



Fingal Coastal Way

Emerging Preferred Route Webinar

9th of November 2021 7pm

Project Overview

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Fingal Coastal Way

- **Funding partner – Transport Infrastructure Ireland**
- **Consultants/Designers - Atkins**
- Coastal walking & cycling route linking Balbriggan, Skerries, Loughshinny, Rush and Donabate
- Rural and urban greenway extending approx. 32km
- A flagship amenity for local users, both in terms of leisure and sustainable transport
- Has the potential to significantly promote and enhance the local tourist economy and tourism across Fingal
- Will improve connectivity between the urban centres along the route
- Offering an attractive sustainable transport choice for residents, businesses, school children and commuters



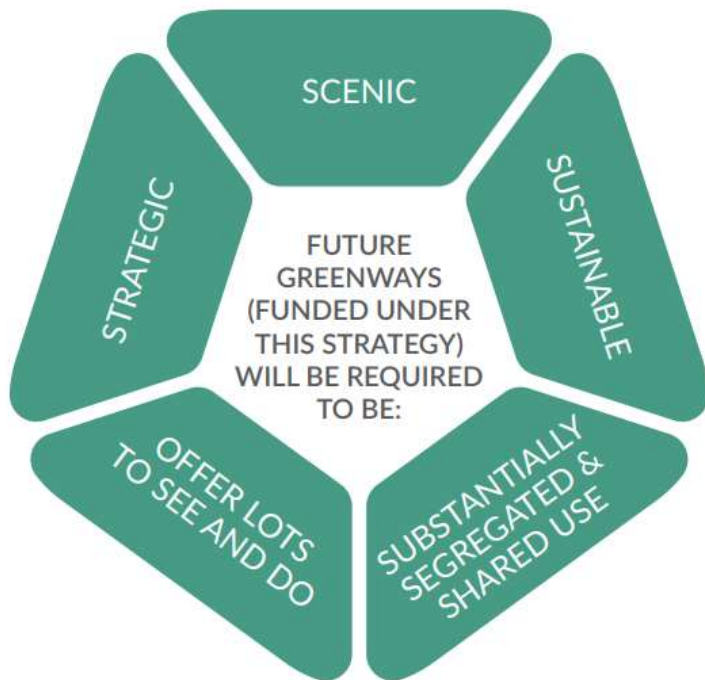
Project Benefits



Meets the criteria outlined in the Government's Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways, published by DoT.

