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## 1 INTRODUCTION

Clare County Council (CCC) (the “Client”) in partnership with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) proposes to carry out the planning and design for the N19 Shannon Airport Access Road Improvement Scheme (the “Project”). The Project shall provide a high-quality road improvement scheme on the N19 National Primary Road between Drumgeely Roundabout and Knockbeagh Point Roundabout on approach to Shannon International Airport.

Clare County Council appointed Fehily Timoney and Company and Clandillon Civil Consulting Joint Venture, FTC JV on the 14 October 2019 to provide Technical Consultancy Services which will provide the Engineering, Environmental, Economic and Appraisal services required to successfully deliver the project through the planning and design phases (TII Project Management Guidelines Phases 1 to 4 inclusive).

Currently the project is at Phase 2 – Option Selection and as part of this process a non-statutory consultation was undertaken seeking public feedback to the Constraints and Route Corridor Options. This report outlines the Public Consultation and the submissions received.

## 2 PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

The first non-statutory Public Consultation on the N19 Shannon Airport Access Road Improvement Scheme took place between Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 seeking public feedback to the Constraints and Route Corridor Options.

### 2.1 Online Presentation

Due to Covid-19 restrictions Clare County Council (CCC) were unable to hold a public consultation event in-person within the local area. Instead, an online consultation platform was developed and made live on the project's dedicated website [www.shannonaccess.ie](http://www.shannonaccess.ie) from Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 until Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of December.

In the dedicated public consultation section, the following documents were available to view: -

- Brochure & Questionnaire
- Online Questionnaire
- Interactive Mapping
- Study Area and Preliminary Route Options Drawings
- Constraints Drawings

This online consultation experience allowed stakeholders and the general public to view and download the consultation brochure and maps and submit feedback on the constraints and preliminary route options using an online questionnaire. Appendix A contains the Brochure and Questionnaire, and Appendix B contains the maps that were on display.

### 2.2 Unmanned Displays

Unmanned Displays were also set up at: -

- CCC Head Office in Ennis,
- Municipal District Office in Shannon
- Mid-West National Road Design Office (MWNRDO) Offices in Limerick, and
- Shannon Airport.

The Consultation Brochure was available at the unmanned display locations.

## 2.3 Public Notification

Public notification was undertaken through the following methods: -

- By advanced notice through the dedicated project website monthly updates;
- By newspaper advertisements in both Clare Champion and Clare Echo – editions available on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020;
- By radio advertisement on Clare FM 0- notice run on community diary 5 times per day on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Broadcast on the radio on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2020.
- By use of Clare County Council and Shannon Airport Social Media channels;
- Site Notices installed on N19 / Drumgeely Hill junction; and
- Internal Notifications issued by Shannon Airport and Shannon Commercial Properties.

## 2.4 Public Bodies Notification

The following Public Bodies were notified of the Public Consultation on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020: -

- An Taisce
- Bat Conservation Ireland
- Birdwatch Ireland
- Bus Eireann
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities, Water and Energy
- Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment
- Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
- Department of Defence
- Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Department of Transport
- Failte Ireland
- Geological Survey of Ireland
- Health Service Executive
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Irish Aviation Authority
- Irish Rail
- National Transport Authority
- Office Public Works
- Shannon Commercial Properties
- Shannon International Airport
- Southern Regional Assembly
- Teagasc
- The Arts Council
- The Heritage Council

### 3 ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND SENIOR COUNTY COUNCIL STAFF BRIEFING

#### 3.1 Elected Representatives and Senior County Council Staff Briefing

A virtual briefing was held for the Elected Representatives and Senior County Council staff on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 which outlined the proposed scheme, the consultation process, the main constraints and preliminary route options. This was followed by a Questions and Answers session.

#### 3.2 Questions and Answers Session

The following contributions and discussion points were noted: -

**CCC Fire and Building Control Department** – enquired if a dual carriageway will be proposed and if the scheme will include a cycleway to the airport. FTC advised that the carriageway cross section has not yet determined and would be determined following traffic modelling. FTC also advised that Options B and C include cycleway provision but that the options were at an early stage of development.

