participation, two meeting slots were offered, one during the day on 28 April at 10:00 AM, and one in the evening on 29 April at 7:00 PM.

This meeting was intended to present the Emerging Preferred Corridor and to answer any queries they may have in advance of the public consultation period commencing. A total of 14 Councillors attended across both meetings.

2.3.5 Community Liaison Group

An in-person meeting was held with the Community Liaison Group which included Local Councillors, Trail group community representatives and Local Authority staff at the Ballroom, Glenfarne on Monday 28th April. At this meeting the Project Team gave an overview of the Project, presented the EPC and notified all attendees of the Public Consultation events.

2.3.6 Landowner Postcard

To ensure that landowners within the EPC were fully informed of the public consultations, an additional communication in the form of a Postcard was sent to approximately 1680 individuals. The postcard encouraged recipients to 'tell us your views' and informed them that the Consultation Period had been extended by one week to help gather as much feedback as possible. The consultation was initially scheduled to run for four weeks, concluding on 27 May. It was extended to run for five weeks and concluded on 3 June. A copy of the postcard is contained in Appendix B.

2.3.7 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 published posts in both Irish and English.

A total of 58 social media posts were put out from the council social media accounts. The dates of social media posts from each council is shown in Table 1 below. Copies of the social media posts are contained in Appendix C.

Council	Dates of Posts		
	Twitter (X)	Facebook	Instagram
Leitrim County Council	29 April 25 15 May 25 20 May 25	29 April 2025 6 May 2025 12 May 2025 15 May 2025 20 May 2025	12 May 2025 20 May 2025
Sligo County Council	29 April 25 03 May 25 06 May 25 08 May 25 12 May 25 18 May 25 21 May 25 24 May 25 26 May 25 30 May 25 01 June 25 03 June 25	24 April 2025 29 April 2025 3 May 2025 6 May 2025 8 May 2025 12 May 2025 18 May 2025 21 May 2025 24 May 2025 26 May 2025 30 May 2025 30 May 2025 1 June 2025 3 June 2025	24 April 2025 29 April 2025 3 May 2025 8 May 2025 12 May 2025 18 May 2025 21 May 2025 24 May 2025 26 May 2025 30 May 2025 1 June 2025 3 June 2025
Fermanagh & Omagh District Council	07 May 25 14 May 25 21 May 25 27 May 25 28 May 25	1 May 2025 7 May 2025 14 May 2025 21 May 2025 27 May 2025 28 May 2025	N/A

Table 1 Dates of Social Media Posts

2.3.8 Printed Media – Newspapers

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

- *Anglo Celt* - 1 May 2025 and 8 May 2025
- *Fermanagh Herald* - 30 April 2025 and 7 May 2025
- *Impartial Reporter* - 1 May 2025 and 8 May 2025
- *Leitrim Observer* - 30 April 2025 and 7 May 2025
- *Sligo Champion* - 30 April 2025 and 7 May 2025
- *Sligo Weekender* - 1 May 2025 and 8 May 2025

Copies of the newspaper advertisements are contained in Appendix D.

2.3.9 Broadcast Media – Radio

A radio interview was held on *Ocean FM* with Councillor Eddie Mitchell on 29 April 2025 where the public were informed that an Emerging Preferred Corridor had been identified. Councillor Eddie Mitchell encouraged landowners and other members of the public to continue to engage and have their say during the Emerging Preferred Corridor consultation period.

2.3.10 Brochure and Feedback Form

A colour brochure in both Irish and English was prepared to provide readers with 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 Emerging Preferred Corridor.

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-3/>, by request via email to 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
- **Leitrim County Council** - Dromahair Branch Library, Main Street, Dromahair, Co. Leitrim. F91 YF6E
- **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, via the ‘contact us’ feedback page on the project website or in person during the consultation events. The closing date for submissions was originally set for 27 May 2025. However, to allow additional time for feedback, the consultation period was extended by a week to end on 3 June 2025.

Copies of the brochures and feedback form are included in Appendix E.

2.3.11 Printed Leaflets

Printed Leaflets advertising the Public Consultation were displayed in various locations throughout the Study Area including petrol stations, shops, community centres, restaurants/hotels and public notice boards. A copy of the printed leaflet is contained in Appendix F.

2.3.12 Leitrim Cycling Festival

Leitrim Cycling Festival was held in Tullaghan from 23 May to 25 May 2025. As part of the festival programme a session titled *Cycling Across Borders* was held. During this session Leitrim County Council delivered a presentation on the SLNCR project, providing an update on the schemes progress. The presentation included the Emerging Preferred Corridor and incorporated materials from the public consultation events, such as display boards, brochures and feedback forms. The session was attended by over 30 participants from both sides of the border.

An summary of the event can be viewed at <https://www.irishcyclingcampaign.ie/cycling-across-borders-session-at-leitrim-cycling-festival/>.

2.4 Public Consultation Events

During the Public Consultation Period from 29 April 2025 to 3 June 2025, three in-person events were held to allow the public to view the information on display, ask questions and provide feedback on the project. The three in-person events were as follows:

- Public Consultation Event 1: 06 May 2025, 12.00-20.00 Sligo Park Hotel & Leisure Club, Pearse Road, F91Y762, Co. Sligo
- Public Consultation Event 2: 07 May 2025, 12.00-20.00 Dromahaire Branch Library, Main Street, Dromahair, F91 YF6E, Co. Leitrim
- Public Consultation Event 3: 08 May, 12.00-20.00 Community Centre Belcoo, 68 Lattone Road, Gorteen, BT93 4EA, Co. Fermanagh

The total number of visitors to attend the public consultation events across the three days was 179 with the following breakdown across the three events:

- Sligo, Co. Sligo – 31 attendees
- Dromahair, Co. Leitrim – 44 attendees
- Belcoo, Co Fermanagh – 102 attendees

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 three events. Copies of the display boards and images of the consultation room set up are available in Appendix G and with their contents summarised as follows:

- Welcome Board
- Board 1 – Introduction, What’s Happening Now, Project Phasing & Timeline
- Board 2 – Emerging Preferred Corridor Sheet 1 of 4 – Carroroe to Dromahair (x2)
- Board 3 – Emerging Preferred Corridor Sheet 2 of 4 –Dromahair to East Barrs (x2)
- Board 4 – Emerging Preferred Corridor Sheet 3 of 4 – East Barrs to Lough MacNea Lower (x2)
- Board 5 – Emerging Preferred Corridor Sheet 4 of 4 – Lough MacNea Lower to Enniskillen (x2)
- Historic SL&NCR Board

Boards 2 – 5, inclusive outlined the Emerging Preferred Corridor via four maps on a scale of 1:50,000 @ A1. Digital copies of the Emerging Preferred Corridor maps are available to view on the project website at <https://slncr-greenway.com/paper-map/>.

The Historic SL&NCR banner was produced in collaboration with the Headhunters Railway Museum based in Enniskillen. In addition, input was received from Charles P Friel (author of Fermanagh's Railways: A Pictorial Tribute), C. Brack and H. Casserly. Permission to use images from ‘Sligo, Leitrim & Northern Counties Railway: An Irish Railway Pictorial’ was also kindly granted by these contributors. Two copies of this banner were produced, one for the Public Consultation displays and one for the use of the Headhunters Museum.

3. Consultation with Stakeholders

Correspondence was sent to various stakeholders requesting feedback on the Emerging Preferred Corridor or requesting specific information to help progress the project. The table below outlines the stakeholders who were contacted, date of formal submission received and/or date of meeting held.

Stakeholder	Formal Submission Received	Meeting
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment		
Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media		
Northern & Western Regional Assembly		07/05/25
National Transport Authority		
Electric Ireland		
Bus Eireann		
Faillte Ireland		
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine		
Department of Transport		
Irish Rail	14/04/25	
Office of Public Works (OPW)		
Coillte		
Gas Networks Ireland	20/03/25	
An Taisce		
Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage		
Department of Rural and Community Development		
Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications		
Environmental Protection Agency - EPA		
International Council on Monuments & Sites		
Irish Peatlands Conservation Council		
Irish Wildlife Trust	24/03/2025	
Local authorities water programme		
National parks and wildlife service (NPWS)	15/04/2025	07/05/25
Inland Fisheries Ireland	15/04/25	01/05/25

Stakeholder	Formal Submission Received	Meeting
Uisce Eireann (Irish Water)	24/03/2025	03/04/2025
Irish Farmers Association		06/05/25
Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)		16/04/2025 (National Road Structures)
Irish Cycling Campaign		02/05/25
Discover Northern Ireland (Tourism NI)		
Gas to the west (Evolve)	21/03/25	
Forest Service	27/03/25	
Loughs Agency		
Northern Ireland Electricity (NIE)	09/04/25	
Northern Ireland Environment Agency	14/05/2025	
Northern Ireland Water		
Department of Agriculture, Environment, and Rural Affairs	15/04/2025	
SUSTRANS		
Ulster Farmers Union		13/06/25
Virgin Media		
ESB		
Tourism Ireland		
Eirgrid	25/05/25	07/05/25
Leitrim, Cavan and Sligo County Council Planning Departments	11/04/25	13/02/25
Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Planning Department	11/03/25	10/03/25

Table 2 Stakeholder Consultation

4. Feedback from Public Consultation

4.1 Project Website Analytics

During the Public Consultation period from 29 April 2025 to 3 June 2025 the website received a total of 5211 views, with 2616 unique visitors; represented in Figure 1 below. This represents 30% increase in views and a circa. 44% increase in unique visitors when compared to Public Consultation No.2.

Visitor numbers specifically indicate the count of distinct individuals who accessed the website during this period. It's important to note that a single user might view the site multiple times, so the number of visitors will never surpass the total views. It should be noted that each of these figures represents an increase from the second public consultation period.

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

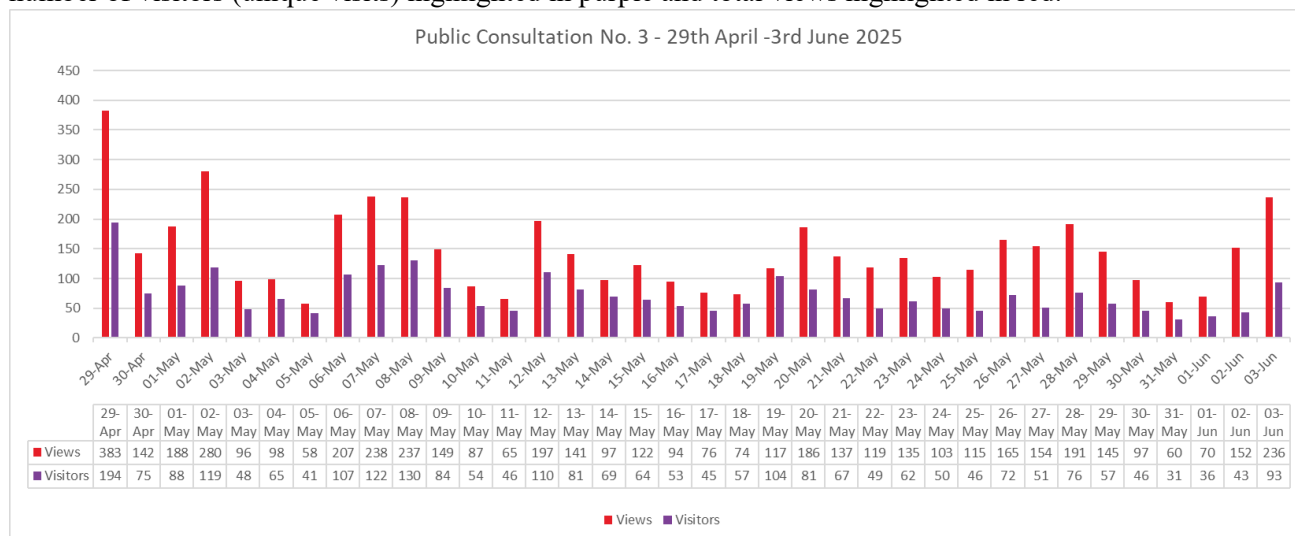


Figure 1 Public Consultation 3 - Website Views and Visitors

Table 3 below outlines the total number of daily views and visitors to the SLNCR Greenway website between 29 April and 3 June 2025. Website traffic was highest during the initial days of the consultation period, with the peak occurring on the first day of the public consultation, recording 383 visits. Notably, significant online engagement also coincided with the in-person consultation events, with over 200 website visits recorded on each of the 6th, 7th and 8th May.

Date	Views	Visitors
29-Apr	383	194
30-Apr	142	75
01-May	188	88
02-May	280	119
03-May	96	48
04-May	98	65
05-May	58	41
06-May	207	107

Date	Views	Visitors
07-May	238	122
08-May	237	130
09-May	149	84
10-May	87	54
11-May	65	46
12-May	197	110
13-May	141	81
14-May	97	69
15-May	122	64
16-May	94	53
17-May	76	45
18-May	74	57
19-May	117	104
20-May	186	81
21-May	137	67
22-May	119	49
23-May	135	62
24-May	103	50
25-May	115	46
26-May	165	72
27-May	154	51
28-May	191	76
29-May	145	57
30-May	97	46
31-May	60	31
01-Jun	70	36
02-Jun	152	43
03-Jun	236	93
Total	5211	2616

Table 3 Public Consultation 3 – Daily Number of Website Views and Visitors

Table 4 below gives a high-level overview of the individual tab visits over a 90-day period, from 15th March to 13th June 2025 which incorporates the dates of the Public Consultation Period.

The most visited pages on the project website were the Public Consultation No.3, Interactive Mapping and Contact Us page. It is likely that the high usage of the Public Consultation No.3 tab is due to the banner on the home page that directed visitors to this link. It should also be noted that twice as many users visited the Interactive Map compared to the Paper Maps tab suggesting users prefer the interactive mapping to view the proposals.

Website Content	Total	URL
Home	3438	https://slncr-greenway.com/
Public Consultation No. 3	1470	https://slncr-greenway.com/public-consultation-no-3/
Interactive Map	800	https://slncr-greenway.com/interactive-map/
Contact Us	547	https://slncr-greenway.com/contact/
FAQ's	411	https://slncr-greenway.com/faqs/
Paper Map	393	https://slncr-greenway.com/paper-map/
Public Consultation No. 2	141	https://slncr-greenway.com/public-consultation-no-2/
Public Consultation No. 1	126	https://slncr-greenway.com/consultation-no-1/
Phase 2	117	https://slncr-greenway.com/phase-2/
Phase 1	99	https://slncr-greenway.com/phase-1/
Accessibility Statement	67	https://slncr-greenway.com/accessibility-statement/
Privacy Statement	25	https://leitrimsligogreenway.wpc.com/staging.com/privacy-statement/
Cookie Policy	2	https://slncr-greenway.com/cookie-policy/

Table 4 Public Consultation 3 – Number of visits to individual web pages

Figure 2 below displays the number of visitors to the project website via the various search engines, third party websites and social media platforms over from 15th March to 13th June 2025. In a similar pattern to that observed in Public Consultation No.1 and No.2, Search Engines & Facebook remain as the chief means of referrals to the project website. However, it should be noted that this is the first consultation period where Facebook has overtaken Search Engines as the highest method of referral highlighting the importance of the County Council social media posts.

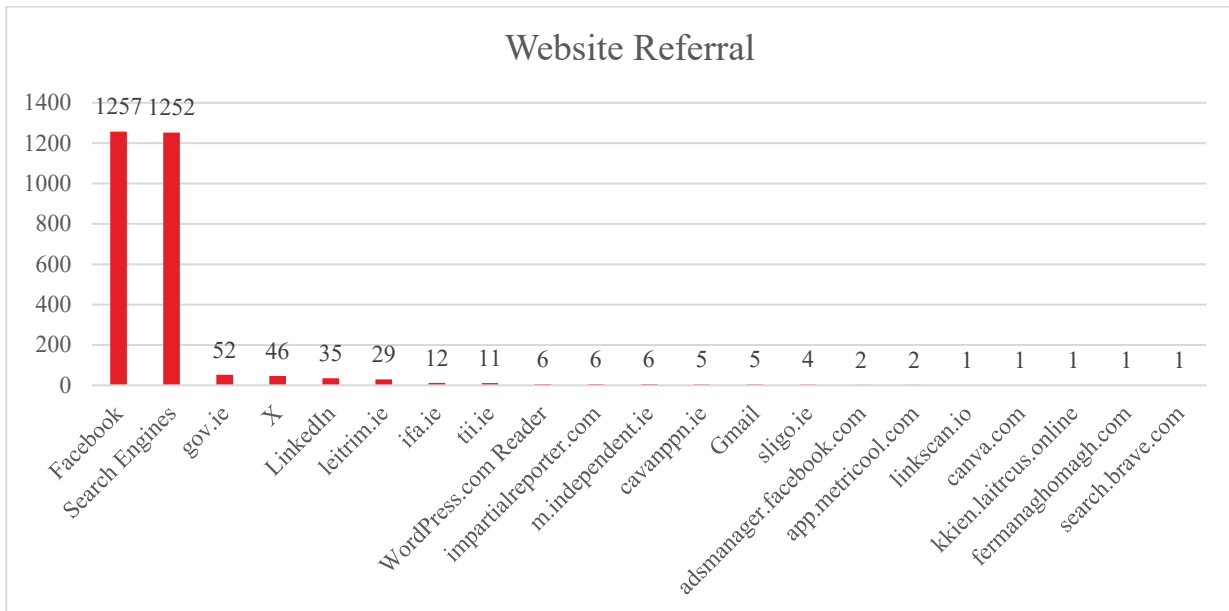


Figure 2 Top Third Party Website Referrals

Figure 3 below 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 makes up the vast majority of visitors to the site. However, there are still a number of international visitors outside these two jurisdictions, with 437 combined visits from web users in United States, Netherlands and Australia. This is the first public consultation period where Australia has been in the top 5 countries.