Scenic

The Five S Criteria



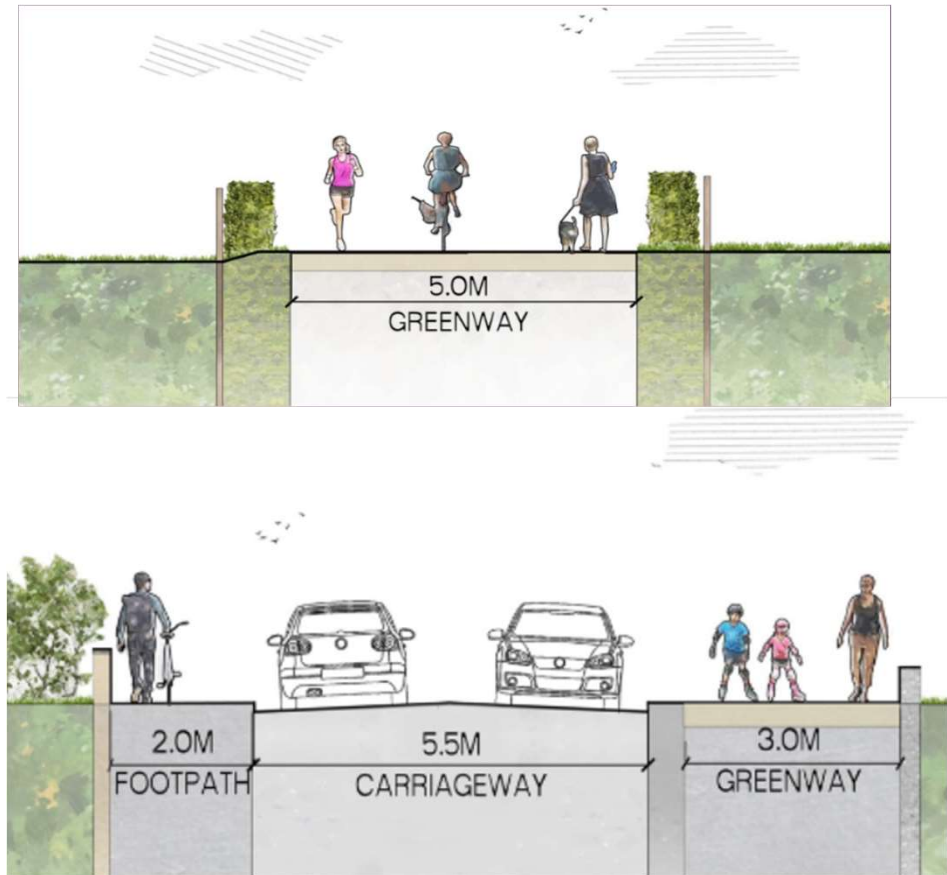
Project Benefits



Sustainable



Substantially Segregated and Shared Use



Project Benefits



See & Do

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| Bremore Castle | Shops |
| Ardgillan Castle | Restaurants |
| Newbridge House & Farm | Harbours |
| Beautiful Beaches | Rogerstown Park |
| Views of Lambey Island | Skerries Mills |
| Coastal Views | Drumanagh Fort |
| Rogerstown Estuary | Martello Towers |



Strategic

Will link to the south with the recently approved Broadmeadow Way which will join onto the proposed Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme and already constructed Sutton to Sandycove Scheme in Dublin City.

Will eventually link northwards with the Boyne Greenway in County Meath.

A large piece of the East Coast Trail (Arklow – Drogheda)
There are also separate schemes being looked at by other departments in areas such as Lusk and Portrane.