**Elected Representatives** – noted that provision of cycleways is a priority.

**Elected Representatives** – noted that a dual carriageway is important approaching the airport in the event of a road collision resulting in a lane closure (access for emergency or chemical spill).

**CCC Economic Development Directorate** – asked the project team to ensure that the mapping presented to the public needs to be clear. FTC noted that large scale A1 drawings had been printed for public display and that digital drawings and interactive mapping is available on the project website

CCC Economic Development Directorate noted the importance of future proofing infrastructure serving Shannon International Airport and Shannon Free Zone (SFZ) and noted that a dual carriageway would be preferred.

CCC Economic Development Directorate noted the objective for a rail link to the Airport. In response CCC noted that a separate feasibility study is to be undertaken for this potential rail link. A recent Government announcement for a study to be undertaken to assess the potential for a rail link from Shannon Airport and Shannon town to the Dublin Limerick rail line was noted.

CCC Economic Development Directorate asked that the consultation be publicised on CCC Social Media and that a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and a link to the Website be sent to CCC for circulation to all the Elected Representatives.

**Elected Representatives** – noted that the Shannon MD would make a submission.

Shannon Municipal District – noted that cycleways provided as part of the N19 scheme should allow for connectivity with the wider cycleway network, where appropriate. FTC noted that that are engaging with SFZ to consider interaction with wider network.

**Mid-West National Road Design Office** – noted that interactive mapping is available on the project website to allow users to interrogate the proposals in greater detail.

**Transport Infrastructure Ireland** – advised that there are no archaeological sensitives expected to be encountered within the study area.

## 4 SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED

### 4.1 Public Bodies Submissions

Six responses were received directly from the Public Bodies within the consultation period. These are outlined below.

**Table 4-1: Public Body Submissions**

| No. | Public Body                                     | Submission  | Action  |
|-----|---|---|---|
| 1   | BirdWatch Ireland                               | They will advise their internal Policy Officer of the consultation  |   |
| 2   | Irish Rail                                      | No impact on the existing railway line and therefore Iarnród Éireann has no input to make regarding the option selection  |   |
| 3   | Faile Ireland                                   | Provided contact details for Manager of Environment & Planning.   | Details for the consultation have been provided to the Manager of Environment & Planning. |
| 4   | Dept. of Housing, Local Government and Heritage | Will not be making any comments in relation to this matter  |   |
| 5   | Health Service Executive                        | The Environmental Health Service (EHS) has considered the Constraints and Preliminary Route Option proposals for the above road scheme and has no specific comments on the merits of each of the three proposed routes. Reference made to the Environmental Health Service Submission Report dated February 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 which was submitted as part of the scoping consultation.  |   |
| 6   | Health Service Executive                        | <p>From an Emergency Management point of view our office in consultation with the National Ambulance Service, due to the frequency of emergency calls to Shannon and the Shannon Free zone, would like to raise concerns regarding the following:</p> <p>Unimpeded access to be maintained to Shannon Airport for emergency vehicles responding to emergency 999 calls.</p> <p>Unimpeded access to be maintained to the Shannon Free zone for emergency vehicles responding to emergency 999 calls.</p> <p>Unimpeded access to be maintained to the site works in the event of an emergency 999 call.</p> |   |

## 4.2 Public Consultation Forum Submissions

Twelve submissions were received during the Public Consultation period - seven through the on-line platform, three through email and two through the post. Of these one was from a Public Body, five were from group representatives and six from members of the public.

### 4.2.1 Public Submissions

Six submissions were made from members of the public. Five agreed that a scheme was required while one indicated it was not. All six of the submission received completed the online questionnaire (analysis of same is in Section 5). Three submissions indicated that they were affected by Option C and one submission indicated that they were affected by Option E. Only one submission expressed a preference for a specific option – Option B.