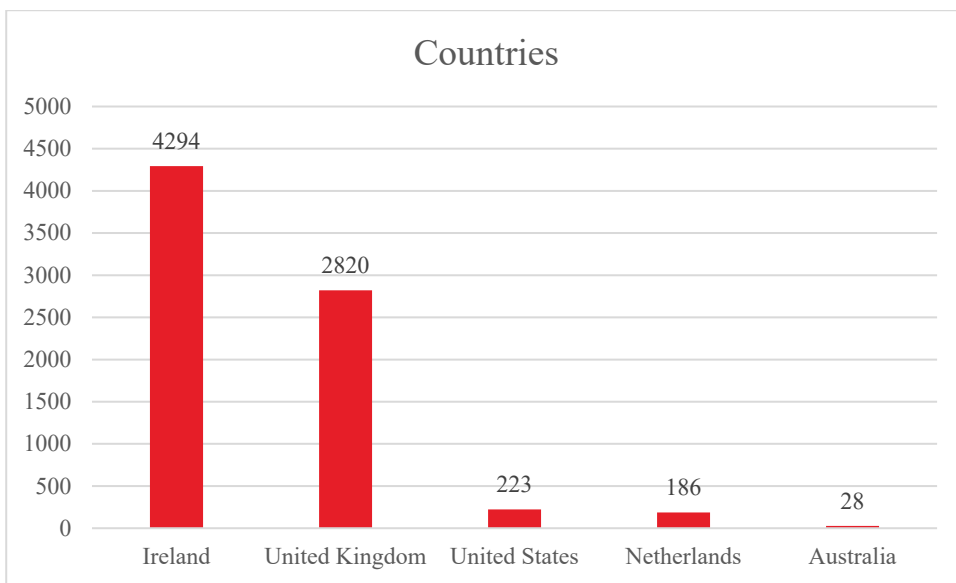


Figure 3 Top Five Countries of Origin for Project Website Access

4.2 Summary of Submissions

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 351 individual submissions were received via the project website, project email and in-person submissions during the various consultation events (Correct as of 06/06/25). This represents more than double the number of submissions received during Public Consultation 2, indicating a significant increase in public engagement with the project.

The breakdown of submissions for each County is outlined below and represented in Figure 4.

- County Fermanagh – 113
- County Cavan and Leitrim - 182
- County Sligo – 56

County Leitrim and County Cavan together, account for approximately 50% of the overall project length and accordingly, just over 50% of submissions have been received from residents of these counties. County Sligo comprises of approximately 25% of the project length, however, the corridor in this area utilises public lands, including Union Wood and land adjacent to the Old Dublin Road, which may have contributed to the lower proportion of submissions from County Sligo, which stands at 16%. County Fermanagh represents approximately 25% of the project length, yet 32% of submissions have come from this county indicating a comparatively higher level of public engagement from residents of County Fermanagh.

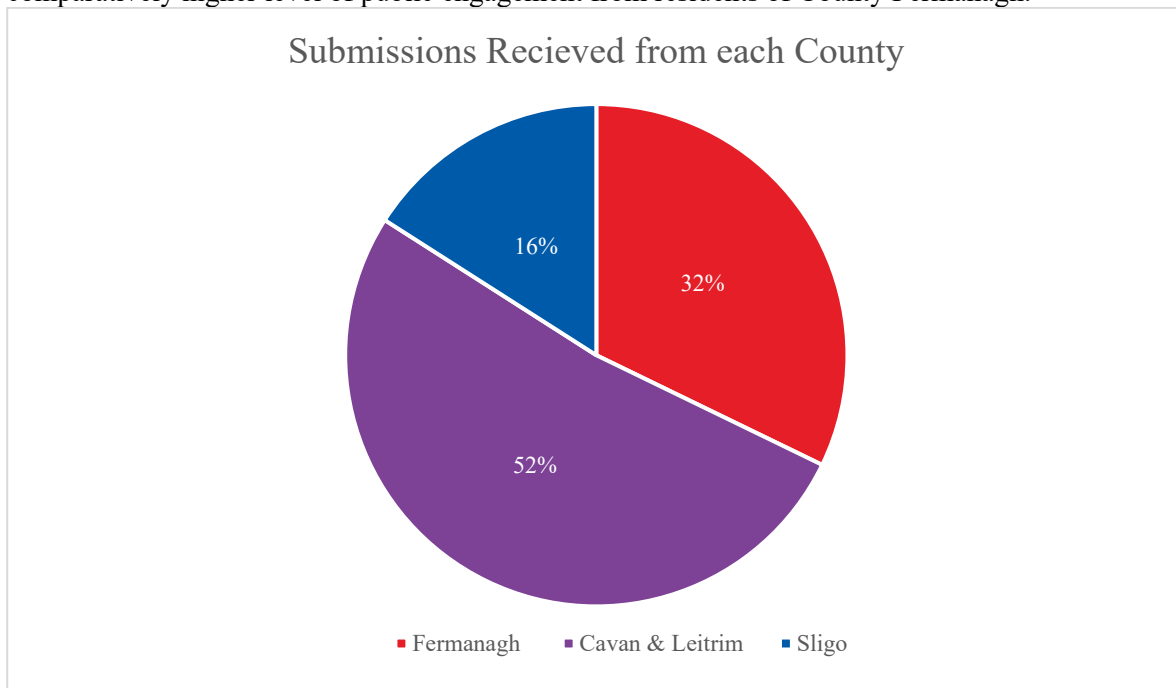


Figure 4 Submissions Received from each County

The 351 submissions have been categorised into ‘Positive’ ‘Negative’ and ‘Other’ as follows and is represented in Figure 5:

- 82 Positive (23%)
- 160 Negative (46%)
- 109 Other – (31%) Includes neutral responses, general queries, and submissions with no comments

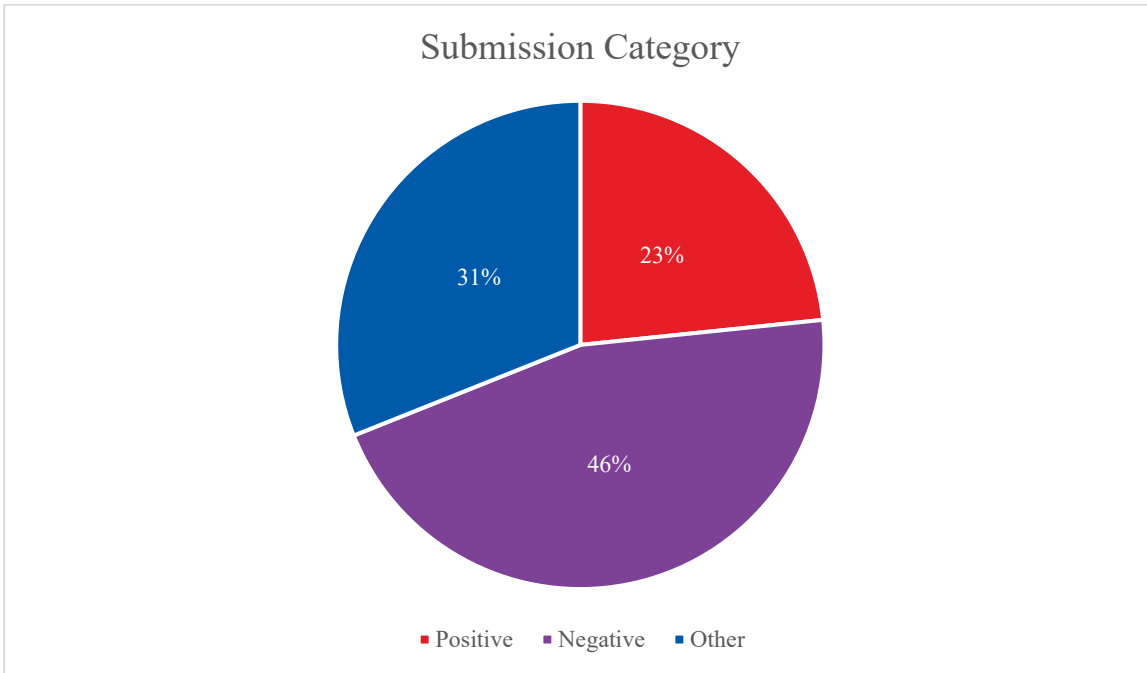


Figure 5 Submission Category

It is noted that nearly half of the submission expressed negative views towards the project, primarily in relation to the impact the project may have on their land and/or property. 23% of submissions expressed support for the project. Respondents highlighted the potential positive impacts a Greenway could have on the local community, particularly in terms of economic benefits and enhanced recreational opportunities.

4.3 Common Themes

The submissions have been reviewed and categorised into common themes. These themes are outlined below, with subsequent sections providing more detail on each.

- Impact on Farming and Land Use
- Environmental and Landscape Concerns
- Safety, Crime and Privacy
- Mental Health and Community Wellbeing
- Consultation and Communication
- Land Use Planning and Future Development
- Financial, Legal and Operational Concerns
- Route Design
- Community Integration and Economic Opportunities

4.3.1 Impact on Farming and Land Use

Many landowners expressed serious concerns about how the Greenway could affect farming operations and rural livelihoods. Key points raised included:

- Objections to the division or severance of farmland, which could disrupt the viability of farms as businesses.
- Details on how access would be maintained across the Greenway for those with land on either side of the facility.
- Concerns over the movement of livestock and machinery across or near the route.
- Safety risks where the Greenway passes through areas with bulls, rams, or other livestock unaccustomed to the public.
- Increased stress on animals from noise, dogs, and unfamiliar human presence.
- Preference for routing the greenway through public or forested lands instead of active farmland or residential gardens.
- Worries about the impact on biosecurity and the potential for spreading disease.
- Requests for clarity on the land acquisition process and compensation.
- Uncertainty over who would maintain fencing, gates, and boundaries to protect farms and animals.
- Concerns about how the Greenway will be constructed and how access to dwellings or farms will be maintained during the construction phase.

4.3.2 Environmental and Landscape Concerns

Environmental protection and preservation of the countryside were common themes. Concerns included:

- Disruption to local wildlife, habitats, and ecosystems.
- Negative impacts on soil, water sources, and natural drainage.

- Disruption to areas with older trees, cut-over bogland, and natural springs.
- Flood risks on land identified within the Emerging Preferred Corridor.
- Loss of the rural character and peace of the countryside.
- Specific calls to protect Union Wood and surrounding green areas.

4.3.3 Safety, Crime and Privacy

Public safety and personal security were strong concerns, particularly for those living in and close to Emerging preferred Corridor. Feedback included:

- Fears of increased crime, theft, and anti-social behaviour.
- Reduced privacy and concerns about people walking near homes, gardens, or farm buildings.
- Risks to children’s safety and concerns about strangers passing through previously private land.
- Issues around dog control, littering, and potential injury to livestock.
- Requests for fencing, gates, and proper enforcement of safety measures.
- Concerns that Greenway users (walkers, cyclists) may not follow the rules, especially in unsupervised areas.
- Concerns about road safety, particularly at interaction points with fast-moving traffic.
- Specific questions about safe pedestrian crossings

4.3.4 Mental Health and Community Wellbeing

Several submissions described the project as a significant source of stress and anxiety. Common themes included:

- Emotional strain and worry for farming families facing uncertainty about the potential project impacts.
- Fear of losing control over land that has been in families for generations.
- Concerns about the project’s impact on rural community identity and way of life.

4.3.5 Consultation and Communication

A recurring theme was dissatisfaction with how the consultation process was conducted. Issues raised included:

- Some landowners did not receive consultation letters or felt left out of the process.
- A general lack of clear, accessible information about what the greenway would involve.
- Calls for more detailed explanations of how the Emerging Preferred Corridor was selected and what alternatives were considered.
- Requests for more public meetings, direct engagement, and better outreach.
- Lack of early input or influence on design and route decisions.

4.3.6 Land Use Planning and Future Development

Landowners were concerned that the Greenway may restrict future use of their land. Common concerns included:

- Concerns about how proximity to the greenway may affect future zoning or planning decisions.
- Fears that the Greenway may devalue land or restrict the ability of young people to continue farming.
- Specific reference to dwellings on the Sligo Road in Belcoo facing impacts to gardens and grass verges.

4.3.7 Financial, Legal and Operational Concerns

There were mixed views on the value of the proposed scheme. Specific concerns included:

- Whether the project represents good value for public money.
- Criticism that existing shared-use paths and green spaces are poorly maintained.
- Requests for more information about maintenance responsibilities and funding.
- Financial burdens on rural property owners, particularly in relation to registering land.
- Questions around whether facilities such as toilets, lighting, and electric bike charging points would be provided and who would maintain them.

4.3.8 Route Design

A number of submissions challenged the location of the proposed Emerging Preferred Corridor. Suggestions and concerns included:

- Requests for greater route flexibility, especially to avoid homes and productive farmland.
- Why existing infrastructure such as the Ulster Way or the disused rail line is not being fully utilised.
- Interest in rerouting the Greenway alongside existing roads, such as the R280, N16 and A4 to minimise disruption.
- Desire to restore historical links such as the bridge across the Belcoo River (removed in the 1970s).
- Opposed to the routing of the Greenway along the existing shared space facility on the L62031 due to major safety concerns and implications for all users.
- Concerns about the width of the final Greenway route would be compared to the original railway width. (3m for a “Low Use” greenway vs. an historic railway was “narrow gauge” (5’3” or ~1.6m))
- Confusion over the application of a 200m buffer zone and calls for greater route flexibility following the consultation phase.
- How the Greenway will integrate with the proposed Enniskillen Bypass.
- How would the Greenway cross an existing access or private road.

4.3.9 Community Integration and Economic Opportunities

A number of submissions recognised the positive opportunities the scheme could provide including:

- Boost local tourism and support businesses (e.g. Corralea Activity Centre)

- Increase footfall to towns and villages
- Link to nearby trails (e.g. GAA walking track, kayaking trail between Upper and Lower Lough MacNean)
- Encourage use of public parks (e.g. Cottage Lawn Park)
- Suggestions for looped trails and footway links in Belcoo/Blacklion and Manorhamilton.
- Questions about how the Greenway could improve access to Lough MacNean for recreation.

4.4 Response to Submissions

The range of feedback received throughout the consultation process was wide ranging and varied. Many submissions were more private in nature or relevant to the individual landowner. These submissions will be responded to on a case-by-case basis by the relevant Project Liaison Officers (PLOs). In addition, the PLOs are currently engaging with all impacted landowners on a one-to-one basis to take on board additional feedback and respond to any concerns or questions raised. These one-to-one meetings will continue throughout the next Phase of the project to ensure landowners are given the opportunity to liaise with the project team and have input into the design process.

When reviewing feedback submissions, it was noted that there were common queries that were already covered by the “FAQ” section of the website. However, there were some additional questions which have now been added to this section of the project website. See Appendix H for the full list of updated FAQs.

4.5 Articles

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

- Article in the Leitrim Observer titled *‘Open day in Dromahair hears proposed 75km greenway route will attract investment to region’* (14 May 2025)
- Article in the Leitrim Observer titled *‘IFA Meet with Sligo and Leitrim County Councils & Arup Consultants over Railway Greenway’* (14 May 2025)
- Article in the Sligo Weekender titled *‘Public consultations set up for SLNCR Greenway’* (1 May 2025)
- Article in The Anglo-Celt titled *‘Consultation on SLNCR greenway gets underway’* (4 May 2025)
- Online article on Leitrim Observer website ‘leitrimlive’ titled *‘Deadline for 75km Sligo/Leitrim greenway submissions extended’* (19 May 2025)
- Online article on Irish Independent titled *‘Deadline for submissions on planned 75km Sligo/Leitrim greenway has been extended’* (19 May 2025)
- Online article on *farmersjournal.ie* titled *‘Farmers concerned over Sligo/Leitrim railway greenway – IFA’* (12 May 2025)
- Article in the Fermanagh Herald titled *‘Consultation on Enniskillen to Sligo greenway to be held in Belcoo tomorrow’* (7 May 2025)
- Article in the Fermanagh Herald titled *‘Community briefed on greenway plans’* (14 May 2025)
- Online article on Leitrim Observer website ‘leitrimlive’ titled *‘IFA raises concerns over proposed greenway route in Leitrim’* (13 May 2025)
- Online article on northern sound titled *‘Third public consultation on SLNCR Greenway open’* (13 May 2025)

- Online article on Agriland.ie titled *'Use of farmland for proposed north-west greenway not 'acceptable'* (12 May 2025)
- Article in the Leitrim Observer titled *'Deadline for submissions on planned 75km Sligo/Leitrim greenway extended'* (28 May 2025)
- Article in The Farmers Voice titled *'Meeting hears proposed Greenway plan is firmly rejected by farmers'* (12 June 2025)
- Notification within the Leitrim Public Participation Network Newsletter of the *'Sligo , Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway: Phase 3 – Emerging Preferred Corridor'* Consultation. (19/05/25)

All Articles can be found in Appendix I.

