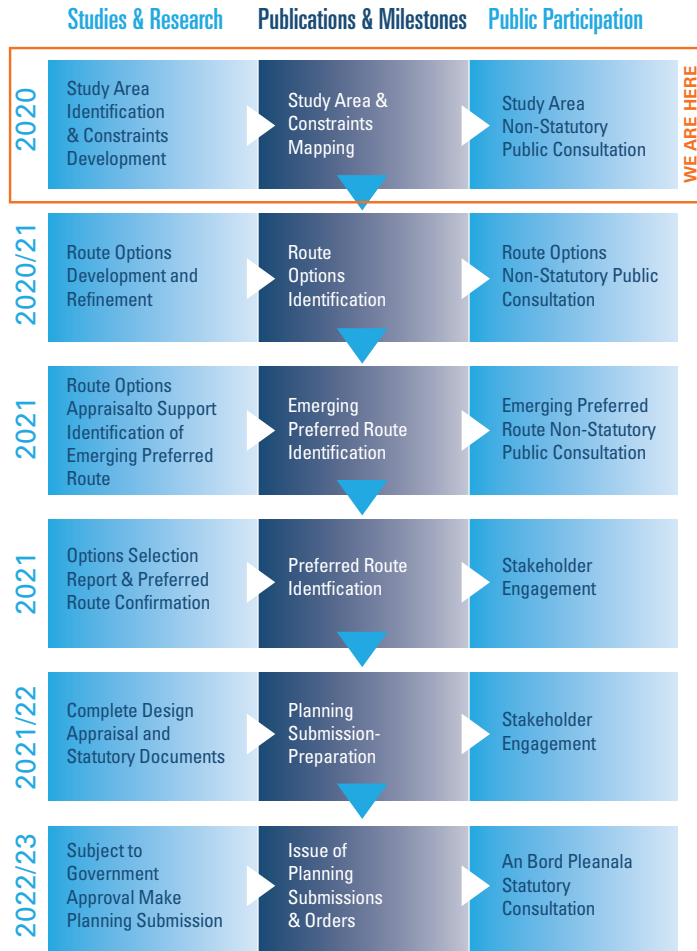


Study Area

We want to hear from local people and interested parties regarding any other constraints or issues you may be aware of, and which may or may not be in the public domain or known to the Council or consultants.



Public Consultation Roadmap



Public Consultation Study Area & Constraints

15th June 2020 to 27th July 2020

Offaly County Council, in conjunction with Westmeath County Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), is developing the long awaited N52 Tullamore to Kilbeggan Link Scheme.

This first public consultation on the Study Area & Constraints is now underway.

Have your say by returning the enclosed questionnaire or emailing the project team by 27th July 2020.

Contact Us

The project team can be contacted by email at info@n52tullamoretokilbeggan.ie or by telephone at **01 5239274** (Monday – Friday).

Please return your questionnaire and any other feedback by 27th July 2020



Need for the Scheme

The N52 currently operates above capacity, carrying over 14,000 vehicles per day, on a single carriageway with a narrow hard shoulder, including many private access points and public junctions.

The N52 Tullamore to Kilbeggan Road is an important element of Ireland's National Secondary Route. It links the north-east and the south-west of Ireland, from Ardee in County Louth to Nenagh in County Tipperary and services the towns of Kells, Mullingar, Tyrellspass, Kilbeggan, Tullamore and Birr. The new N52 Tullamore to Kilbeggan Link scheme will benefit local people and all road users.

The Scheme will:

- ✓ improve the quality of this strategically important road
- ✓ improve connectivity within The Midlands
- ✓ result in shorter and safer car, truck and bus journeys
- ✓ improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and those living along the route
- ✓ improve road safety and accident reduction

What's Happening Now

In 2019, Offaly County Council appointed consultants RPS to deliver the proposed scheme through Phases 1 (Concept and Feasibility) to Phase 4 (Statutory Processes).

We are now at the Phase 2 Public Consultation stage of project development, which is focused on the Study Area and the Constraints Study that have been prepared for the project over recent months. From this we have identified the broad project study area (see map overleaf) within which the proposed road could feasibly be located; and the likely constraints that could impact where and how the road is designed.

The project team is now in the process of identifying any constraints within this area that could impact on how and where the Scheme is designed. Constraints include Economic, Engineering and Environmental issues such as communities, industry, archaeological and environmental factors, that the project team needs to be aware of before it progresses to designing a route for the Scheme.



Have Your Say

Public Consultation is now open. Offaly County Council wants to hear your views on the Study Area and Constraints to inform the design of the project.

Offaly County Council is particularly interested to hear from local people and interested parties regarding any constraints or issues you may be aware of and which may or may not be in the public domain. Tell us about anything else that you think should be considered by the engineers and environmental consultants whilst they are planning and designing the route.

- ✓ View the Study Area and other scheme information at www.n52tullamoretokilbeggan.ie
- ✓ Fill out the enclosed questionnaire
- ✓ Email your questionnaire / any other feedback to us at: info@n52tullamoretokilbeggan.ie
- ✓ Post your questionnaire / any other feedback to us at: N52 Tullamore to Kilbeggan Project Team, RPS, West Pier Business Campus, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

All feedback should be returned to the project team by 27th July 2020.

Background to the Project

The N52 Tullamore to Kilbeggan Link scheme has been identified in the National Development Plan (2018-2027). The scheme was proposed under the NDP to be progressed through pre-appraisal and early planning during 2018 in order to prioritise projects which are proceeding to construction in the National Development Plan.

Work began on the N52 Tullamore to Kilbeggan Link scheme in the mid-2000's but the process was not completed, due to funding and statutory procedures.

In 2019, Offaly County Council appointed consultants RPS to deliver the proposed scheme through Phases 1 (Concept and Feasibility) to 4 (Statutory Processes).

The N52 Tullamore to Kilbeggan Link aligns with a variety of policies and plans for the region and the country, including Project Ireland 2040 National Planning Framework (NPF), National Development Plan (2018-2027), Strategic Investment Framework for Land Transport (SIFLT), Road Safety Strategy 2013-2020, Draft Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy, Westmeath County Development Plan (2014-2020), Offaly County Development Plan (2014-2020), and Tullamore Town & Environs Local Area Plan (extended until 2020).