Within the questionnaire was a section for the respondent to add their own comments. Five of the submissions provided additional comments. The full details are contained in Appendix D. The following is a summary list of the issues raised in no particular order:

- The existing rail corridor in Clare County Council's Development Plan;
- Improving walking and cycling paths and provision of lighting;
- Removing access at Drumgeely Hill will transfer traffic to an already restricted area as well as seriously discommode residents of Drumgeely Hill; and
- High quality dual-carriageway not warranted.

### 4.2.2 Public Body Submission

One Public Body, the Waste Policy and Resource Efficiency Division (a division of the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications made an online submission as follows: -

*In respect of waste in the within documentation, we would be obliged if the Regional Waste Management Planning Office would be consulted regarding development of the final plans.*

### 4.2.3 Group Submissions

Five group submissions were received on behalf of the Clare Public Participation Network with The National Council for People with Disabilities (NCPD), Shannon Chamber, Shannon Group, Shannon Municipal District Representatives and the Clare County Council Fire and Building Control Department. The following paragraphs outline issues raised.

#### 4.2.3.1 Clare Public Participation Network with NCPD

- Provision of safe accessibility for unpowered and powered wheelchairs and people with reduced mobility and balance and for persons with prams, buggies or rolling shopping bags;
- Steep curbs and cracked uneven or sloping down payments are safety hazard as much as patched road surfaces or cobbled roads or pavements; and
- Long slopes and steep gradients are unsuitable.

#### 4.2.3.2 Shannon Chamber

- Comments made on the options presented in the public consultation document are informed by this wider context. They are based on a strongly held belief that solution to the N19 road improvement must be delivered by thinking not just of the road but of the opportunity to connect and reinforce Shannon's three key components and its linkage with and influence on the wider region and corridor.
- Shannon Chamber would also suggest that the analysis of options takes account of the land and planning reservation that has been made in the County Development Plan for a rail link to Shannon, given that planning reservation follows the route of the N19. The concept of developing a North/South Limerick to Ennis/Shannon Airport Suburban Network, as referenced by Irish Rail in its submission to the pre-draft consultation to the preparation of a new County Development Plan 2022 – 2028, and shared with Shannon Chamber, would suggest that any changes that might impact on such a potential rail link be taken into consideration.
- Observations on Option B - There is an opportunity to use existing pathways and the river embankments to create the welcome proposal of a combined pedestrian and cycleway close to the N19. This will link the living, industrial and airport components of Shannon. It would also make use of existing river walks, Shannon Free Zone pedestrian and running tracks and the existing river embankments which follow the line of the N19. It also provides an opportunity to start a greenway from the airport doors and to turn the eyes of those arriving/departing Shannon to the river amenity by making it accessible and visible.
- Observations on Option C - Our comments on Option B also apply to Option C – namely re pedestrian/cycle route. But add to this by considering a pedestrian/cycle bridge. This would enhance sustainability, connectivity and amenity. Access could also be provided to e-scooters. This would build on the existing green friendly routes in the zone, town and river area. It would also provide a connection to and build on the Future Mobility Campus Ireland (FMCI) project which is already located at this part of the zone. The option of closing the junction at Drumgeely to vehicular traffic needs to be carefully considered against impact on and of diverted traffic on the proposed longer connection to the airport and zone via the Drumgeely roundabout.
- Observations on Option E - Our comments on Option B & C also apply to Option E – namely re pedestrian/cycle and add an overhead bridge to provide for pedestrian/cycle/e-scooter access to and from zone/town. These additions would complement any proposal to add signalised crossings and enhance safety while maintaining sustainable connectivity and transport.



Other issues raised were connection to the Region, Atlantic Economic Corridor (AEC), Wild Atlantic Way, to Shannon the Living Town, to Shannon Industrial Zone, to Shannon Airport, proximity, extent and visual amenity of connected river walks and cycleways, proximity, scale and visual amenity of the Shannon Estuary as well as potential future connection to southern shore of the estuary via river crossing and opportunity to dovetail with flood relief works along river embankments.