4.6 Updates to the Preferred Corridor as a result of Public Consultation

Throughout the third Public Consultation there were additional constraints and opportunities raised by the local community and stakeholders in relation to the EPC. In response, the design team made updates to the EPC extents which will now be incorporated into the Preferred Corridor. These updates will enable additional routes to be investigated within the next Phase. The updates to the EPC are outlined in the following Sections and are shown in Figures 7 to Figure 19 by light green outline and hatching. The extents of the EPC are shown by the darker green outline and hatching.

4.6.1 Section 1 – Carraroe to Collooney

The Preferred Corridor now extends into Ballysadare and Collooney as shown in and Figure 7 and Figure 7. This is to ensure a clear link to the towns is provided and to enable the possibility of potential upgrades of the existing facilities to be provided as part of the project. This aligns with the project objectives, specifically Objective 1.2 – “provide a route that connects local, domestic and international visitors with local attractions, activities, businesses and town environments” and 6.2 – “To encourage a shift to active modes by connecting both visitors and local users to places of employment, schools and urban centers”.



Figure 6 Corridor Update in Ballysadare



Figure 7 Corridor Update in Collooney

4.6.2 Section 2 – Collooney to Dromahair

South of Ballintogher the Preferred Corridor has been extended as shown in Figure 8. This extension was made in response to feedback from adjacent landowners who identified an opportunity to use publicly owned land to minimise land severance. The publicly owned land is indicated by the magenta dashed line in Figure 8.

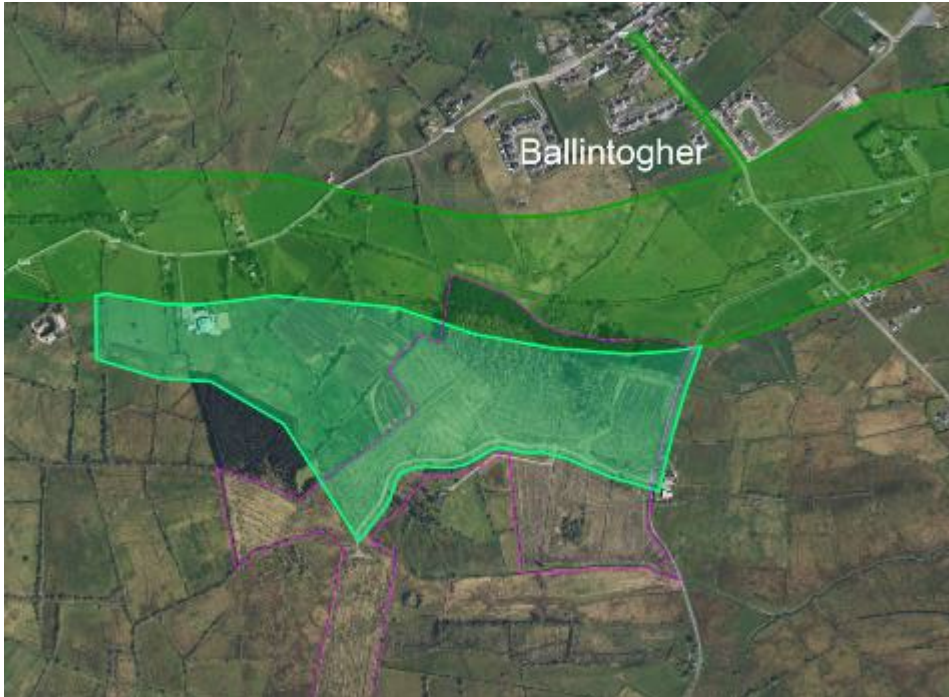


Figure 8 Corridor Update South of Ballintogher

4.6.3 Section 3 Dromahair to Manorhamilton

The Preferred Corridor has been extended along the R280 (previously Switch 7) as shown in Figure 9. This update has been made in response to feedback from local councillors and multiple landowners along the existing Manorhamilton to Boggun shared facility that the EPC currently follows. Landowners have raised concerns with the existing facility noting the following *“The proposal to route the greenway along the existing L62031 is not in keeping with the ethos of greenways which should provide a safe, traffic free, accessible and enjoyable route for cyclists and pedestrians of all ages and abilities. The R280 route has ample space and scope for the project team to successfully deliver a high quality, safe and accessible greenway along the original historic railway line.”*

Both options have been included as part of the Preferred Corridor and will be looked at in further detail in Phase 3.



Figure 9 Corridor Update along the R280 South of Manorhamilton

The Preferred Corridor has been extended into Manorhamilton via the R280 and along the bank of the Owenmore River as shown in Figure 10. This was in response to feedback received from County Leitrim Planners who highlighted the following objective from the County Development Plan 2023-2029 (Manorhamilton Settlement Plan) to *“Pursue the development of a green route to include pedestrian and cycle path on lands identified as ‘Open Space’ from Millhill Lawns on the N16 to the Carrick Road (R280). This will be subject to the consideration of the potential impact on the adjoining Owenmore River which forms part of the Lough Gill Special Area of Conservation complex.”*

In addition, there is an existing walking and cycling facility to the east of the R280 which could be utilised and potentially upgraded as part of the project.

Both options have been included as part of the Preferred Corridor and will be looked at in further detail in Phase 3.



Figure 10 Corridor Update in Manorhamilton

4.6.4 Section 4 Manorhamilton to Blacklion / Belcoo

As noted in Section 4.2.1 a common theme raised throughout Public Consultation feedback was the possibility to explore route options adjacent to the N16, in a similar manor to the Glenfarne demonstration Greenway. As a result, the Corridor has been extended in four locations to encompass lands adjacent to the N16. These four locations are shown in Figure 11 to Figure 14 below.



Figure 11 Corridor Update on N16 - East of Manorhamilton



Figure 12 Corridor Update on N16 – North of Munakill Lough



Figure 13 Corridor Update on N16 at East Bars

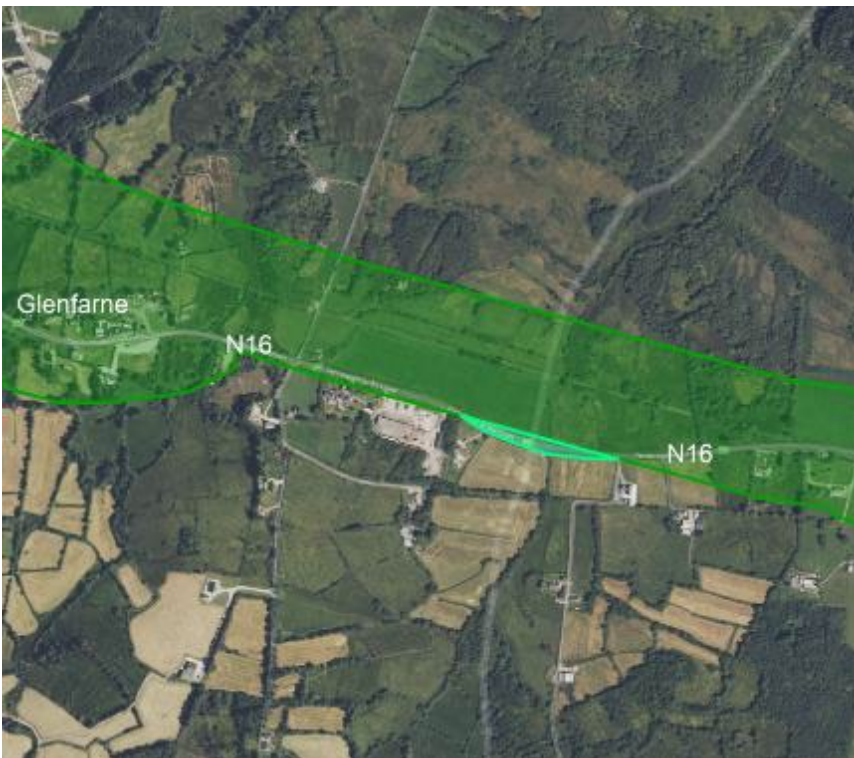


Figure 14 Corridor Update on N16 - East of Glenfarne

The Preferred Corridor has been updated to include lands adjacent to the L1001 (previously Switch 11) as shown in Figure 15. This update was made in response to concerns raised by landowners regarding land severance affecting the operation of the dairy farm located here. It was requested that a route option that follows the L1001 be explored here.



Figure 15 Corridor Update on L1001

4.6.5 Section 5 Blacklion/Belcoo to Enniskillen

The Preferred Corridor has been updated in Belcoo as shown in Figure 16. This link has been included to serve the option of a renewed crossing over the Belcoo River to enable users to have direct access to Belcoo Main Street with local shops, business and amenities.

In addition, the Department of Environment is the landowner of a foul water treatment works with part access to the A4 highway in this location which could minimise impacts on private landowners. This link may also avoid the need for the Greenway to navigate crossing the busy Lattone Road and residential properties in and around Macnean Park.



Figure 16 Corridor Update in Belcoo

North of Lough Macnean lower, the Preferred Corridor has been widened as shown in Figure 17. The majority of land south of the A4 to the shore of Lough Macnean is farmed, much with livestock. Several landowners have raised concerns about the impact the Greenway may have on their farming operations and have asked that consideration be given to developing options for the Greenway beyond the historic rail land. Extending the corridor here gives scope to enable detailed conversations to go ahead with these landowners to assess what Route Options may be possible in this area. In addition, this wider area gives greater opportunity to consider natural boundaries of land, hedge lines and dwellings

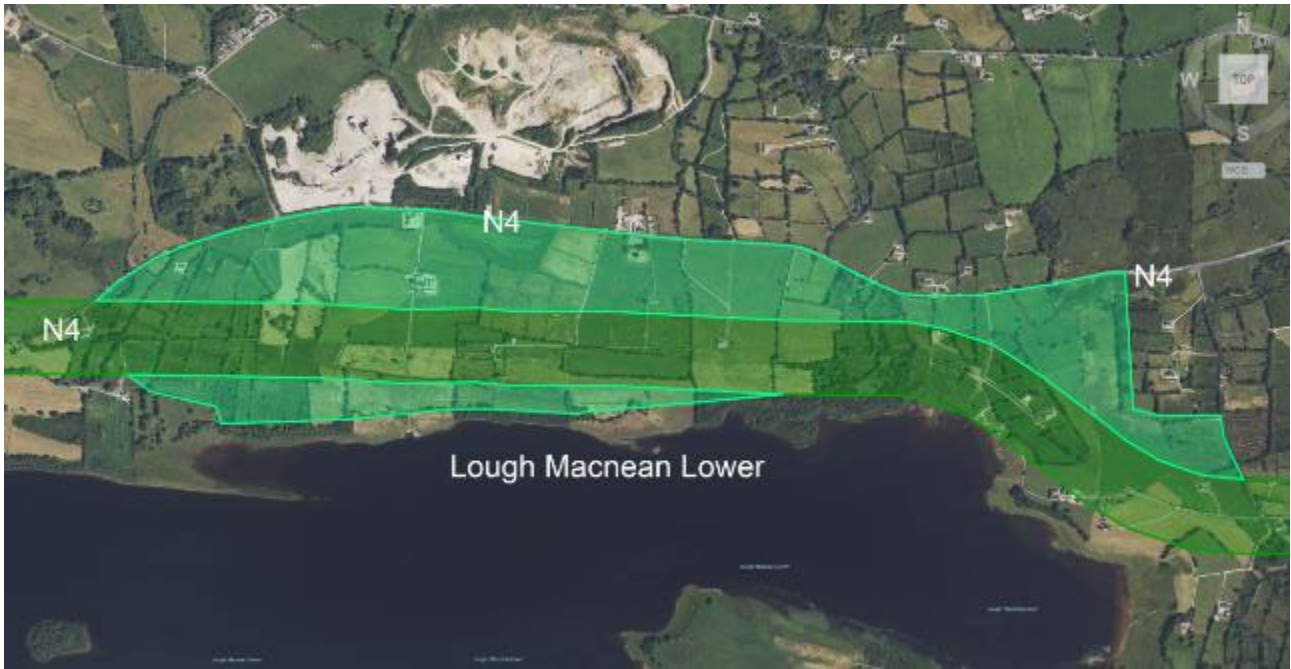


Figure 17 Corridor Update North of Lough Macnean Lower

The Preferred Corridor has been extended adjacent to the Old Florence Court Station House as shown in Figure 17. The Station House and platform are privately occupied, and concerns have been raised about how the Greenway would interact with these properties. It was highlighted that there is an existing ancient path that skirts in between privately owned land, historic cutover bog and natural boundaries. The Preferred Corridor now encompasses this path.



Figure 18 Corridor Update Southeast of Letterbreen

4.6.6 Publication of the Preferred Corridor

Landowners within the Preferred Corridor (who were not previously included within the Emerging Preferred Corridor) will be notified of the updates to the Corridor extents in August 2025 by formal correspondence from the PLOs. These landowners will then have the opportunity to liaise with the PLOs on a one-to-one basis to provide any relevant feedback to the Project Team.

Further correspondence will then be issued to all Landowners within the Preferred Corridor in autumn 2025 prior to the final Preferred Corridor being published to the project website.

5. 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 many landowner concerns should the preferred route impact upon their holding. The feedback has initially been used by the team to make relevant updates to the extents of the Emerging Preferred Corridor to become the Preferred Corridor. These updates ensure landowner views are taken on board and enables additional Route Options to be explored in more detail in Phase 3.

The Project Liaison Officers are currently responding to all the feedback received as part of this public consultation and will be engaging with potentially impacted landowners throughout the following Phases of the Project. The information collected over the next year will be utilised by the Project Team as part of the assessment to identify a Preferred Route Option within the Preferred Corridor. There will be a further public consultation period to present the Preferred Route, where the public will again be invited to engage and provide feedback on the proposal.

Appendix A

Landowner Packs



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

Landowner Feedback Form

Emerging Preferred Corridor

Feedback Form - Please tell us your views

Name

Contact No.

Date

E-mail

Address

Eircode / Postcode

Please select the type of Property / Land you own within the Emerging Preferred Corridor:

Residential

Commercial

Farm

Other

Please insert your Reference Number from your letter here:

Reference Number

(This is located below your address on the letter received from the Public Liaison Officer)

With prior notification would you consent to non-intrusive surveys on your land?

Yes

No

(Please note these will not be necessary in all cases and will be for the purpose of informing the design.)

If your land is currently leased or rented out can you please provide contact details for your tenant on the next sheet. This will allow us to contact them in advance of any survey work.



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Dear «display_name»,

Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway
Public Display of Emerging Preferred Corridor

We are writing to you in respect of the Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway Project. Leitrim County Council is progressing this Project as lead authority in partnership with Sligo County Council, Cavan County Council, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council and under the auspices of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and Department for Infrastructure (DfI).

Arup has been appointed by Leitrim County Council to provide multi-disciplinary engineering and other specialist consultancy services. That is to bring the Project through the planning process in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, and to prepare tender documents for the procurement of a contractor for the construction of the proposed Greenway.

The Project is currently at Phase 2 – Options Selection of Emerging Preferred Corridor. The purpose of Phase 2 is to examine options to determine a Preferred Option. During Stage 1 of Phase 2, all reasonable / feasible options have been examined and their costs, benefits and effects on the environment were assessed following the process set out in TII's Project Appraisal Guidelines and UK Transport Appraisal Guidance (TAG). Following this assessment, an Emerging Preferred Corridor has been identified.

We are writing to advise you that that based on property registry information, you have been identified as a property owner or reputed property owner with property/properties located within the Emerging Preferred Corridor.

Please find enclosed a map(s) showing the property/properties in relation to the Emerging Preferred Corridor. Please note that this corridor varies in width (over 200m in places) whereas the final design for the proposed Greenway will be significantly less than this (typically of the order of 10m). Accordingly, there is significant scope within the corridor to vary the alignment of the proposed Greenway. If you believe your property boundary is incorrect, please contact me using the details at the bottom of this page.

Public consultation forms an important part of advancing the design process towards the development of route options and allows the involvement of the public in identifying key constraints and opportunities.

A non-statutory public display of the Emerging Preferred Corridor is planned for early 2025. In this Third Public Consultation, the Emerging Preferred Corridor will be on display at the Public Consultation Events and on the Project Website www.sln-cr-greenway.com. Project Liaison Officers (PLOs) and the Project Team will be available to provide information on the Emerging Preferred Corridor and enable stakeholders to provide feedback, highlighting issues and opportunities.



During the Third Public Consultation, hardcopies of brochures and comment sheets will be available for collection from the following offices:

- **Leitrim County Council**, Manorhamilton Branch Library, Main Street, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim, F91 C862
- **Leitrim County Council**, Dromahaire Branch Library, Main Street, Dromahaire, Co. Leitrim, F91 YF6E
- **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

In addition, all information will be available on the Project Website, www.slncr-greenway.com when the Public Consultation Period commences. The website will contain all the information that will be displayed at the in-person public consultation events. This will include an interactive map which will display the Study Area, the Phase 1 opportunities and constraints, the Phase 2 Option Corridors and the Phase 2 Emerging Preferred Corridor. The project website will also contain an FAQs tab and a feedback page for the submission of comments or queries.

