

# N71 OWENAHINCHA TO NEWMILLS REALIGNMENT SCHEME

Public Consultation No.1

Option Selection – Constraints & Initial Preliminary Options

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## Introduction

Cork's submission to the National Planning Framework in its Transport Strategy considers the N71 strategic road improvement from Cork via West Cork to Kerry as nationally important. A National Strategic outcome of Project Ireland 2040 is to invest in maintaining regional, local and strategic road improvement projects to enhance and upgrade accessibility between urban centres of populations and their regions.

## Project Objectives

A number of objectives have been established for the project including:

- Improving safety along the route
- Promote active travel options within the environs of the realignment scheme
- Improving regional accessibility for business and tourism
- Reducing traffic congestion along the N71
- Improving journey times

## The Current Phase

The project is currently at **Phase 2 (Options Selection)** of the TII Project Management Guidelines. One of the first stages of the options selection includes an examination of an area, within which all possible solutions could be identified. This area is referred to as the "Study Area", which has now been established and included in this brochure.

**Stage 1 (Preliminary Options Assessment).** Within this Study Area, initial constraints have been identified and the planning and design work has commenced on the identification of the initial potential options.

Following on from this public consultation, we will develop the initial options and undertake an assessment of the potential impacts on the constraints identified. These initial options will be assessed under the following criteria:

- Engineering
- Environmental
- Economy

The assessment will aim to shortlist the number of options that will be brought forward to Stage 2 (Project Appraisal Matrix) for detailed consideration.

**Stage 2 (Project Appraisal Matrix)** of the Options Selection Phase will involve a detailed assessment of the options shortlisted from the Stage 1 under the following Criteria:

- Engineering
- Environmental
- Economy
- Safety
- Accessibility and Social Inclusion
- Integration
- Physical Activity

A second public consultation, communicating the finding of Stage 1 (Preliminary Options Assessment), the preliminary findings of the Stage 2 (Project Appraisal Matrix) and presenting the preferred option is envisaged to take place towards the end of Q4 2023.

Stage 3 of the Option Selection Phase will identify the preferred option which is intended to be displayed for information during Q2 2024.

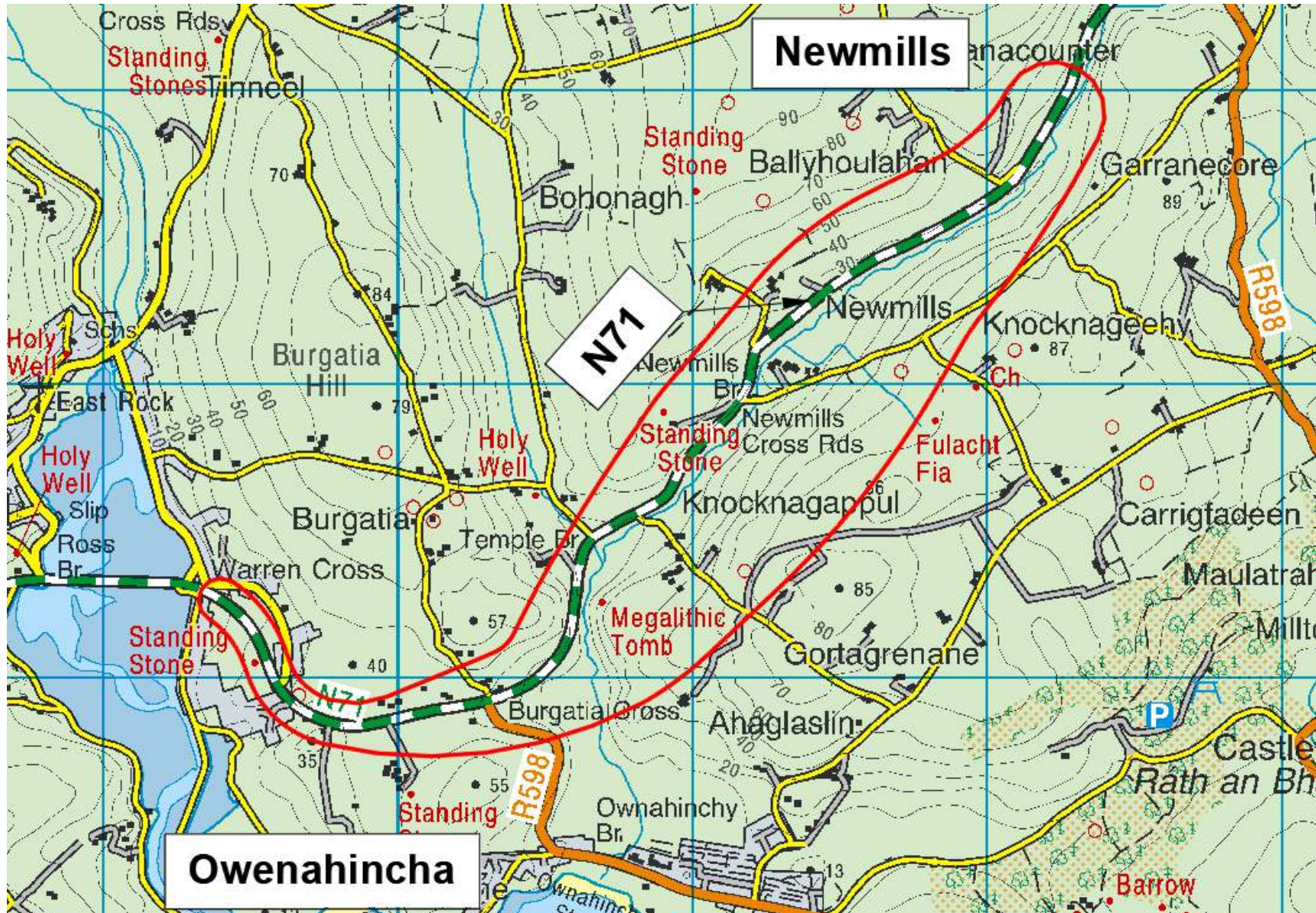
## Feedback

You can provide feedback to the Project team by:

- Viewing the Public Consultation information and completing the online feedback form on the project website: [www.corkrdo.ie/major-schemes/n71-owenahincha-newmills-realignment/](http://www.corkrdo.ie/major-schemes/n71-owenahincha-newmills-realignment/)
- Emailing the project team using the email address [N71ONR@corkrdo.ie](mailto:N71ONR@corkrdo.ie) preferably with the completed feedback form attached.
- Post to:  
Cork County Council  
Cork National Roads Office  
Richmond, Glanmire, Cork  
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Owenahincha to Newmills Realignment Scheme - Study Area



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Planning and Design	Phase 0	Scope and Pre-Appraisal
	Phase 1	Concept and Feasibility
	Phase 2	Options Selection <b>(We are here)</b>
	Phase 3	Design and Environmental Evaluation
	Phase 4	Statutory Processes
Construction and Implementation	Phase 5	Enabling and Procurement
	Phase 6	Construction and Implementation
	Phase 7	Close out and Review

Phase 0 – Scope and Pre-Appraisal	Completed
Phase 1 – Concept and Feasibility	Completed
Phase 2 – Options Selection	<b>We are here</b>
➤ Constraints Identification	Ongoing
➤ Stage 1 – Preliminary Options Assessment	Ongoing
➤ Stage 2 – Project Appraisal Matrix	Q4 2023
➤ Stage 3 – Preferred Option	Q2 2024
Phase 3 – Design and Environmental Evaluation	Commencement envisaged Q3 2024 (Subject to TII Approval + Funding Availability)
Phase 4 – Statutory Processes	Publish Part 8 / CPO envisaged Q1 2025

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