

The Need For The Scheme

The N2 is an important National Primary Route connecting Dublin city to the border with Northern Ireland, passing through counties Dublin, Meath, Louth and Monaghan, before continuing on as the A5 to Derry and onto Donegal. This route carries significant volumes of local as well as long-distance traffic.

The existing N2 at Slane is very steep, both on the approaches to Slane Bridge and to the N2/N51 crossroads in the village centre. Further safety issues include a sub-standard alignment through the village and at Slane Bridge, a large number of direct accesses for homes and businesses and congestion at the N2/N51 junction. These issues combined with the high number of trucks using this route daily make traffic congestion and road safety for motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and residents a constant concern in Slane. There is a history of traffic accidents, resulting in injury and a number of fatalities at Slane.



The objective of the N2 Slane Bypass project is to address the traffic problems on the N2 through Slane, and the environmental and safety impacts of these traffic problems. While short-term measures, implemented in 2002, have helped to reduce the number of bad collisions they have not addressed the underlying safety issues described above.

Following on from the refusal of a previous application to An Bord Pleanála in March 2012, Meath County Council, in conjunction with TII, have decided to re-examine traffic

management options and bypass route options. The aim is to provide a safer environment for road users and pedestrians as well as local residents.



SCHEME OPTIONS

Scheme Options

Following on from the Constraints study eight Scheme Options have been developed, which are shown on the map overleaf, including a Traffic Management Option. The Traffic Management Option will be the banning of HGVs or barrier free tolling of HGVs on the N2.

The project team will review all information received as part of this public consultation.

Following this, an Options Selection Report will be prepared and an Emerging Preferred Scheme Option identified.

What Happens Next?

Comments/information received at public consultation may result in additional technical studies being required.

An Emerging Preferred Scheme Option will be selected following assessment of inputs from the public, state bodies, technical and environmental specialists. This will be brought



forward to a Public Display of the Emerging Preferred Option in Q2 2018.

A preliminary design of the preferred option will then be prepared. This will involve further detailed surveys and investigations to finalise the scheme. This will enable the extent of the land required for the scheme to be determined.

Progression of the scheme to construction stage will be subject to statutory processes which may include Compulsory Purchase Order, EIA/EIS, consents and is also subject to funding being provided.

Your Involvement

Meath County Council will consider all information provided, along with the technical and other studies. Please examine the Scheme Options including the Traffic Management Option and let your comments be known by completing the questionnaire.

Completed questionnaires may be handed in at the exhibition or mailed / emailed to the address below by Friday 15th December 2017.

Further Information

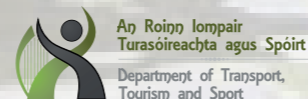
The N2 Slane Bypass is being developed by Meath County Council in association with Transport Infrastructure Ireland. For further information please view the N2 Slane Bypass website at the following link:

www.n2slanebypass.ie

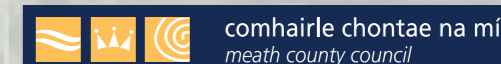
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Second Public Consultation Day – Scheme Options including a Traffic Management Option

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