Please note that information relating to the ownership of your property was obtained by Leitrim County Council for use in connection with this Project under a Data Sharing Agreement with Property Registration Authority (PRAI) in the Republic of Ireland and a Data Sharing Agreement with Land & Property Services (LPS) in Northern Ireland. This data includes names and addresses for the registered owner of the lands and no other information. 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 Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway Project. Data will not be retained for any longer than is necessary.

Our full Privacy Statement with regards to the collection and usage of personal data is available on the Project Website at the link <https://slncr-greenway.com/privacy-statement/>.

Please accept our apologies if we have any Landowners/Property Owners' names incorrect or if a named person is deceased. The ownership information used is that which is stored on the Property Authorities database. We welcome any feedback you can provide concerning changes/updates to contact details for future communications.

We thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for your cooperation as we progress this Project. Leitrim County Council values the opinion of the community on the Project and welcomes comments from the public and interested parties.

Yours sincerely,

PLO name

Project Liaison Officer

e PLO email

a PLO address



PROJECT OVERVIEW

MKO in partnership with Arup on behalf of Leitrim, Cavan, Sligo County Councils, and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will be conducting a series of ecological walkover surveys as part of the proposed Sligo Leitrim Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway project. These surveys are essential for gathering baseline information to assess the potential impacts of the proposed SLNCR Greenway on biodiversity.

ECOLOGY SURVEY INFORMATION SHEET

This information sheet has been prepared to request your cooperation in conducting ecological walkover surveys for the proposed SLNCR Greenway.

SURVEY DETAILS



PURPOSE

To identify habitats and to assess their suitability to support protected species within 200 meters of the Emerging Preferred Corridor.



SURVEY PERIOD

Between March and September 2025, with several visits during this period.



METHODOLOGY

The Ecologists will undertake non-intrusive surveys, taking notes while walking the land within the Emerging Preferred Corridor.

Your land has been identified as an area in the Emerging Preferred Corridor and may require an ecological walkover survey. Access to these areas will allow our ecologists to conduct thorough and accurate surveys. Personnel entering your lands for this purpose will be appointed by Leitrim County Council as authorised persons under section 78 of the Roads Act 1993 and will carry identification and a copy of their written authorisation which may be produced if required. All personnel attending site will also be covered by the appropriate insurances which will include for example Public Liability and Employers Liability.

We kindly request your permission to access specific areas of your land to undertake non-invasive surveys during the survey period. Our team will ensure minimal disruption and will notify you prior to any site visit.

Please feel free to contact **Christopher Maguire (+353 71 9111961, sligo@sln-cr-greenway.com)** if you have any questions or require further information. We greatly appreciate your consideration and look forward to your response.



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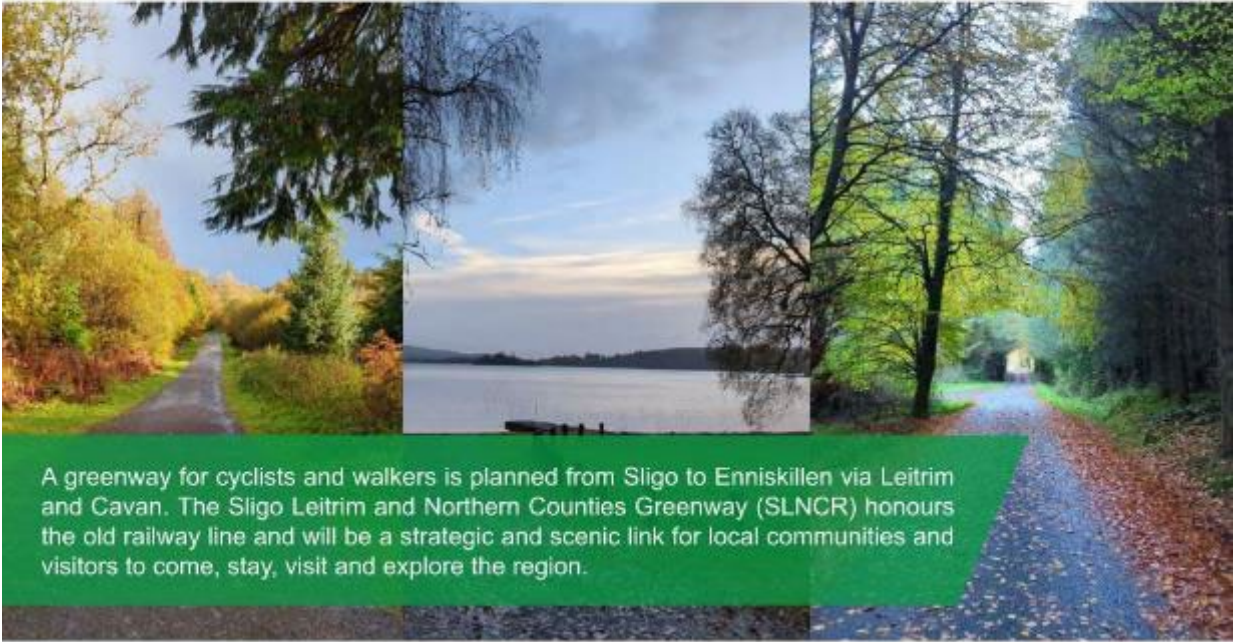
Appendix B

Postcard



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Public Consultation No. 3
Emerging Preferred Corridor



A greenway for cyclists and walkers is planned from Sligo to Enniskillen via Leitrim and Cavan. The Sligo Leitrim and Northern Counties Greenway (SLNCR) honours the old railway line and will be a strategic and scenic link for local communities and visitors to come, stay, visit and explore the region.

Tell us your views

Public Consultation No. 3

The Emerging Preferred Corridor has been published at www.sln-cr-greenway.com

You can contact your local Project Liaison Officer (PLO) for more information.

Deadline for receipt of submissions has been extended to Tuesday 3rd June 2025

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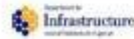
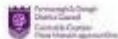


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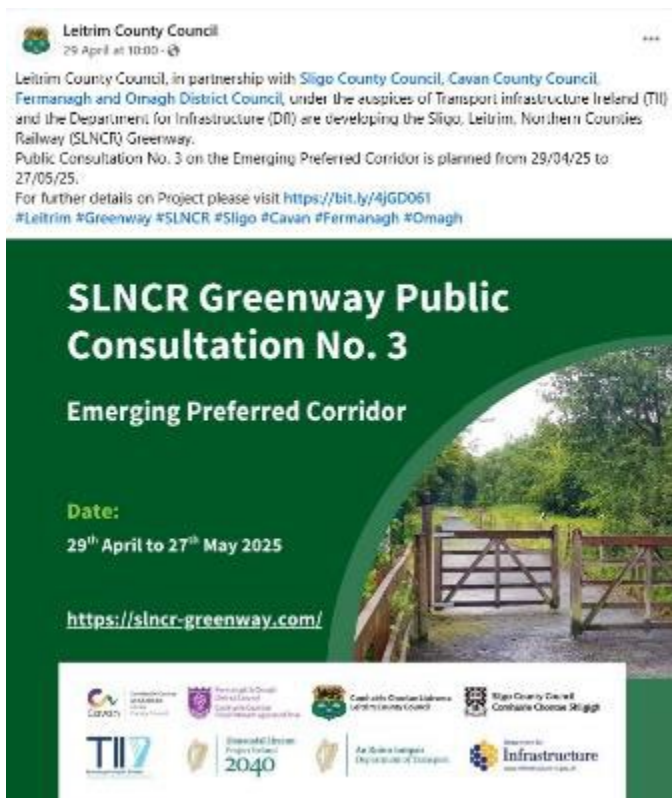


Appendix C

Social Media Posts



Fermanagh and Omagh District Council: During Public Consultation – Posted 1st May 2025 and 7th May 2025



Leitrim County Council: Posted during Public Consultation – 29th April 2025 & 15th May 2025



Leitrim County Council: Posted during Public Consultation – 4th May 2025




Leitrim County Council: Posted during Public Consultation – 6th May 2025



Leitrim County Council: Posted during Public Consultation – 12th May 2025





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

**Public Consultation No. 3
Emerging Preferred Corridor**


Tell us your views


Local communities are invited to share their views on the emerging preferred corridor for the Sligo Leitrim and Northern Counties (SLNCR) Greenway.

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The 75km greenway will run from Sligo to Enniskillen in Fermanagh via Leitrim and Cavan honouring the old railway line as a safe space for local and visiting walkers and cyclists.

For more information on the strategic and scenic greenway:
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Leitrim County Council: Posted during Public Consultation – 20th May 2025

Sligo County Council
 29 April at 11:05

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Public Consultation No. 3 on the Emerging Preferred Corridor is taking place from 29/04/25 to 27/05/25.

In person Public Consultation event to be held:
 Tuesday 6th May 2025,
 12:00-20:00
 Sligo Park Hotel & Leisure Club, Pearse Road, F91Y762, Co. Sligo

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Sligo County Council: Posted during Public Consultation – 24th April 2025, 29th April 2025, 3rd May 2025, 6th May 2025, 8th May 2025, and 12th May 2025.



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Appendix D

Newspaper Advertisements

Anglo Celt 1st May 2025 and 8th May 2025

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Opening date for new retail park pushed back

BY NOBIS HENDERSON

THE opening date for the first store at the long-awaited – and controversial – new retail park in Enniskillen has been put back by another few months.

Rose Bargins is one of several major retailers due to take up residence at the new development at the site of the old Unipack factory at the junction of the Arinestown and Carrigside roads in the county town.

Initially, the store had been advertised as being due to open in March next, however with construction work ongoing on site, the date came and went. Now, a new sign is advertising that it will now open in early July.

Other retailers due to open at the Lakeland Retail Park include The Range, Bury's Carry, and PZ Living Interiors.

Initially, the development had been called the Lakeland Retail and Leisure Park and when originally lodged over three years ago also included plans for a see-screen cinema, bowling alley, and hotel.

The plans had been controversial from the outset, with some local business submitting strong objections, however the local community had generally been widely in favour of the development, particularly its planned leisure facilities.

As such, there was much about and upon at the beginning of this year after the Fermanagh Herald



BLOW... The opening of the new Enniskillen Retail Park has been put back until July.

revealed the plans for the bowling alley and cinema had been replaced by a proposal for a new, second Lidl store in the town.

Despite over 200 individual objections from locals to the new Lidl proposal, Fermanagh and Omagh Council planners recommended granting permission for the

German supermarket.

However, when the application was put to the Council's planning committee in March, the decision was delayed following submissions and objections from both Tesco and Matal.

In their submission, Retail NI noted the fact Lidl application had been processed by the Council

– between January and March – was "extremely unusual".

The body said it was representing a number of independent retailers in Enniskillen, who had "significant concerns" about the impact of the development on the town centre.

The decision was then adjourned by the planning committee for further consideration.



CONCERN... Significant damage was caused at Lough Navar Forest during Storm Eowyn.

Geopark to reopen after storm damage

BY MARK MCCOOLRICK

ONE of the county's main geopark sites will be open intermittently in the weeks ahead as the responsible authorities continue to clear up the mass devastation caused by Storm Eowyn.

Significant damage has been caused at the Lough Navar Forest and Slieve Duffry in the storm.

It is understood that the tourist hotspot will reopen to the public this weekend, with a spokesperson for the Geopark Society's Facebook group sharing images of the damage caused.

"We are delighted to update that Lough Navar Forest, with the exception of Blackshaw Waterfall Trail and Lough Slieve which remain closed, will be open to the public," the group said.

"Lough Navar Forest will be open intermittently in the weeks ahead and we will keep you updated on that. Huge thanks to our ranger team and our partners, particularly in Northern Ireland Forest Service, for their continued efforts in the ongoing clear up post Storm Eowyn."

However, due to significant damage caused, Belmore Forest remains closed to the public.

One of the worst weather incidents to occur in Fermanagh in decades, thousands of homes across the county were left without electricity and power for a number of days.

It was the most powerful and severe storm to hit Ireland since Hurricane Debbie in 1961, with wind records breaking an 80-year old record for the country. Tully Castle, in Moone, Agri-Medical Trail, at Ballinacorney, Castle Caldwell Forest, St Magie's Island and Carragee Woodland were also closed, but have since reopened to the public.

Consultation on Enniskillen to Sligo greenway to be held in Belcoo tomorrow

BY NOBIS HENDERSON

WITH plans for a major greenway project from Enniskillen to Sligo progressing, the Fermanagh public is invited to a special consultation event in Belcoo this week.

Nicknamed the Marble Arch Greenway, the proposed 73km walking and cycling route follows the former Sligo, Leitrim and Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR), connecting Enniskillen to Sligo via Belcoo and Bladnoch.

While so far there has been little substantial financial support for the project from the Stormont government, the project – expected to cost upwards of €70 million – has received been receiving significant funding from the southern government.

The cross-border project is currently in phase 2 and is being led by a group of neighbouring local councils – Fermanagh and Omagh District, Sligo County, Leitrim County,



TALKS... Plans are progressing on the proposed Enniskillen to Sligo greenway.

and Carrigside – with engineering experts Arup overseeing the planning process.

Consultation events were

already held last year as part of Phase 1, and now another series of consultations has been scheduled, with an event taking place in

Belcoo tomorrow.

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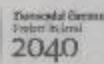
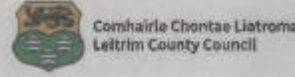
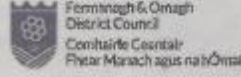
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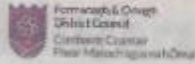
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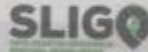
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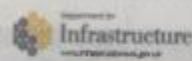
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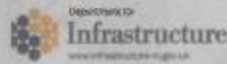
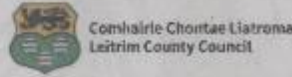
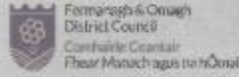
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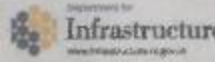


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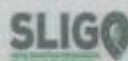
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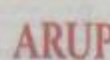
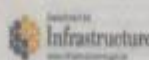
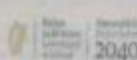
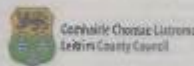
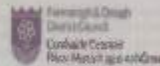
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Feedback Form - Please tell us your views

Name

Contact No.

Date

E-mail

Address

Eircode / Postcode

If applicable, please select the type of Property / Land you own within the Emerging Preferred Corridor:

Residential Commercial
 Farm Other N/A

Have you an interest in land within the Emerging Preferred Corridor but have not received a landowner letter from a Project Liaison Officer?

Yes
 No

Would you like more information about the Emerging Preferred Corridor?

Yes
 No

If applicable, please insert your Reference Number from your letter here:

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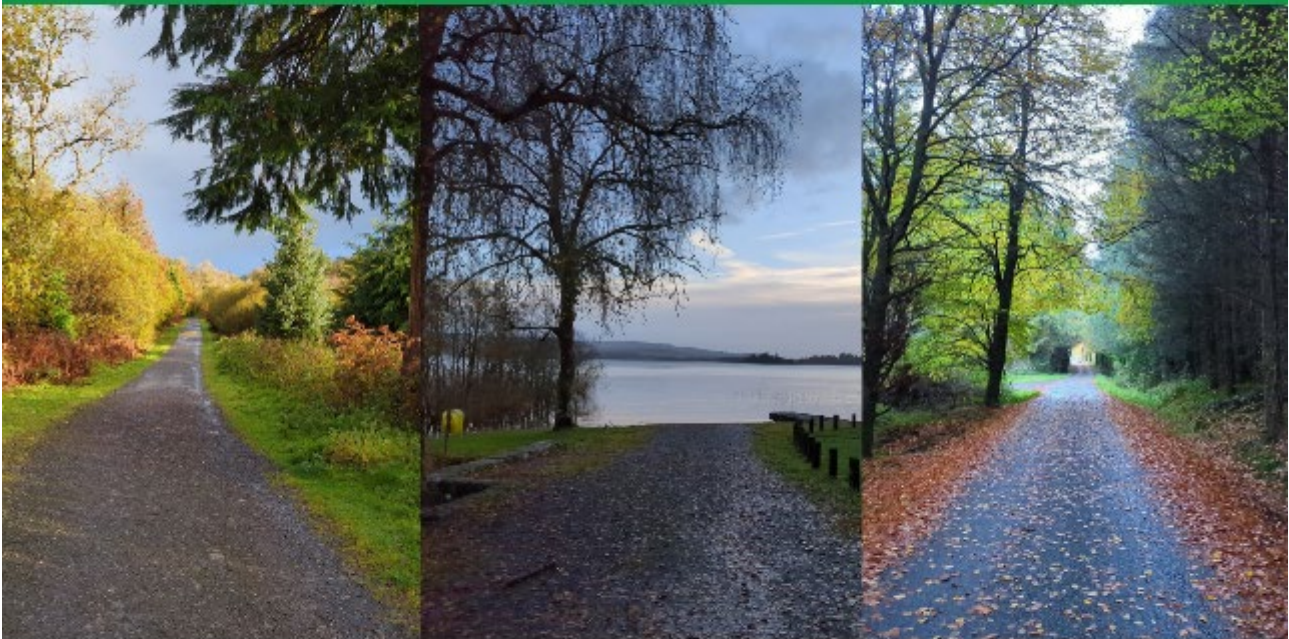
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The need for the SLNCR Greenway is underpinned by the necessity to provide facilities which enable physical activity in a safe environment for all, by the need to connect rural communities using sustainable modes for short trips and strengthen rural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

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The SLNCR Greenway could form an integral part of TII's National Cycle Network for Ireland, currently under development, as it has the potential to link into the proposed Sligo Greenway from Collooney to Bellaghy and subsequently provide a branch off the EuroVelo 1 – The Atlantic Coast Route and the Wild Atlantic Way.