#### 4.2.3.3 *Shannon Group*

- Shannon Group has reviewed the proposed N19 route options and our immediate priority would be the upgrade of the N19 roadway serving Shannon Airport and the Shannon Free Zone. Subsequently and having reviewed the proposed Route Options B, C & E, our preferred route would be Option C with some comments and feedback on the current proposal.
- Our preferred route for the online N19 upgrade between Drumgeely Roundabout and Shannon Free Zone Gateway West Access would be along the centre line of the existing road or with variation to the left side (Drumgeely Hill side) of the existing road.
- In regards the proposed new shared two- way cyclist and pedestrian path our preference would be for this to be located along the left side (Drumgeely Hill and Estuary side) of the upgraded N19 roadway between Drumgeely and Knockbeagh Point Roundabouts.

Other issues raised were noise, existing landscaping, future development, airport security hut, pedestrian crossings and public lighting.

#### 4.2.3.4 *Shannon Municipal District Representatives*

- In the first instance it is recognised that the access/egress to the airport is severely limited by the existing infrastructure with single lane access being considered insufficient in the event of an emergency.
- The current infrastructure does not project the strategic importance of either the airport or the mid-west and as such the upgrade is welcomed. With this in mind a dual carriageway of international standard along this stretch and complimenting the existing N19 and M18 infrastructure is considered most important. This will be important in the context of place making, tourism and economic attractiveness – supporting key objectives within the National Planning Framework.
- In the context of green infrastructure and the potential of the greater Shannon area the creation of multi-modal lanes along the route would also be desirable and practical with a view to future mobility, tourism potential and lifestyle.
- The MD would like to see any developing plan having regard to the current Shannon Embankments Project in the context of complementarity. i.e. nodes for access onto the banks from the N19 / cycle links.
- The consideration of the existing Train Line is seen as critical in planning for the future connectivity and use types into the future.
- The Shannon Municipal would welcome further opportunity to be involved in the consultative process.

#### 4.2.3.5 Clare County Council Fire and Building Control Department

- Shannon Airport and its Fuel Farm are designated as high-risk sites:
  - a. Shannon Airport itself is a designated alternate airport for emergency diversions for North Atlantic Flights between Europe & North America.
  - b. The Fuel Farm is designated as an Upper Tier Site under the Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations. In the event of an accident at either of these sites, egress and access, both for emergency services and for the various support services necessary is via the current single carriageway which is the only suitable access road for responding vehicles. A multi-lane carriageway, which would allow for a dedicated emergency services egress/access route to be put in place, should be considered as part of this project, in order to enhance emergency response to incidents at these high-risk sites.
- Consideration should be given to enhancing traffic management arrangements to be put in place in the event of a protracted road closure due to a road traffic collision. In order to deal with such incidents, emergency services may be required to implement full road closure arrangements to (a) protect their attending personnel, together with persons involved in such incidents, and (b) carry out investigations on serious incidents. The extension of the current N19 Dual Carriageway to the Knockbeagh Point Roundabout would allow for the closure to take place, while also allow for a pre-planned contraflow to be implemented at short notice, thereby removing/reducing risk & impact both to the attending emergency services and to the other road users.

## 5 SUBMISSIONS REVIEW

### 5.1 Option Preference

Of the twelve submissions received one questioned the need for any scheme, two expressed a preference for a specific option and the rest did not express any particular preference.

**Table 5-1: Option Preference**

| Option        | Number of Preferences |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| B             | 1                     |
| C             | 1                     |
| E             | 0                     |
| Against       | 1                     |
| No preference | 9                     |

### 5.2 Questionnaire:

Seven of the submissions filled in the questionnaire which requested participants to advise how important the provided statements were in relation to the scheme (ranking 1 to 9 with 9 being least important).

The following table outlines the results of the subsequent ranking of these statements.

