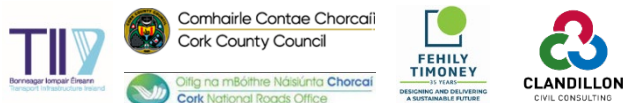


Phase 2 - Public Consultation 01



Introduction

Cork County Council has proposed a Road Scheme “N71 Bandon Southern Relief Road Extension Scheme” for the town of Bandon. This scheme will comprise an extension of the existing relief road, varying from 1 to 7 km in length to the south and west of Bandon, depending on the preferred option and will also include improvements to active travel infrastructure.

The N71 National Road connects Cork City to West Cork and Co. Kerry, extending through several large towns including Bandon, Clonakilty, Skibbereen, and Bantry, before terminating in Killarney. It provides a critical transportation link for the West Cork economy, its improvement strongly supported in the Cork County Development.

Need for the Scheme

The Scheme is identified in the Bandon Transportation and Public Realm Enhancement Plan (2016) and consultations on the N71 Bandon Southern Relief Road Extension to date identified the following areas of concern:

- Bandon Town experiences a level of both local and through traffic that contributes to congestion in the town centre, particularly during peak periods.
- A large volume of HGV's continues to pass through the town centre due to deficiencies on other routes.
- The N71 Southern Relief Road has particular deficiencies, with severe gradients and poor sightlines at its intersection with the R603.
- Traffic associated with the 14 No. Schools in the Town can cause congestion at school drop off/pick up times.

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• N71 Project Update

Cork County Council previously progressed the Project through Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility in 2022. However, the project was subsequently paused due to funding constraints.

In May 2025, Cork County Council appointed Fehily Timoney & Company / Clandillon Civil Consulting (FTC) as Technical Advisors to progress Phase 2 of the Project – Option Selection. Thus far, the Design Team have updated project objectives, developed/assessed several Strategic Options and has also undertaken a constraints and opportunities study. The result of this process has been the identification of six options to be considered further in the Stage 1: Preliminary Options Appraisal. A number of active travel linkages will also be considered as part of these Options.

TII PMG Project Road Map

The project is being progressed in accordance with Transport Infrastructure Ireland's Project Management Guidelines. Currently, the project is at Phase 2 Stage 1, and by the end of Phase 2 Stage 2, an Emerging Preferred Option will be identified.

An Overview of Phase 2 Options Selection

Phase 2: Options Selection is a 3-stage process, as outlined below:

Phase 2 Options Selection	Stage 1 - Preliminary Options Assessment
	Stage 2 – Project Appraisal Matrix
	Stage 3 – Preferred Option

Stage 1 – Preliminary Option Assessment Refinement of a number of initial options for detailed assessment at Stage 2.

This process will be cognisant of the identified constraints and feedback received from this Phase 2 Public Consultation 01.

Stage 2 – Project Appraisal Matrix

Each Option identified in Stage 1 will be subject to a detailed options assessment using the following Transport Appraisal Framework criteria:

- Economy
- Accessibility
- Social Impact
- Land Use Impact
- Safety
- Climate Change
- Local Environmental Impact

The result of this assessment will be the identification of an emerging preferred option taken forward to **Stage 3 – Preferred Option**.

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Cork County Council now invites the residents of the local area, members of the public and other interested parties to review and offer comments and views on the preliminary corridor options. Local participation in this consultation is welcome, and the Design Team will consider any feedback and submissions received prior to finalising the options for subsequent appraisal.

The proposed Preferred Option Public Consultation will be advertised in advance.

Your Feedback

If you would like to submit any comments on the proposed development, please complete this feedback form and return it by post to the address or email address below by **11/11/2025**.

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Phase 2 - Stage 1 Preliminary Options