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 benefitting from outdoor activity. 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.

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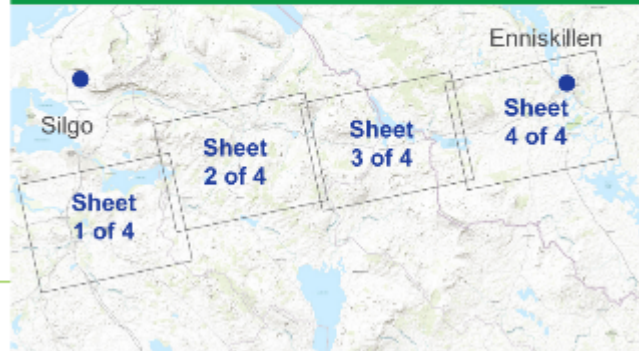
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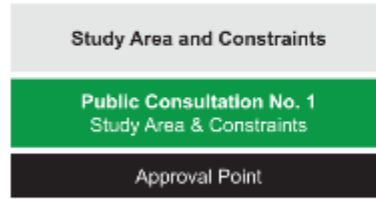


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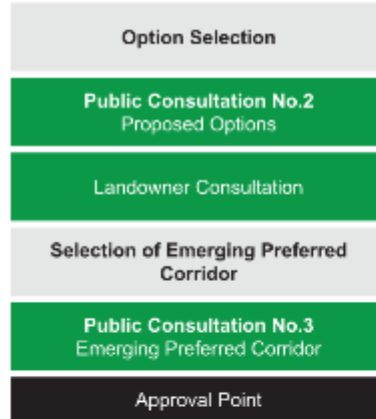
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Phase 3

Design & Environmental Evaluation

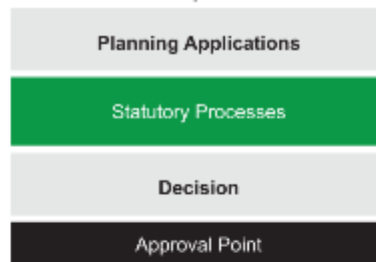
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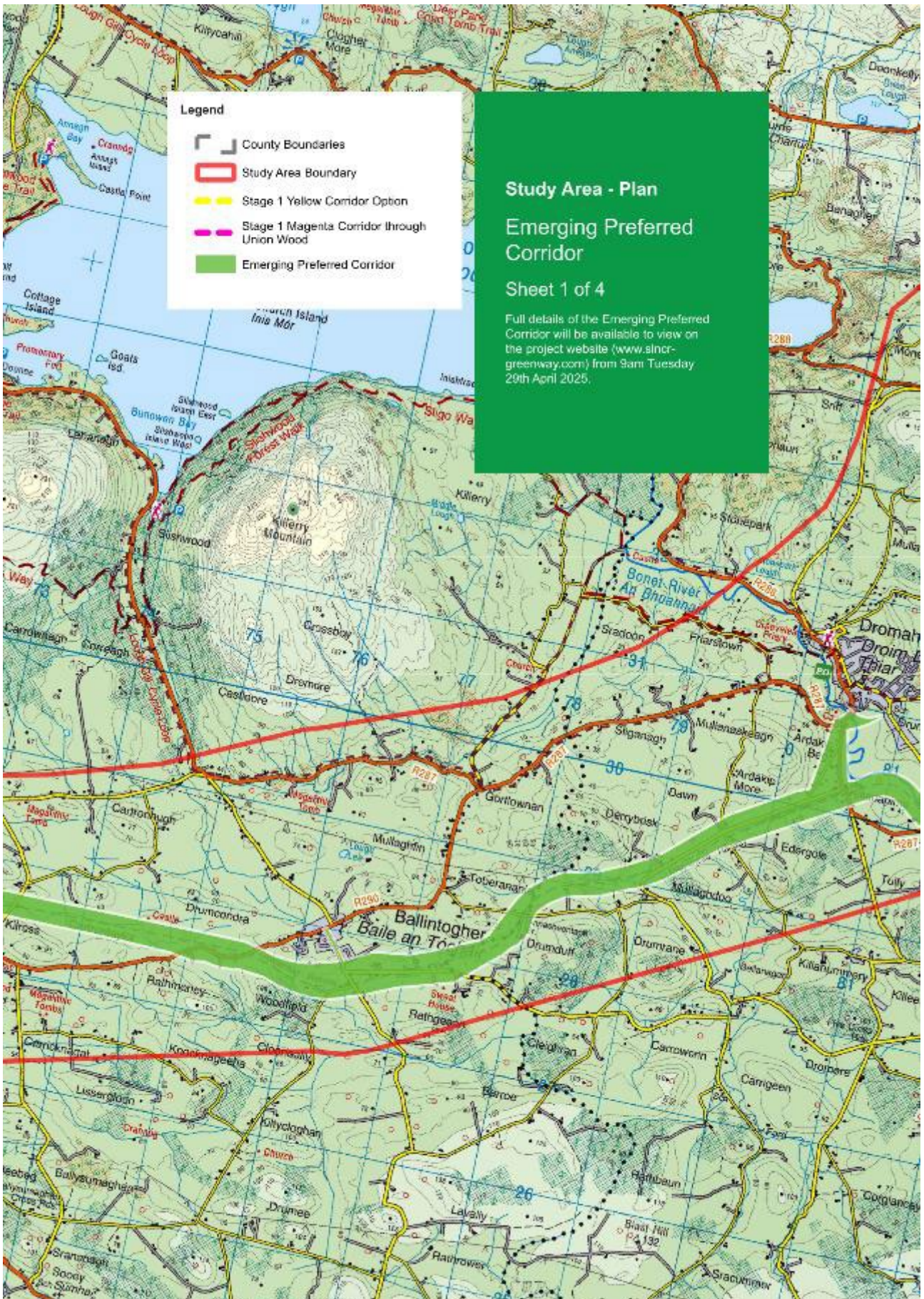
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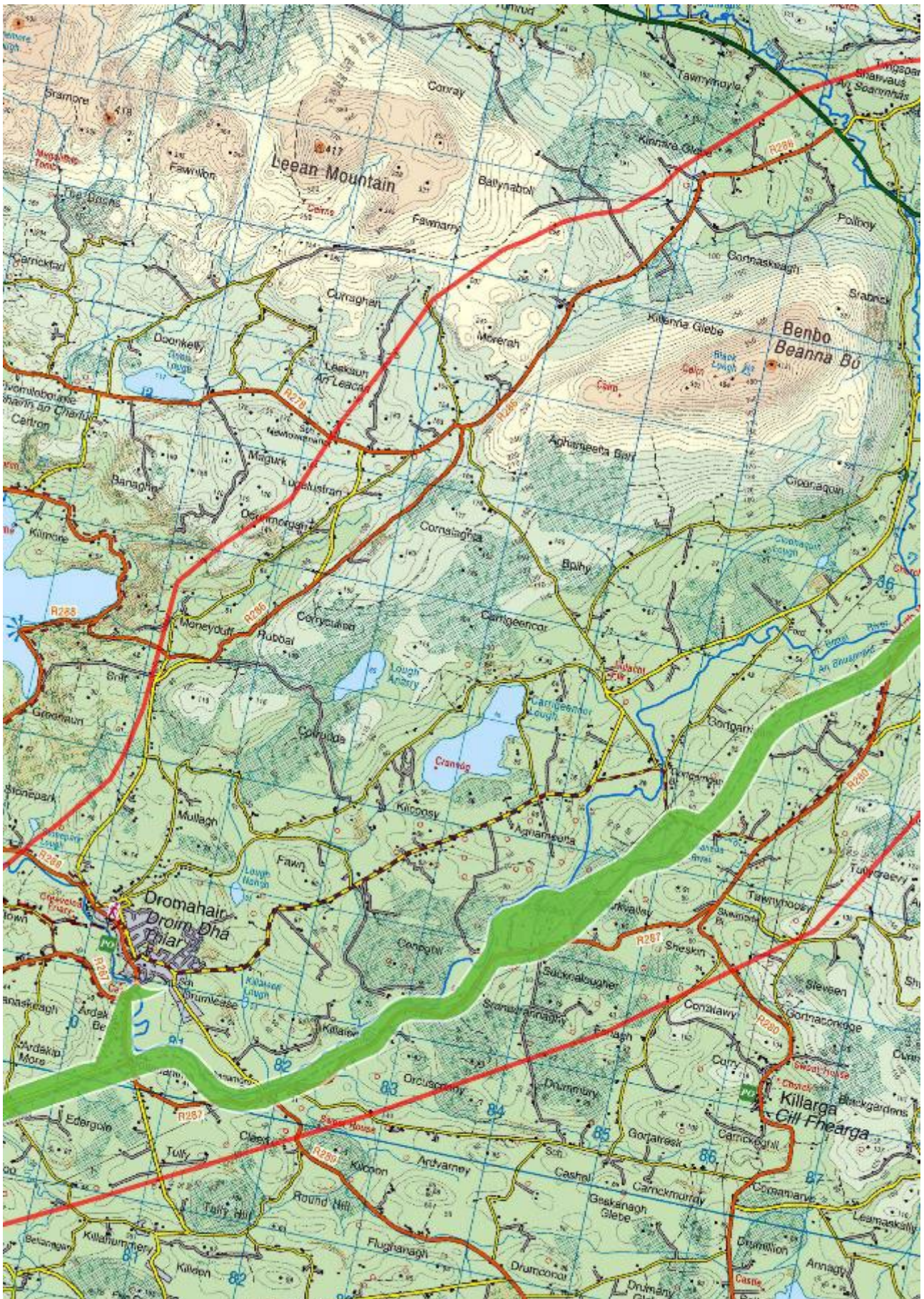
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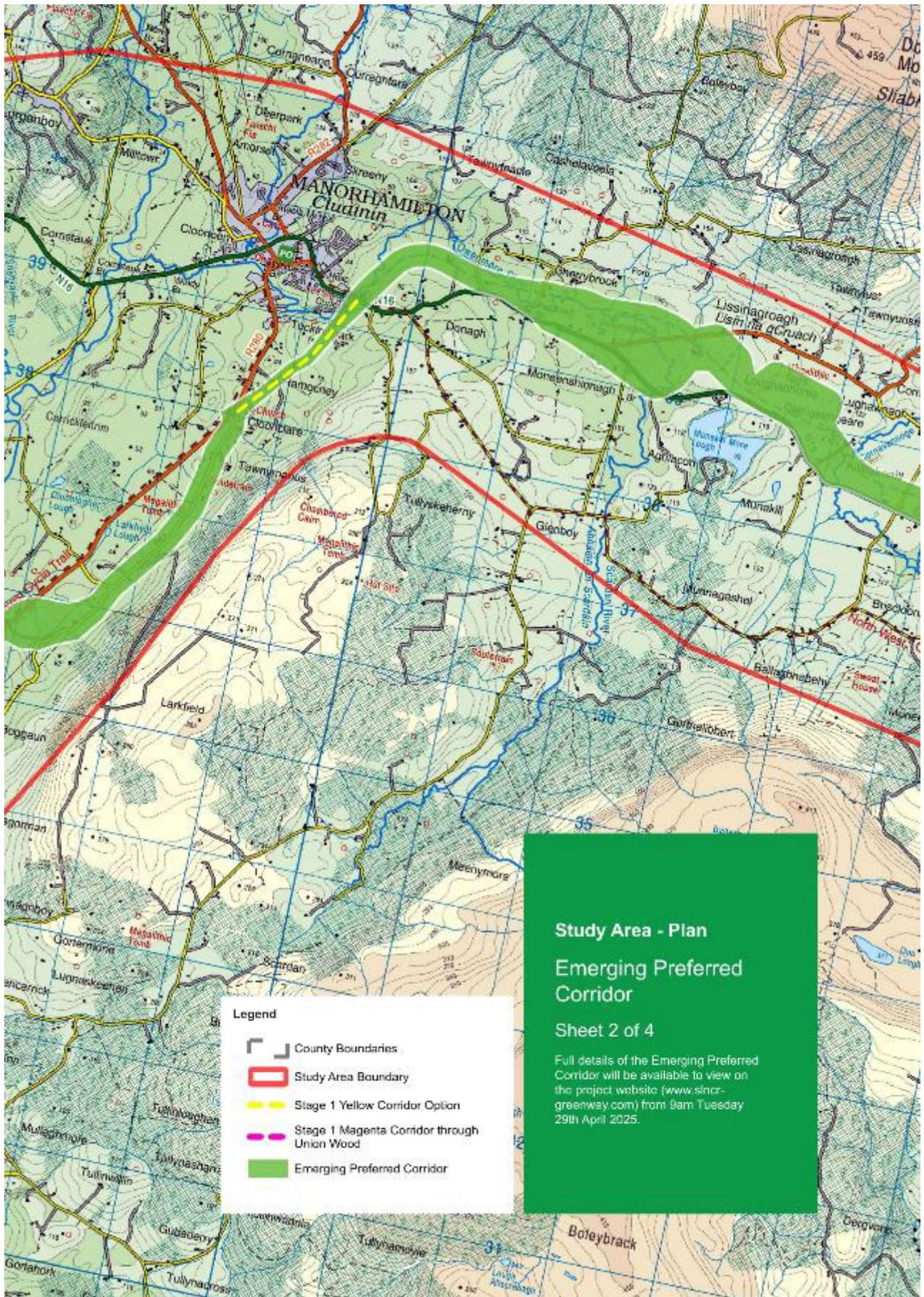
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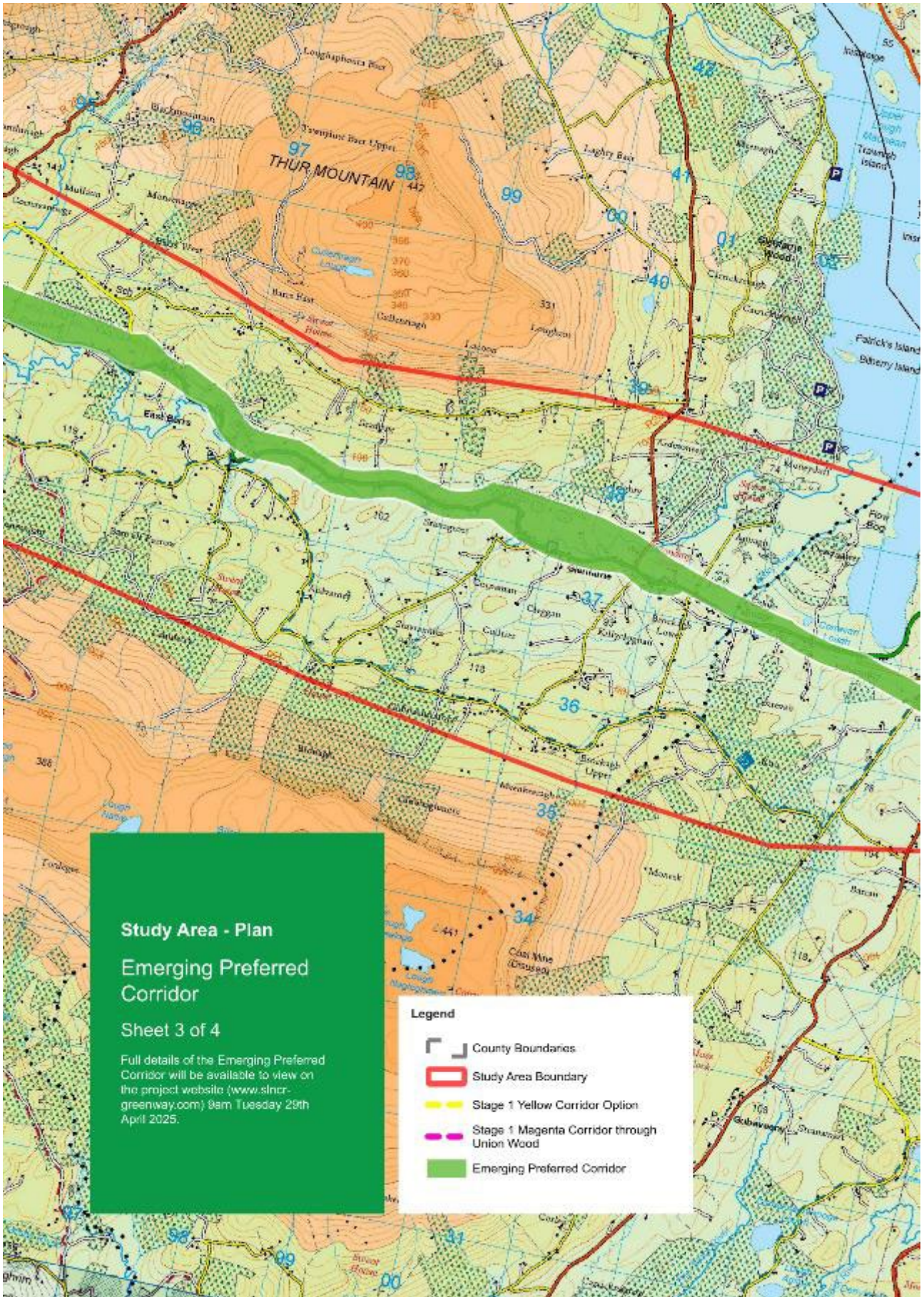