**Table 5-2: Criteria Ranking**

| Item/Submission No                              | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Overall Score | Ranking |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------------|---------|
| Safety improvements                             | 1 | 1 | - | 2 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 20            | 2       |
| Improvements in cycling & pedestrian facilities | 4 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 30            | 4       |
| Improvements in traffic conditions & capacity   | 2 | 2 | - | 3 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 19            | 1       |
| Effect on flora & fauna                         | 5 | 9 | - | 4 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 36            | 6       |
| Impact on air quality & noise                   | 6 | 8 | - | 7 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 40            | 8       |
| Access to Airport and Shannon Free Zone         | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 20            | 2       |
| Visual and landscape impact                     | 8 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 40            | 8       |
| Scheme costs / value for money                  | 9 | 6 | - | 9 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 36            | 6       |
| Impact on communities with the study area       | 7 | 4 | - | 6 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 35            | 5       |

Based on the results above the four most important criteria are considered to be: -

1. Improvements in traffic conditions & capacity;
2. Safety Improvements;
3. Access to Airport and Shannon Free Zone; and
4. Improvements in cycling & pedestrian facilities

## 6 SUMMARY

In general, the number of submissions was small and a consequence of the location between a business park and a local town with no private residential entrances directly onto the scheme. Broad support was received for the necessity for a scheme but only two expressed a preference, one for Option B and one for Option C.

The issues raised cover a range of issues and express divergent opinions on the extent of the scheme required.

All submissions will be considered as far as practical in the further development of the scheme.

## 7 NEXT STAGES

### 7.1 Stage 2 - Project Appraisal Matrix

The options advanced from Stage 1 (Preliminary Options Assessment) of the Option Selection Process will be evaluated by undertaking a full cost benefit analysis and multi criteria analysis of the quantifiable and non-quantifiable impacts of these options.

### 7.2 Stage 3 – Preferred Option

After the completion of Stage 2 (Project Appraisal Matrix), a preferred option for the Project will be selected based on the Multi Criteria Analysis MCA.



# APPENDIX A

Brochure and Questionnaire





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# N19

## SHANNON AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

### CONSTRAINTS & PRELIMINARY ROUTE OPTIONS

SRIANTA AGUS RÉAMHROGHANNA BÓTHAIR



### PUBLIC CONSULTATION NO. 1

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# PROJECT BACKGROUND

## CÚLRA AN TIONSCADAIL

The N19 National Road connects Shannon International Airport to all parts of the country and plays a significant role in international connectivity, which in turn increases prosperity to the Mid-West region, particularly tourism and exports.