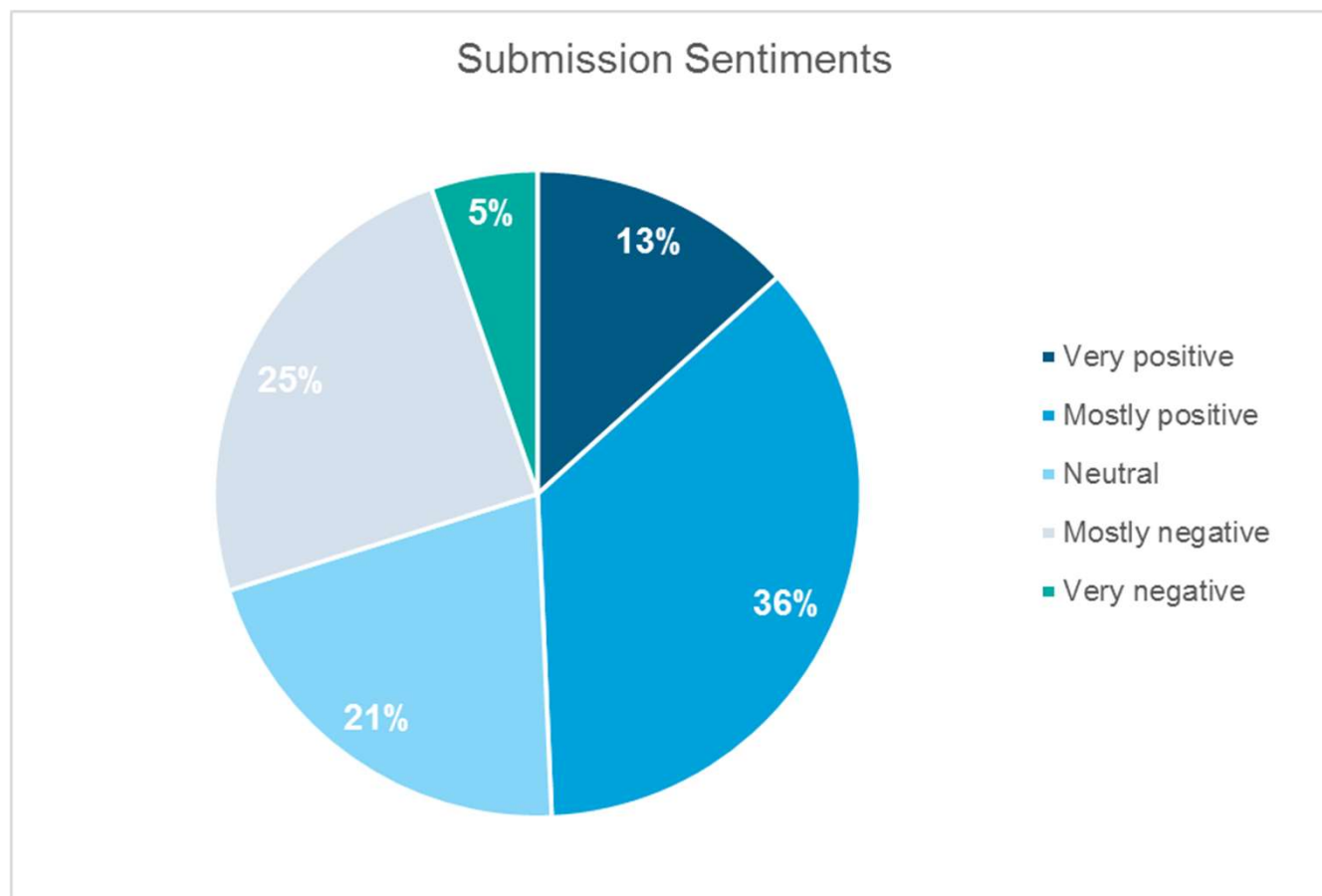
Data from Previous Consultation

Submissions Received (April-May 2021)

529 submissions were received via the Fingal Consultation Portal, email or post.

262 comments were submitted from the questionnaire.

These submissions were also considered, giving a total of 791 submissions



Data from Previous Consultation



Main themes

Ref	Theme	of Submissions
1	Route Preference	162
2	Submissions relating to towns, villages and areas outside the scheme extents	118
3	Quay Street and The Hoar Rock (Skerries)	98
4	Provision of facilities along the route	80
5	Greenway User Segregation and Traffic Management	78
6	Hampton Cove, The Bower, Soldiers Cottages	76
7	Environmental Concerns	65
8	Provision of a bridge over the stream on North Beach, Rush	48
9	Concern about the Consultation Process	33
10	Impact of the scheme on specific roads/ streets/lanes	31
11	Impact on farmland and private property	26
12	Drumanagh	5

The Public Consultation Report is available to view on the website.

<https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-coastal-way>

This Public Consultation Emerging Preferred Route



- Published on Tuesday 25th October 2022. Six-week online and in person event
- Submissions can be made via the Fingal Consultation Portal or by post
- Letters have been posted to approximately 1,000 affected properties/landowners
- Leaflets have been delivered to approximately 20,000 homes (including businesses) on 25th October
- Newspaper advertisements – Fingal Independent (incl. Irish Translation), North Side People and Irish Independent
- QR code on the letters, leaflet and advert will direct the public to the dedicated FCW webpage
- Online webinar with Q & A Session this evening, Wednesday 9th November 2022 at 7pm
- Four drop-in evenings from 4pm - 8pm: Shoreline Hotel Donabate on 15th Nov; Rush Sailing Club on 16th Nov; Skerries Rugby Club on 22nd Nov; and, Bracken Court Balbriggan on 24th Nov
- Pre-Consultation meetings have been held with some resident groups
- Landowner engagement is ongoing

Public Consultation Material

Website: <https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-coastal-way>