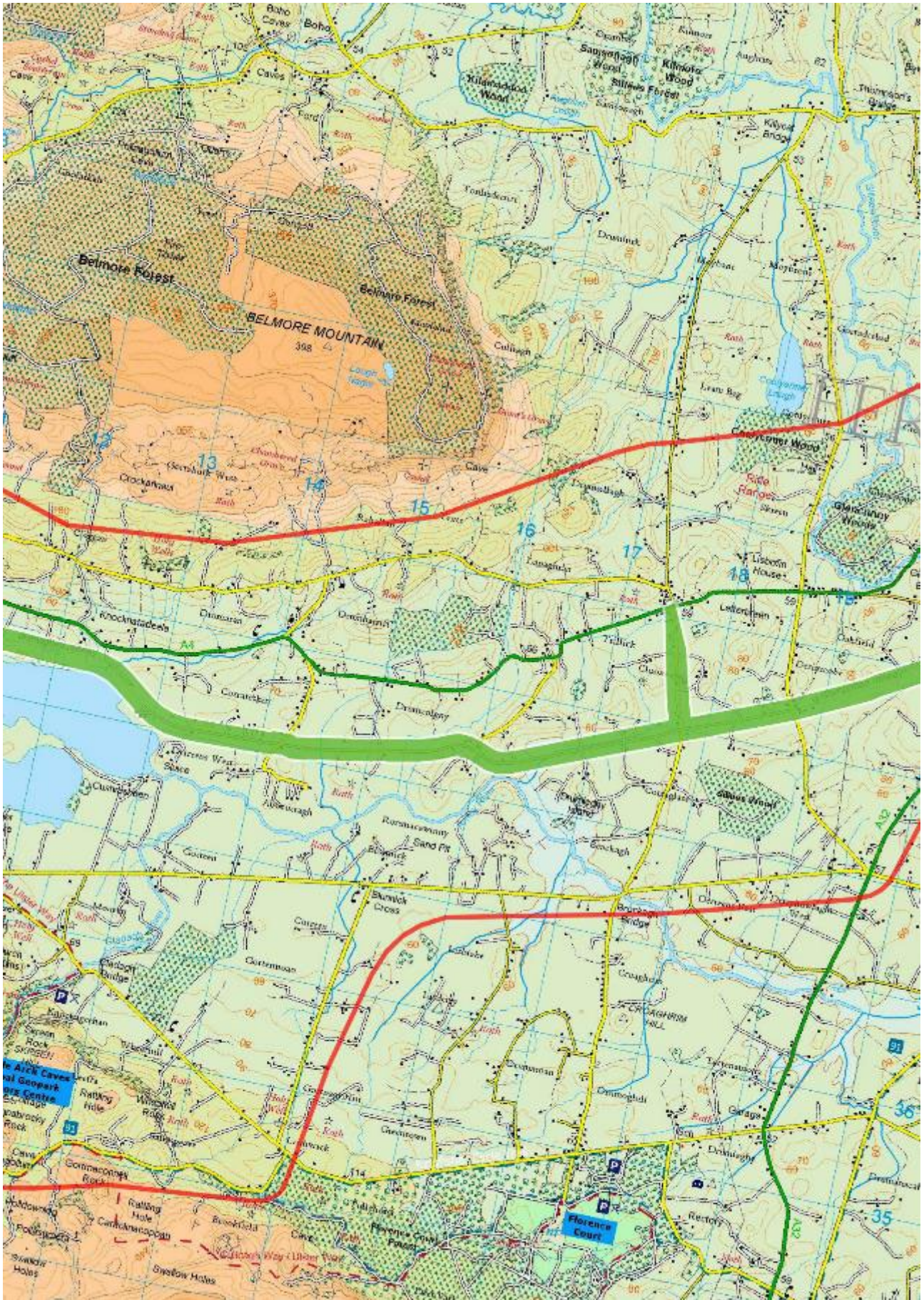
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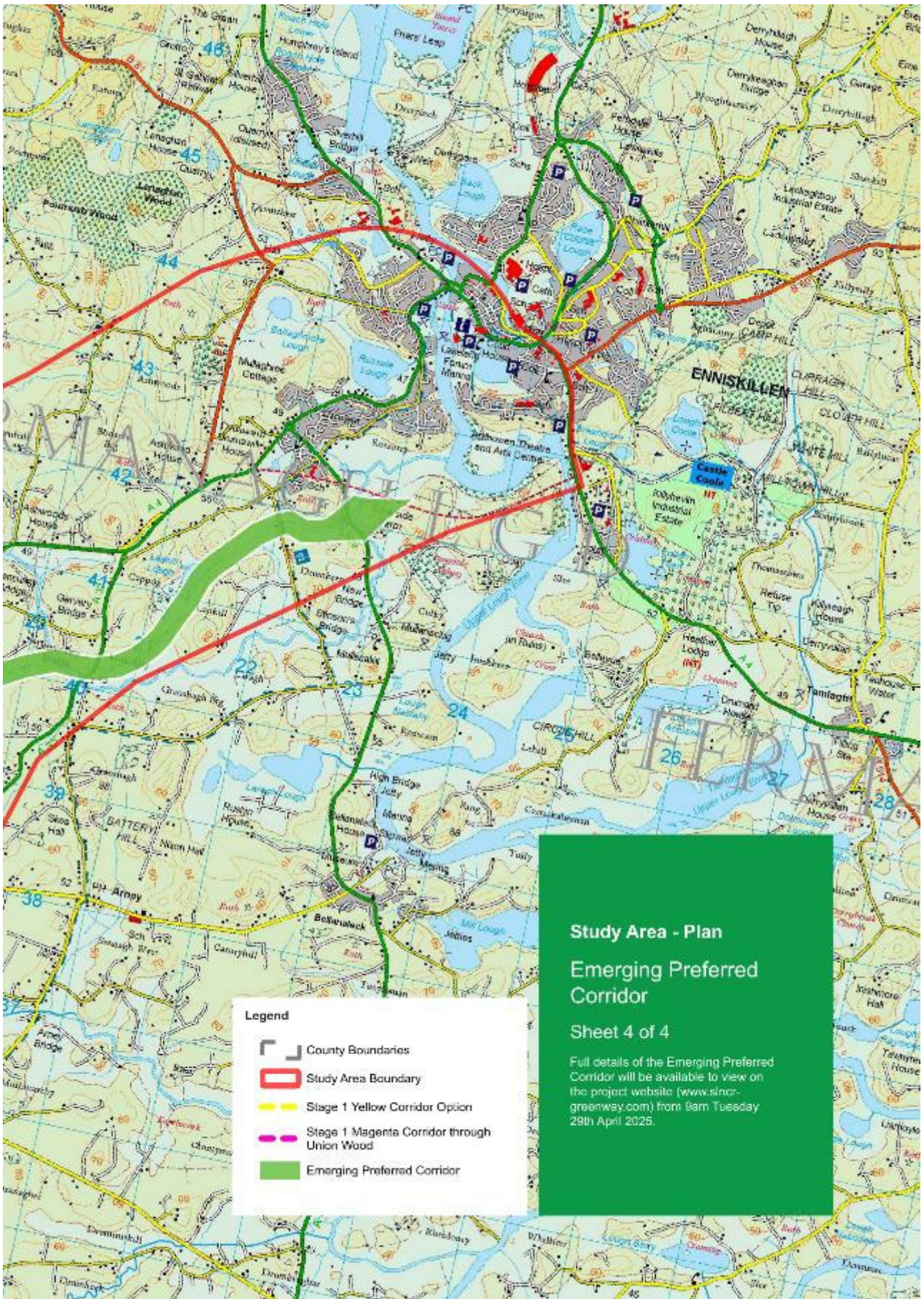












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Cad atá ag Tarlú faoi Láthair?

Cheap Comhairle Contae Liatroma Arup le seirbhísí ildisciplíneacha innealtóireachta agus sainseirbhísí sainchomhairteoireachta eile a chur ar fáil. Rinneadh é sin chun an tionscadal a thabhairt tríd an bpróiseas pleanála sa Phoblacht agus i dTuaisceart Éireann agus chun cáipéisí tairisceana a sholáthar chun an Glasbhealach a bheartaítear a thógáil i gcomhlíonadh Cháipéisí Treoirínte Bainistíochta Tionscadal Bhonneagar Iompair Éireann (TII).

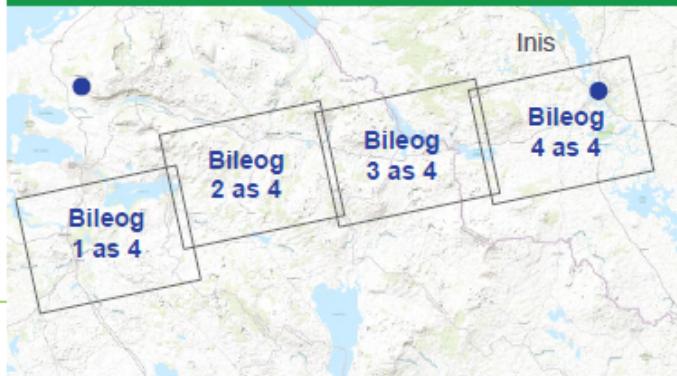
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Beidh sonraí iomlána ar an gConair is Dealraithí a Roghnófar ar fáil ar Shuíomh Gréasáin an Tionscadail (www.slncr-greenway.com) ó 9 r.n. Dé Máirt, an 29 Aibreán 2025.

Tabhair faoi deara go bhfuil leithead éagsúil ag an gConair is Dealraithí a Roghnófar (200m den chuid is mó), ach beidh leithead i bhfad níos lú ná an leithead seo sa dearadh deiridh don Ghlasbhealach a bheartaítear (thart ar 10m, den chuid is mó). D'fhéadfaí, dá réir, ailíniú an Ghlasbhealaigh a bheartaítear a éagsúlú gan stró. Déanfar é sin a fhiosrú níos mó i gCéim 3 – Dearadh agus Meastóireacht Comhshaoil.

Límistéar Staidéir – Plean

Taispeántar ar na leathanaigh seo a leanas na conairí i gceithre stráice.



Céimniú agus Amlíne an Tionscadail

Céim 1

Coincheap agus Indéantacht
Shainnaimid limistéar staidéir oiriúnach chun páirtithe leasmhara a spreagadh tabhairt faoi léarscáiliú srianta agus chun roghanna a fhorbairt agus a mheas.



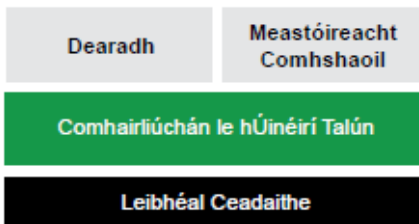
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Roghanna a Roghnú
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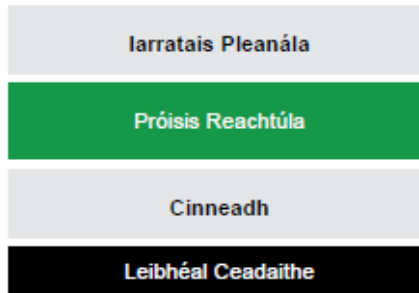
Céim 3

Dearadh agus Meastóireacht Comhshaoil
Beidh dóthain sonraí ar fáil nuair a bheid dearadh an réitigh is dealraithe a roghnófar á fhorbairt leis na riachtanais tógála talún a dheimhniú agus chun tabhairt faoi mheastóireacht comhshaoil chun tionchair a shainnaint agus a mhaolú.



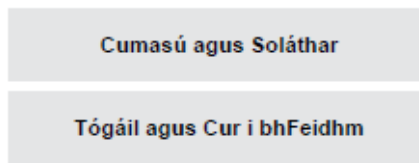
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Próisis Reachtúla
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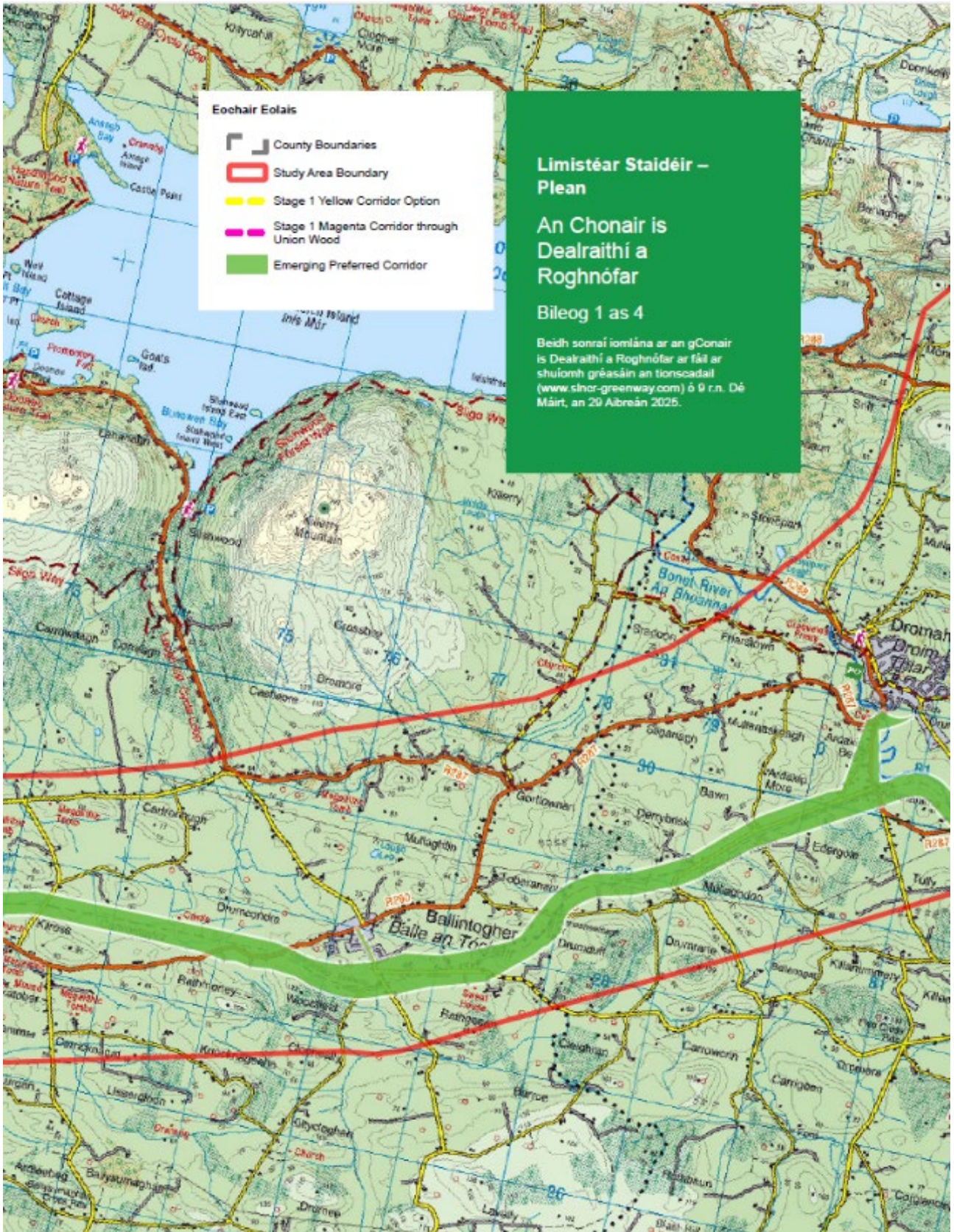