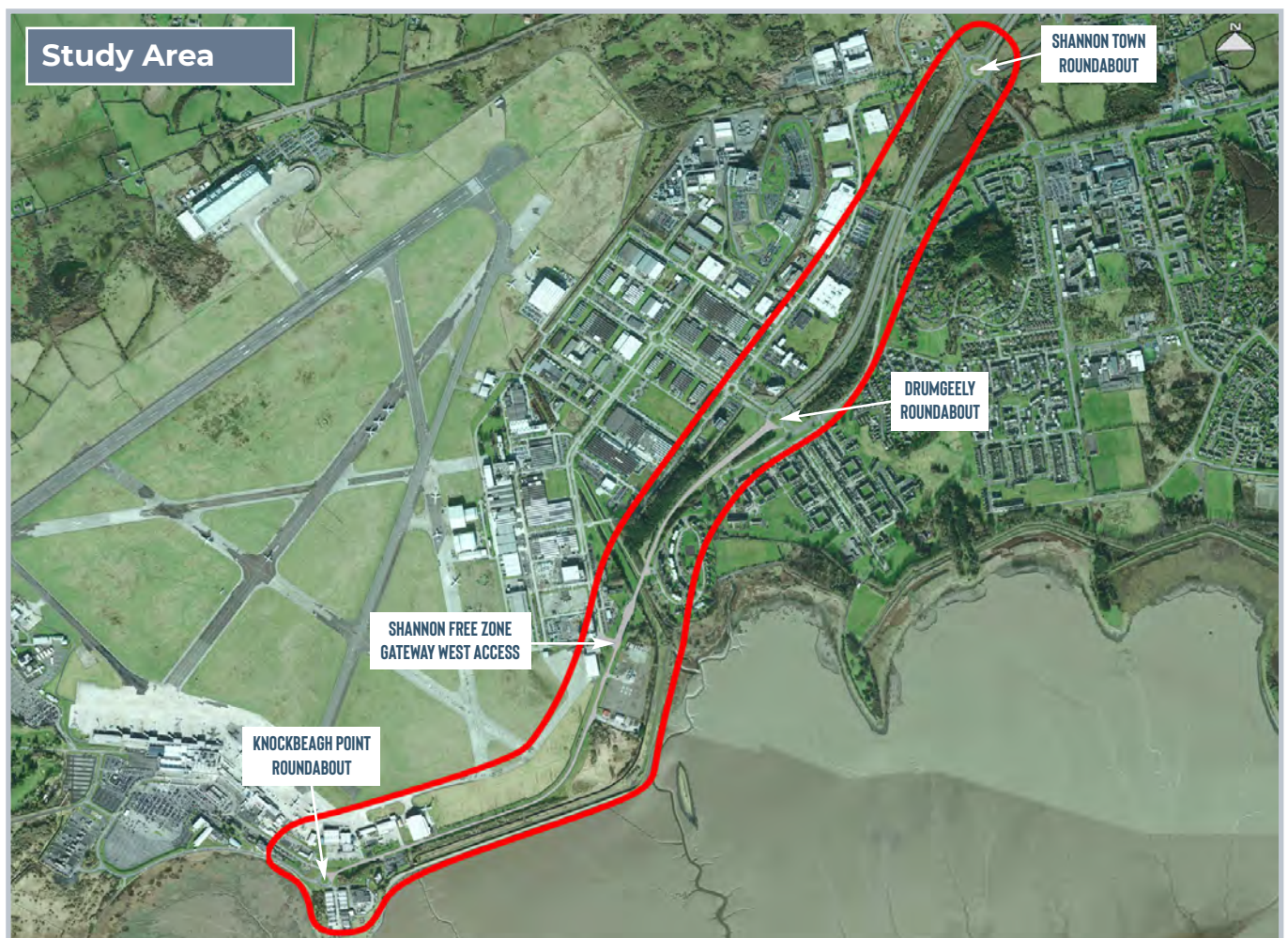
The section of the N19 National Primary Route under consideration extends from Drumgeely Roundabout to Knockbeagh Point Roundabout. The proposed scheme is approximately 2.2 kilometres in length and comprises primarily of single carriageway cross section which has a number of deficiencies from modern design standards that requires improvement works.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION CUR SÍOS AN TIONSCADAIL

Clare County Council are working in partnership with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to develop a road scheme to improve the N19 between Drumgeely Roundabout and Knockbeagh Point Roundabout and provide a high-quality access to Shannon Airport.

The design process is being developed in stages with opportunities for the public to participate in the decision-making process. Currently the project is at **Phase 2 – Option Selection** and as part of this process a non-statutory consultation will be held seeking your feedback on the Constraints and Preliminary Route Options.

This is a **major infrastructure project** for the **Mid-West Region**.



Study Area Boundary = ■

**Disclaimer Note:** It should be noted that the boundary of the study area may be changed as the project develops to address new constraints and public feedback throughout the consultation process.



# ROUTE OPTIONS

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## Option B





Option B Route =  Existing N19 National Primary Road = 

New shared use two-way cyclist & pedestrian path adjacent to the existing carriageway and additional bus facilities.

## Option C



Option C Route =  Existing N19 National Primary Road = 

Online upgrade of the existing road with potential variations of being centred on the existing road or slightly to the left or slightly to the right of the existing road including a shared two-way cyclist and pedestrian path.