Consultation Portal: <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse>

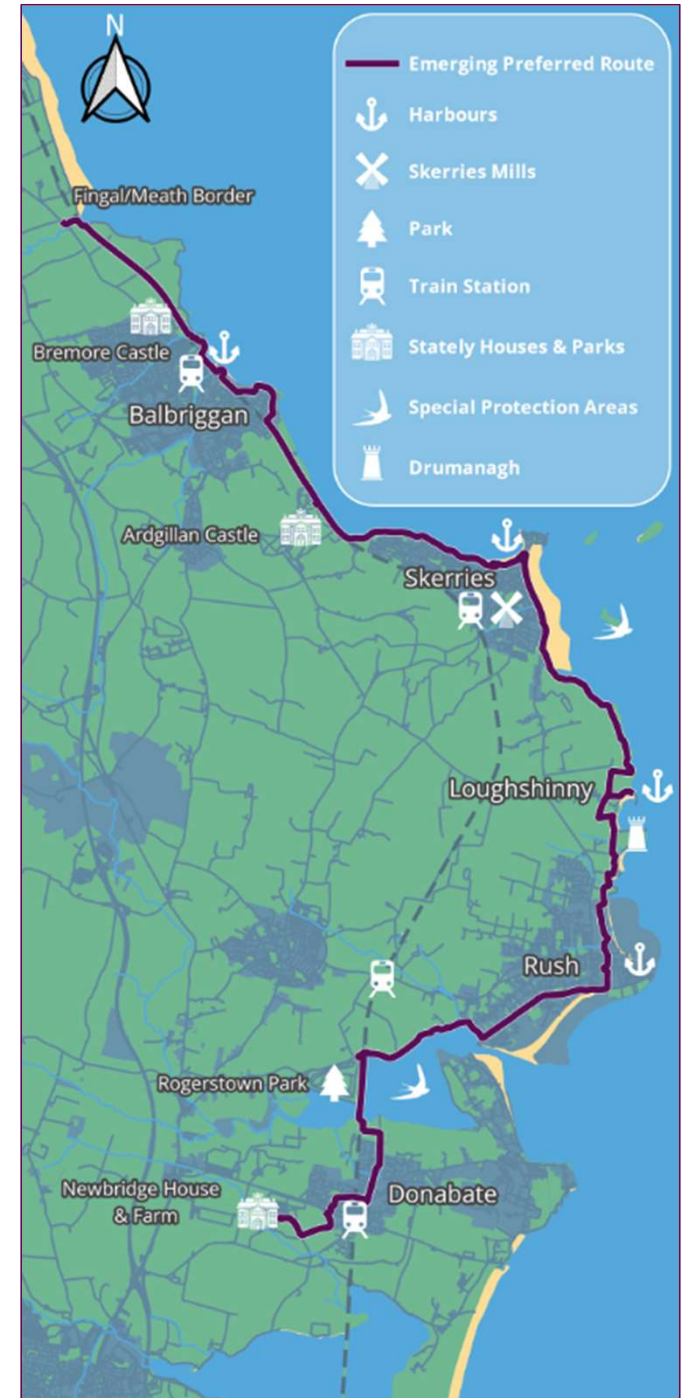
The Website and Consultation Portal contains the following material:

- Leaflet
- Executive Scheme Summary Report
- Feasibility Study Options Assessment Report (will be published this week)
- Emerging Preferred Route Maps
- Emerging Preferred Route Sections & Sketches
- Concept Sketches
- Animation Video
- Online Questionnaire
- FAQs Document
- Timeline

How to make a submission

Online via our consultation portal or by post

Final date for receipt is 11:59pm on 5th Dec 2022



Where we are now

Public Consultation No. 3

Phase 2 Option Selection – Emerging Preferred Route

Previous Consultations:

No. 1 2019 Route Concept Consultation

No. 2 2021 Feasibility & Route Options Consultation

Code of Best Practise for National & Regional Greenways introduced in 2021 – guidance allows for three public consultations

Intention is to carry out four non-statutory public consultations before submitting to An Bord Pleanála





Engagement

A good number of submissions and questionnaires are being received.

Overall a positive response from the larger community, however, a number of concerns are also being received from residents in urban areas where the route passes through both segregated and shared spaces.

In accordance with the Code of Best Practise the next step is to consult with individual landowners. This will include residents groups.