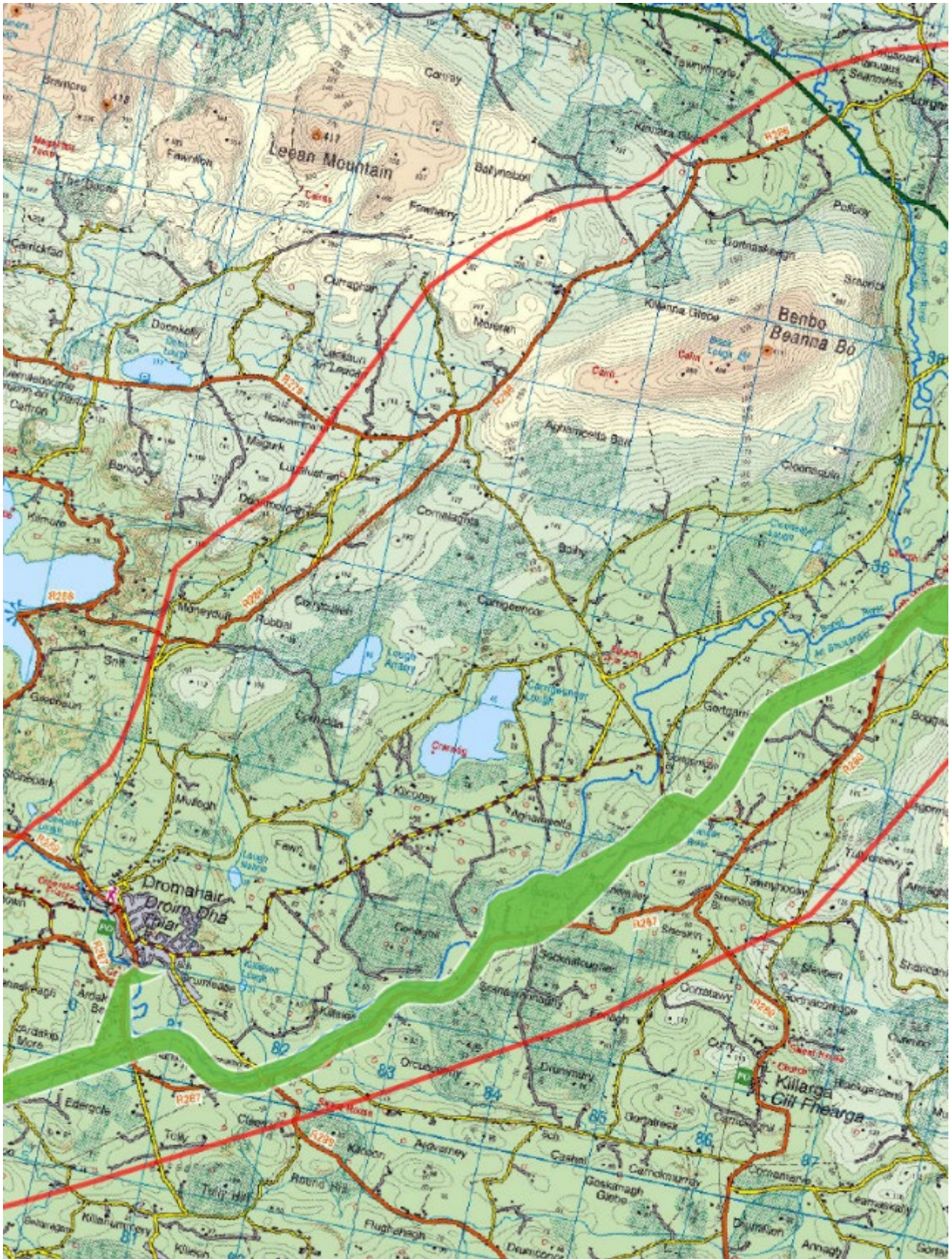
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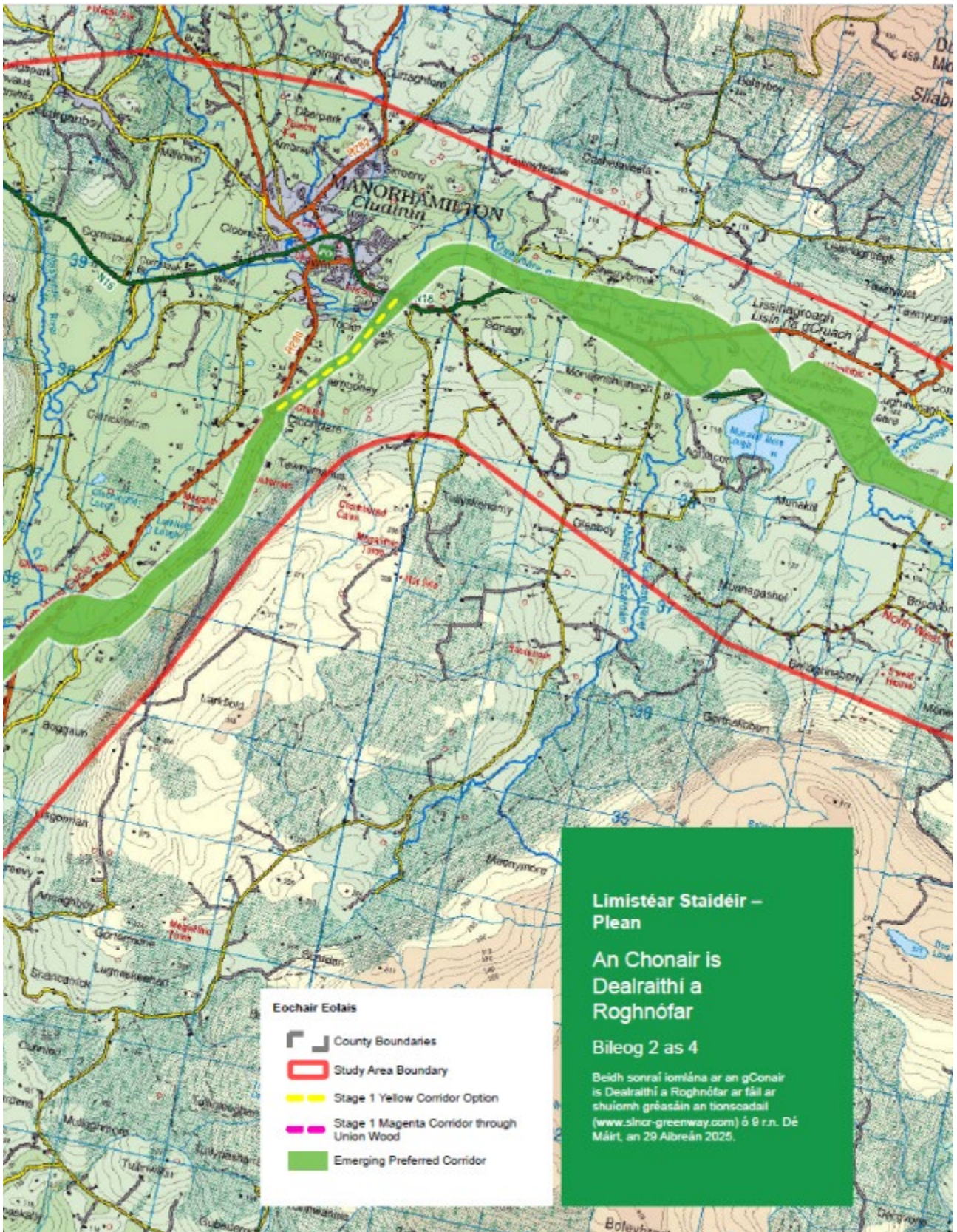
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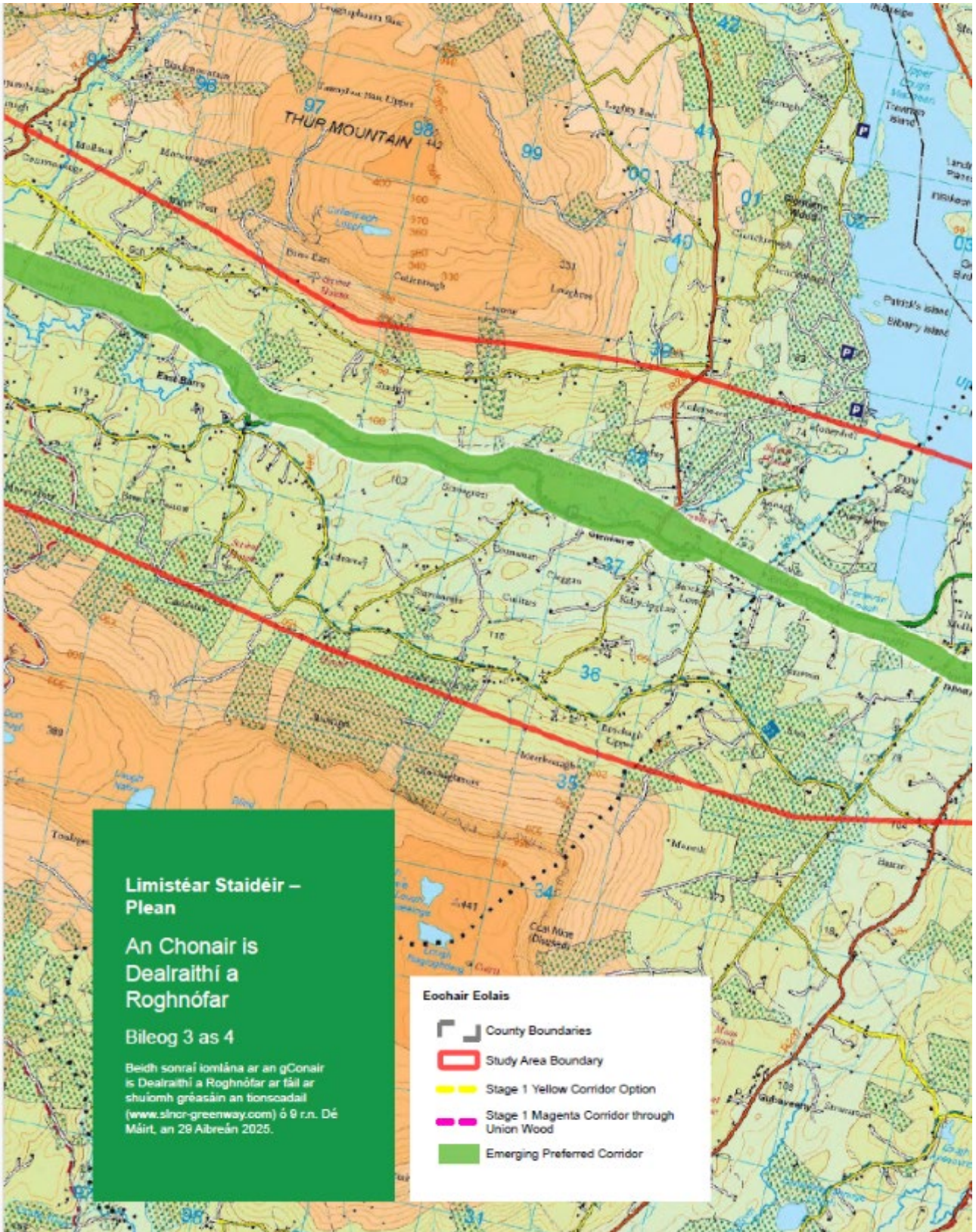
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- Emerging Preferred Corridor

Limistéar Staidéir – Plean

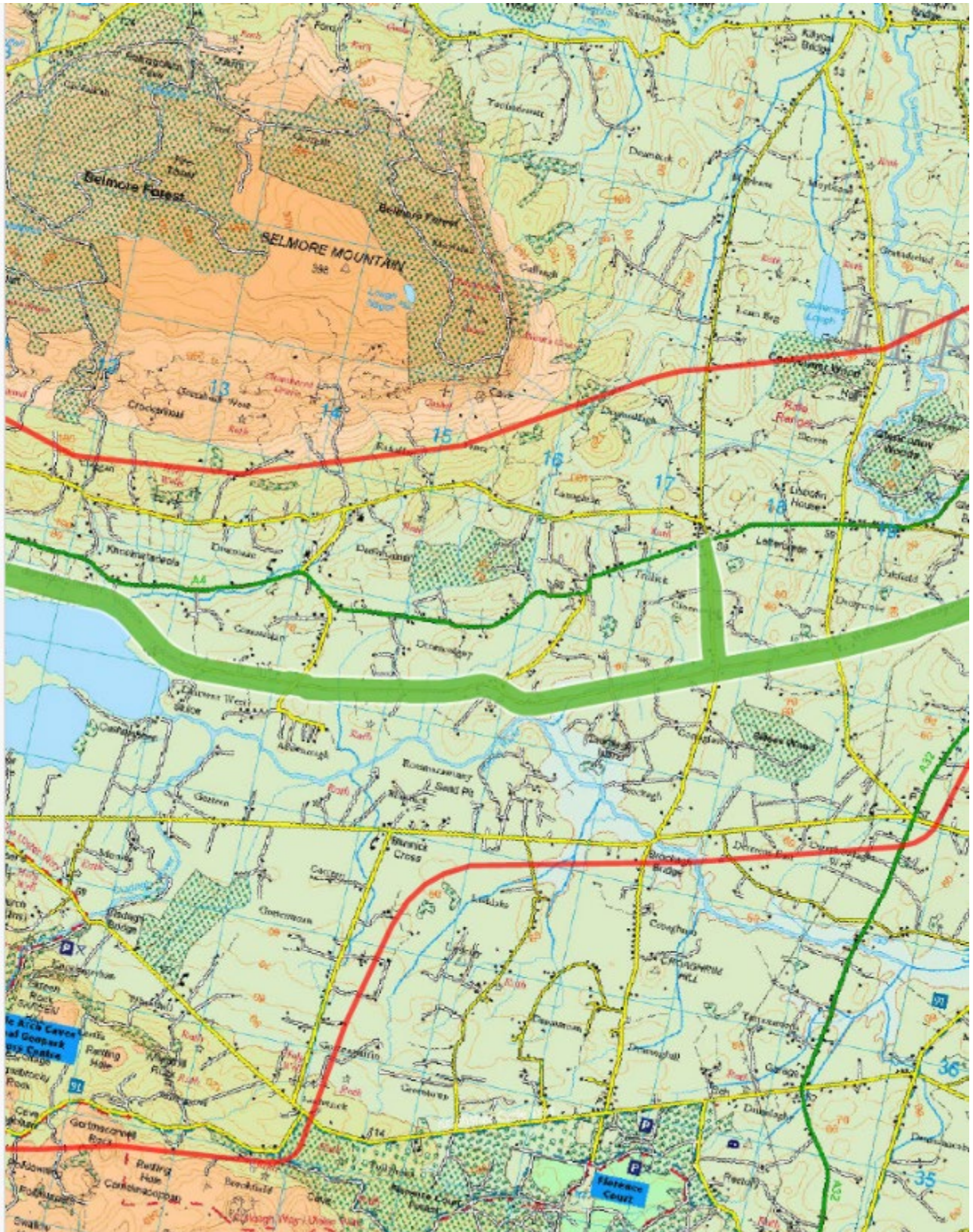
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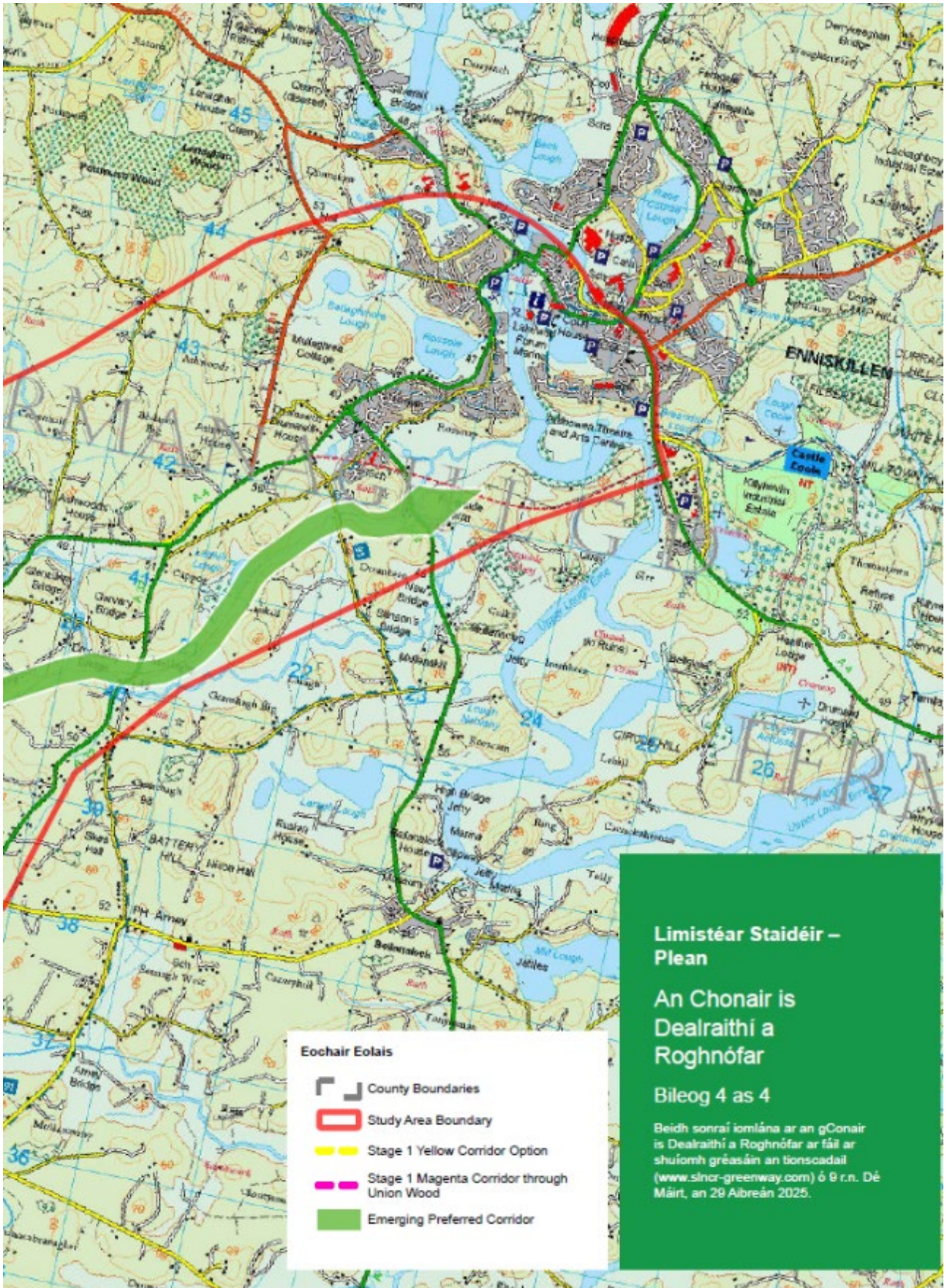
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Comhairliúchán Poiblí

Cuid thábhachtach den phróiseas dearaidh a chur chun cinn i dtreo roghanna bealaigh a fhorbairt is ea comhairliúchán poiblí agus ligeann sé don phobal páirt a ghlacadh sna srianta agus sna deiseanna is mó a shaináithint.