**Note:** Implementation of **Option C** will require the closure to vehicular traffic at the existing junction at Drumgeely Hill. Pedestrian and cyclist access will be retained. Vehicular traffic will access the N19 from Drumgeely Hill via Drumgeely Roundabout.

## Option E



Option E Route =  Existing N19 National Primary Road = 

Upgrade and signalise existing roundabouts.

**Disclaimer Note:** It should be noted that the boundary of a route corridor may be changed as the project develops to address new constraints and public feedback throughout the consultation process.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW ?

## CAD ATÁ AG TARLÚ ANOIS ?

This is the first non-statutory public consultation and the objective is to invite the members of the public to comment on the proposals. These comments will assist Clare County Council and the Design Team in the development and selection of the preferred route for the **Shannon Airport Access Road Improvement Scheme**. The Option Selection Phase has now commenced and is being progressed in accordance with TII's 'Project Management Guidelines'.



## OPTION SELECTION ROGHNÚ ROGHA

**Stage 1** of the **Option Selection Process** has considered the identified constraints to develop a range of feasible options for assessment within the study area.

These options have been assessed under three headings Engineering, Environment and Economy and **3 options** have been shortlisted to proceed further in the **Option Selection Process**. These **Constraints and Preliminary Route Options** are illustrated on the maps included in this brochure and detailed maps of each route corridor option are available to download from the web site.

[www.shannonaccess.ie](http://www.shannonaccess.ie)

The route corridor options are at an initial design stage, and these corridors represent the lands within which a road scheme could be developed and not the actual width of the road or the lands to be acquired. It should be noted that the **boundary of a route corridor may be changed as the project develops** to address any new constraints that might emerge during the consultation and design process.

During this public consultation we are inviting feedback on the **Constraints and Preliminary Route Options**. Please carefully consider the route options presented and submit your comments by returning the questionnaire accompanying this brochure.



Feedback can be provided on the website [www.shannonaccess.ie](http://www.shannonaccess.ie). Alternatively, a **freepost questionnaire** is enclosed for your feedback.



# OPTION SELECTION

## ROGHNÚ ROGHA

Feedback and submissions received during this public consultation process will be considered by the project team as part of the **Option Selection process**. This will involve a detailed assessment of all three Preliminary Route Options under the following criteria:



Economy



Accessibility  
& Social Inclusion



Safety



Integration



Environment



Physical Activity

The **Option Selection Phase** will identify an Emerging Preferred Route Corridor which will then be displayed at a future Public Display Event. This is programmed to take place in **Q1 of 2021**. Updates, news and details of future public consultations will be published on **[www.shannonaccess.ie](http://www.shannonaccess.ie)** and advertised in the local press and on social media.



# SCHEME & PUBLIC CONSULTATION ROADMAP

## BÓTHAR COMHAIRLIÚCHÁIN PHOIBLÍ

| Year               | Scheme Phase  | Studies & Research                                | Consultation  |
|--------------------|---|---|---|
| 2018               | <b>Phase 0</b><br>Scope & Pre-Appraisal             | Approval to Proceed                               | Stakeholder Engagement Completed 2018   |
| 2019               | <b>Phase 1</b><br>Concept & Feasibility             | Study Area and Constraints Mapping                | Stakeholder Engagement Completed 2019   |
| <b>WE ARE HERE</b> | <b>Phase 2</b><br>Option Selection                  | Route Corridor Option Identification & Refinement | Constraints & Preliminary Route Options Non-Statutory Public Consultation No. 1 |
|                    |   | Route Options Report & Emerging Preferred Route   | Preferred Route Non-Statutory Public Display Event                              |
| 2021-2022          | <b>Phase 3</b><br>Design & Environmental Evaluation | Develop Design & Environmental Assessments        | Stakeholder Engagement  |
| 2022-2023          | <b>Phase 4</b><br>Statutory Process                 | Prepare & Publish Statutory Orders (EIA & CPO)    | An Board Pleanála Statutory Consultation  |