Landowner Engagement commenced in Q3 2021 with over 40 landowners, including resident groups



Next Steps

- A review of all submissions made and report will be published
- Identify all affected landowners and re-commence engagement
- Identify any issues of local concern/local knowledge
- An Agronomist will be available
- Continue engagement with key project stakeholders
- All of the above will inform the development of the Preferred Route
- Which will facilitate the preliminary design process

Preferred Route Corridor

- > Services of Independent Agronomist made available to individual landowners
- > Minimise severance by following perimeter of farms / field boundaries where possible
- > Accommodation works discussed with landowners
- > Farmers / Landowners may engage their own Farmer Agronomists / Property Advisor and hold discussions on a one-to-one basis (See Section 3.1.4 on Professional Charges)

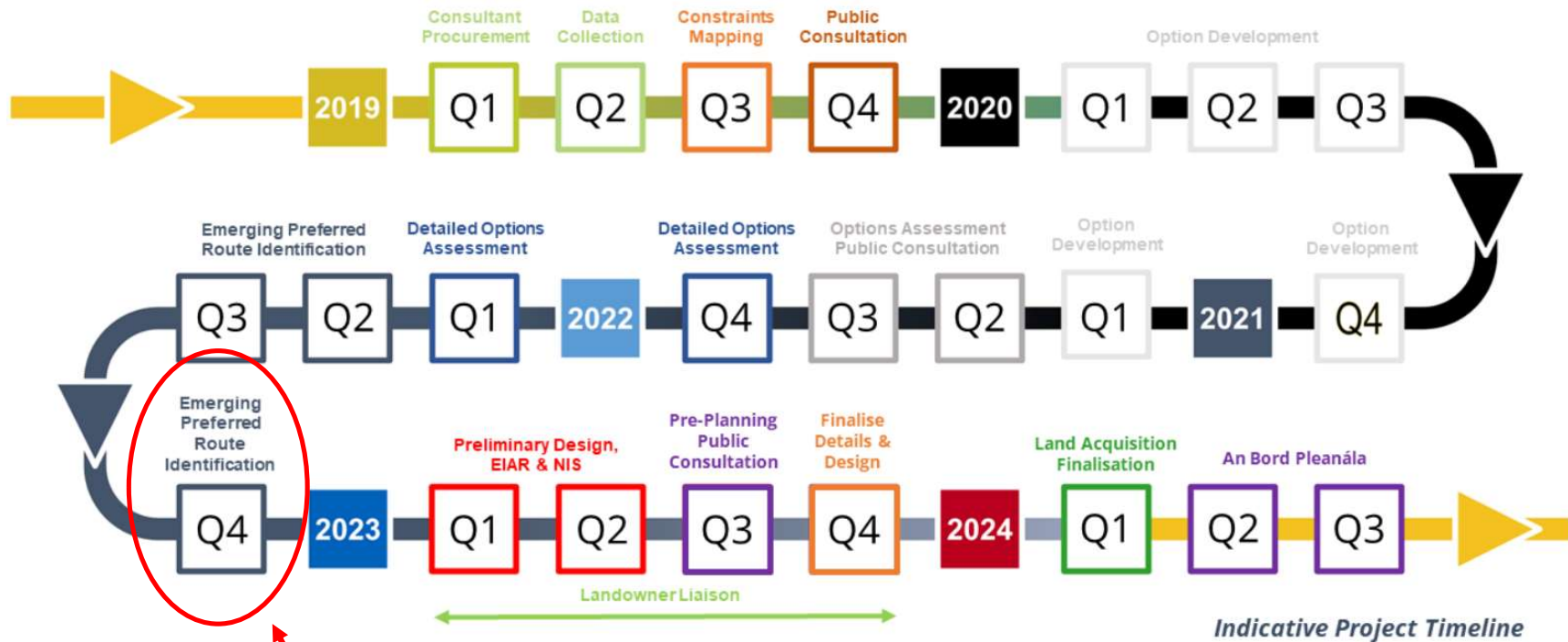
Preferred Route

- > Services of Farmer Agronomist / Property Advisors made available to individual landowners
- > Accommodation works agreed between farmer / landowner and PLO with assistance from Farmer Agronomist / Property Advisor
- > Voluntary land acquisition process commences
- > Produce and make available Route Selection Report
- > Farmers / landowners may engage their own Farmer Agronomists / Property Advisors and discussions held on a one-to-one basis (See Section 3.1.4 on Professional Charges)

Project Stages



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Thanks for listening!