Tá sé beartaithe an Tríú Comhairliúchán Poiblí a chur ar siúl idir 9 r.n. Dé Máirt, an 29 Aibreán agus 5 i.n. Dé Máirt, an 27 Bealtaine 2025. Cuirfear na páirtithe leasmhara ar an eolas ar an gConair is Dealraithí a Roghnófar ag an Tríú Comhairliúchán Poiblí. Beidh Oifigigh Idirchaidrimh an Tionscadail agus Foireann an Tionscadail ar fáil le heolas a chur ar fáil ar an gConair is Dealraithí a Roghnófar agus ar conas a roghnaíodh í. Cuireann sé ar chumas páirtithe leasmhara freisin aiseolas

a thabhairt ar an gconair a bheartaítear, agus buarthaí agus deiseanna a thabhairt chun solais.

Beidh an comhairliúchán seo á chur ar bun ar líne trí Shuíomh Gréasáin ár dTionscadail, www.slncr-greenway.com, áit a bhfuil an t-eolas go léir a thaispeánfar ag na himeachtaí comhairliúcháin phoiblí ar féidir le daoine freastal orthu. Cuirtear léarscáil idirghníomhach ar fáil anseo freisin ar a dtaispeánfar an Limistéar Staidéir, Srianta Chéim 1, Roghanna Conaire Chéim 2 agus an Chonair is Dealraithí a Roghnófar. Tá mír cheisteanna coitianta agus leathanach aiseolais chun tuairimí nó ceisteanna a sheoladh ar aghaidh ar shuíomh gréasáin an Tionscadail chomh maith.

Cuirfidimid na laethanta oscailte nó na himeachtaí seo a leanas ar bun freisin ar féidir le daoine freastal orthu:

Comhairliúchán Poiblí 1: Sligeach

An 6 Bealtaine 2025
12:00-20:00

Óstán agus Club Fóillíochta
Sligo Park
Páirc an Phiarsaigh
Co. Shligigh
F91Y762

Comhairliúchán Poiblí 2: Liatroim

An 7 Bealtaine 2025
12:00-20:00

Leabharlann Bhraínse Dhroim
Dhá Thiar
An Phríomhshráid
Droim Dhá Thiar
Co. Liatroma, F91 YF6E

Comhairliúchán Poiblí 3: Fear Manach

An 8 Bealtaine 2025
12:00-20:00

Ionad Pobail Bhéal Cú
68 Bóthar Lattone
An Goirtín
Co. Fhear Manach
BT93 4EA

Tá cruachóipeanna de bhróisiúir agus de bhileoga tuairimí ar fáil lena mbaillí ó

Chomhairle Contae Liatroma.
Leabharlann Bhraínse
Chluainín, An Phríomhshráid,
Cluainín, Co. Liatroma. F91
C862

Comhairle Contae an Chabháin
Teach Cúirte an Chabháin,
Sráid Fheamáin, Fearann na
Mainistreach, An Cabhán. H12
R6V2

Comhairle Contae Liatroma
Leabharlann Bhraínse Dhroim
Dhá Thiar, An Phríomhshráid,
Droim Dhá Thiar, Co. Liatroma.
F91 YF6E

**Comhairle Ceantair Fhear
Manach agus na hÓmaí**
Áras an Chontae, 15 Sráid an
Droichid Thoir, Inis Ceithleann,
Fear Manach. BT74 7BW

Comhairle Contae Shligigh
Áras an Chontae, Cois Abhann,
Sligeach. F91 Y763



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Is féidir bileoga tuairimí a sheoladh tríd an leathanach aiseolais 'Déan Teagmháil Linn' ar shuíomh gréasáin an tionscadail nó le casadh an phoist chuig ceann de na seoltaí seo a leanas:

Oifigeach Idirchaidrimh Tionscadail Ghlasbhealach Iarnród Shligigh, Liatroma agus na gContaetha Thuaidh, Oifig Deartha Réigiún Shligigh, Comhairle Contae Shligigh, Aonad 1, An Claifort, Sráid an Chaisleáin, Sligeach, F91 E4XY, Saorphost FSG7627

Oifigeach Idirchaidrimh Tionscadail Ghlasbhealach Iarnród Shligigh, Liatroma agus na gContaetha Thuaidh, Comhairle Ceantair Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí, Áras an Chontae, 15 Sráid an Droichid Thoir, Inis Ceithleann, Fear Manach, BT74 7BW.

Oifigeach Idirchaidrimh Tionscadail Ghlasbhealach Iarnród Shligigh, Liatroma agus na gContaetha Thuaidh, Comhairle Contae Liatroma, Áras an Chontae, Ardán San Seoirse, Cora Droma Rúisc, Co. Liatroma, N41 PF67, Saorphost LM7412.

Tabhair faoi deara gur cheart seoladh Chomhairle Contae Liatroma thuas a úsáid d'aighneachtaí a bhaineann le Contae an Chabháin.

Is é an dáta deiridh a bheifear ag glacadh le haighneachtaí
5 i.n. Dé Máirt, an 27 Bealtaine 2025

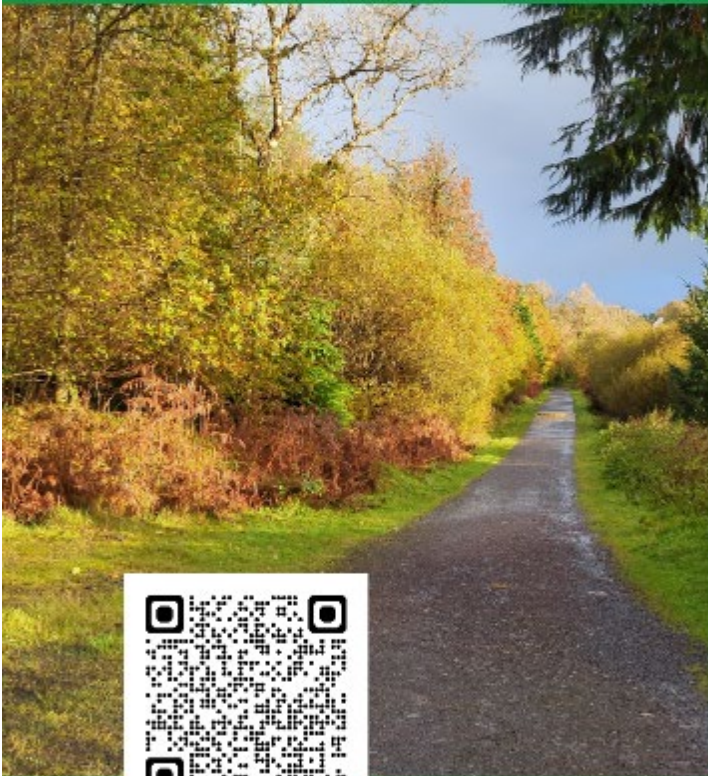
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Leaflets



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Public Consultation No. 3 Emerging Preferred Corridor



Event 1 Sligo

WHEN:
6th May 2025
12.00-20.00

WHERE:
Sligo Park
Hotel & Leisure Club
Pearse Road
Co. Sligo
F91Y762

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Public Consultation No. 3 Emerging Preferred Corridor



Event 2 Leitrim

WHEN:
7th May 2025
12.00-20.00

WHERE:
Dromahair Branch Library
Main Street
Dromahair
Co. Leitrim
F91 YF6E

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Public Consultation No. 3 Emerging Preferred Corridor



Event 3 Fermanagh

WHEN:
8th May 2025
12.00-20.00

WHERE:
Community Centre Belcoo
68 Lattone Road
Gorteen
Co. Fermanagh
BT93 4EA

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Imeacht 1 Sligeach

CATHAIN?
An 6 Bealtaine 2025
12.00-20.00

CÉN ÁIT?
Óstán agus Club
Fóillíochta Sligo Park

Páirc an Phiarsaigh
Co. Shligigh
F91Y762

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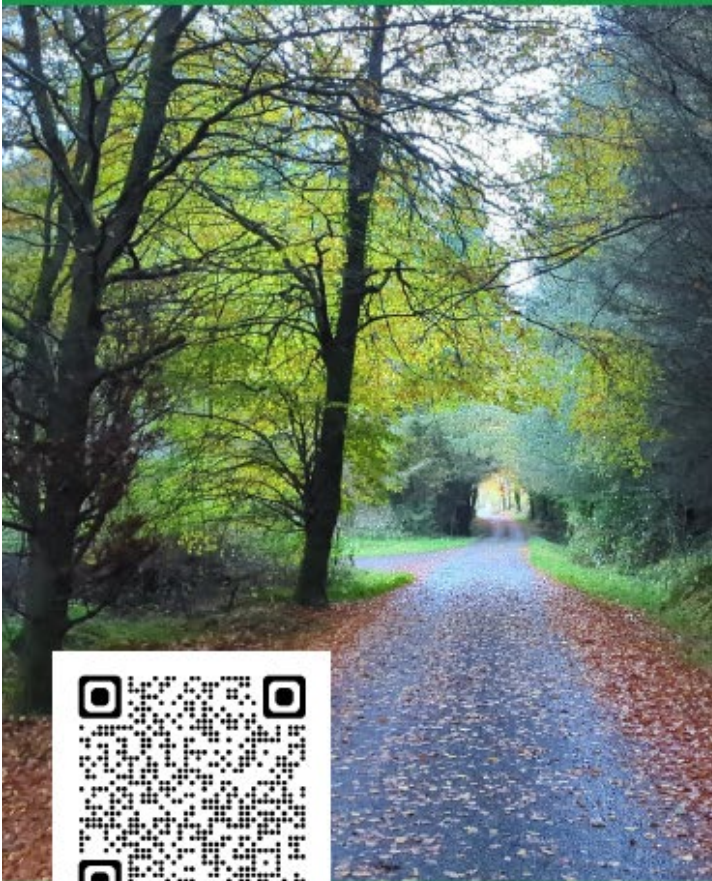


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Imeacht 2 Liatroim

CATHAIN?

**An 7 Bealtaine 2025
12.00-20.00**

CÉN ÁIT?

**Leabharlann Bhrainse
Dhroim Dhá Thiar**
An Phríomhshráid
Droim Dhá Thiar
Co. Liatroma
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Imeacht 3 Fear Manach

CATHAIN?

An 8 Bealtaine 2025
12.00-20.00

CÉN ÁIT?

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Appendix F

Display Boards and Public Consultation Event Set-up

Sligo Park Hotel – 6th May 2025



Dromahair Branch Library – 7th May 2025



Belcoo Community Centre – 8th May 2025



Appendix G

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: What is the width of the Study Area?

A5: 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 ≥ 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 ≤ 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.

Q6: How has the Emerging Preferred Route Corridor of the Greenway been decided?

A6:

The Project is being developed in line with TII Project Management Guidelines, the Code of Best Practice for National and Regional Greenways (CBPN&RG) and UK Transport Appraisal Guidance (TAG). Phase 1 Concept and Feasibility identified an appropriate Study Area and a long list of route options. During Phase 1 the long list of options were examined in terms of their feasibility, conceptually and practically, to achieve the Project objectives as part of the Preliminary Options Assessment and some were ruled out. During Phase 2 Options Selection the viable Corridor Options (presented during Public Consultation No.2) were evaluated by undertaking an appraisal of the quantifiable and non-quantifiable impacts. This appraisal was in accordance with Project Appraisal Guidelines Unit: 13.0 Appraisal of Active Modes under the headings of Transport User Benefits and Other Economic Impacts, Accessibility Impacts, Social Impacts, Land Use Impacts, Safety Impacts, Climate Change Impacts, Local Environmental Impacts. The appraisal

scored each Corridor Option under these headings and the Corridor with the highest score was selected as the Emerging Preferred Route Corridor.

Corridor Options have also been subject to appraisal against the UK Government's five Objectives (Environment, Safety, Economy, Accessibility and Integration).

Q7: What is the width of the Emerging Preferred Corridor?

A7: The width of the Emerging Preferred Corridor varies. In most locations the Corridor is 200m wide, however in more constrained the width has been reduced, for example where existing paths are being utilised. The width selected provides 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.

Q8: When will the exact route of the Greenway be decided?

A8 The route of the Greenway will be developed during Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation. The purpose of this Phase is to develop the design of the Emerging Preferred Route Corridor to a stage where sufficient levels of detail exist to establish land-take requirements and to evaluate potential environmental impact. Phase 3 will take place in 2025 and 2026.

Q9: What will be the width of the finished Greenway?

A9: 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

Q10: When will the landowners directly affected by the Preferred Option be contacted?

A10: Every landowner directly affected by the Emerging Preferred Corridor Option has been sent a letter as part of the third Public Consultation event. Please note that the team are using available PRAI and LPS data to identify impacted landowners. If you have not received a letter but believe you own land/property within the Emerging Preferred Corridor, please reach out to the project team via the 'contact us' page.

Q11: When is the earliest timeframe that the project could be built? / When will the project be submitted for planning permission and get planning consent?

A11: The project is currently programmed to submit simultaneous planning applications in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland in 2027. 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 2027.

Q12: Why is the project needed?

A12: 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.

Q13: Why is the project starting again from a blank canvas? What has happened to the previous project?

A13: 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.

Q14: Will my house be given the same level of importance as other constraints when selecting the preferred option?

A14: Your house is an important constraint and will be considered among all the constraints.

Q15: How do I find out about compensation?

A15a 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 and gov.ie websites.

A15b Northern Ireland: At present, access to privately owned lands and land purchases will be pursued through agreements with landowners. Discussions are ongoing between Council and the Department on key issues such as land acquisition, compensation, and insurance/indemnities for the proposed greenway. In cases where agreements cannot be reached, vesting of lands will be considered. Updates on this topic will be communicated via the “FAQs” section of the project website and future consultation events.

Q16: How will potential impacts on ecology and protected sites be managed?

A16: 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.

Q17: 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?

A17: 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.

Q18: Who finally decides to give planning or not?

A18: 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.

Q19: How will biosecurity and/or disease control be managed?

A19: 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.

Q20: Will horses be allowed on a greenway?

A20: No, horses will be prohibited. Use of the Greenway will be restricted to people walking, wheeling, and cycling.

Q21: My property is remote. How will my security concerns be addressed?

A21: 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.

Q22: Where is the design?

A22: The Project is currently at Stage 2- Preferred Option of Phase 2 Option Selection. A Preferred Option has been identified to progress to Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation.

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 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 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
- sligo@slncr-greenway.com
- cavan@slncr-greenway.com
- 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 compensation and accommodation works will be provided by the project promoter on a case-by-case basis, in conjunction with the farmer / landowner and their advisor...” where practical to do so.

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 on my land?

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.

Q33: Who will be responsible for the general maintenance (fencing/hedging/littering etc.) of the Greenway?

A33a: Republic of Ireland: General maintenance of the Greenway will be undertaken by the relevant Council, unless otherwise agreed.

A33b: Northern Ireland: Discussions are ongoing between Council and the Department on key issues such as the responsible body for maintenance of the greenway. Updates on this topic will be communicated in this section of the website and at future consultation events.

Q34: Who is the Independent Agronomist and how can they help?

An Independent Agronomist has been engaged by Leitrim County Council to assist landowners through the project considering any relevant agronomy issues. The Independent Agronomist is available to farmers/landowners to provide an impartial opinion on the proposals.

Contact details of the Independent Agronomist can be requested from the Contact Us page of the website.

Q35: What happens when the Greenway crosses a farm?

“Where a farmer / landowner needs access across the Greenway to severed land, the project promoter shall provide a suitable means of crossing. The crossings will be designed to facilitate the movement of farm machinery and include a gated arrangement to allow the safe crossing of livestock. The farmer / landowner undertakes to ensure crossings are managed in a safe, efficient and timely manner. Greenway users should afford reasonable opportunity for this and not interfere with this activity” [CBPNRG]

Q36 What surveys are being carried out and why?

Between March and September 2025 non-intrusive ecological walkover surveys are being conducted within the Emerging Preferred Corridor. These surveys aim to identify existing habitats and assess their potential to support protected species. The data collected will help highlight key environmental constraints and inform the design of the Greenway route during Phase 3.

Throughout Phase 3 of the Project, a range of surveys will be required to inform the optimal design of the Greenway route. Surveys include, but not limited to, drone and topographical surveys, archaeological surveys, geological investigation surveys and additional ecological surveys. Landowners will be notified prior to surveys taking place.

Appendix H

Newspaper Articles