## HOW TO MAKE A SUBMISSION?

### CONAS AIGHNEACHT A DHÉANAMH?

1. Feedback can be provided on the website [www.shannonaccess.ie](http://www.shannonaccess.ie). Alternatively, a **freepost questionnaire** is enclosed for your feedback.
2. Downloaded questionnaires can be posted to **Freepost ES104, N19 Shannon Airport Access Road Improvement Scheme, Clare County Council, Project Management Office, Buttermarket Building, Drumbiggle Road, Ennis, County Clare, V95RR72.**
3. A dedicated phone line (**065 6866147**) will be available from **Thursday 12th November to Wednesday 2nd December 2020** between the hours **09:00 to 16:00** where your queries will be registered and forwarded to the project team who will respond within **5 working days**.
4. Please make submissions in relation to the **Constraints & Preliminary Route Options Public Consultation No. 1** by **2nd December 2020**.

# N19 SHANNON AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME QUESTIONNAIRE

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## Constraints & Preliminary Route Options Public Consultation No. 1

1. Name

Address

Eircode

Phone  Email

2. Do you live, work or have property / land adjacent to the proposed Preliminary Route Options ?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, which option(s) affects the property / land *(please circle)*

Route Options:  Option B  Option C  Option E

Is the property / land

Residential ☐ Commercial ☐

3. Address of Property (if different from above)

Address

Eircode



# APPENDIX B

Display Maps

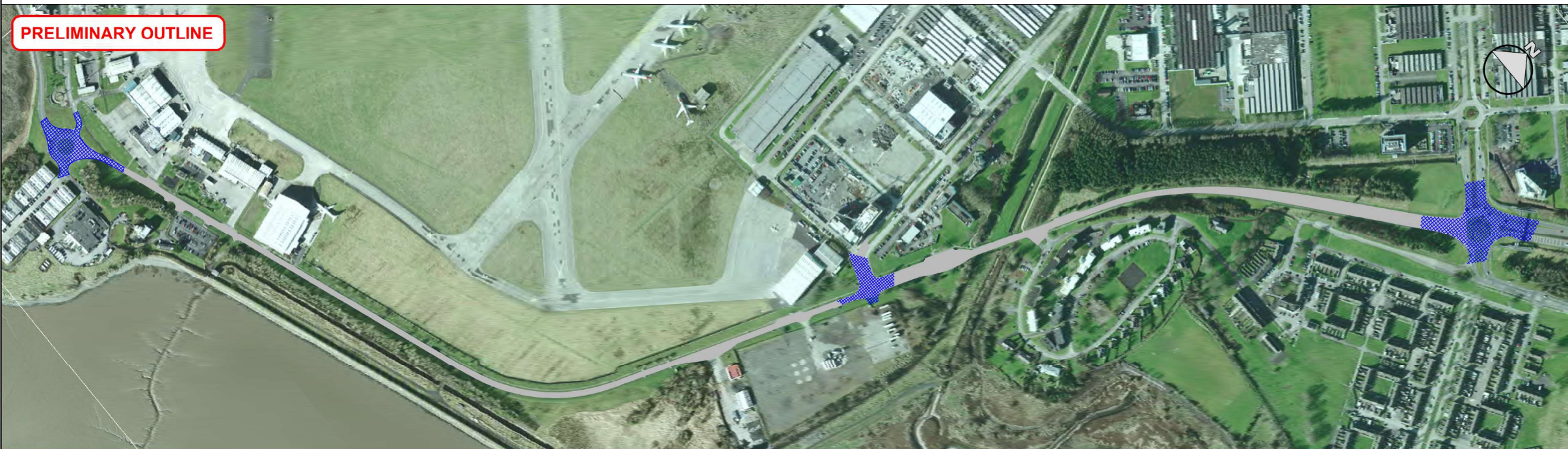




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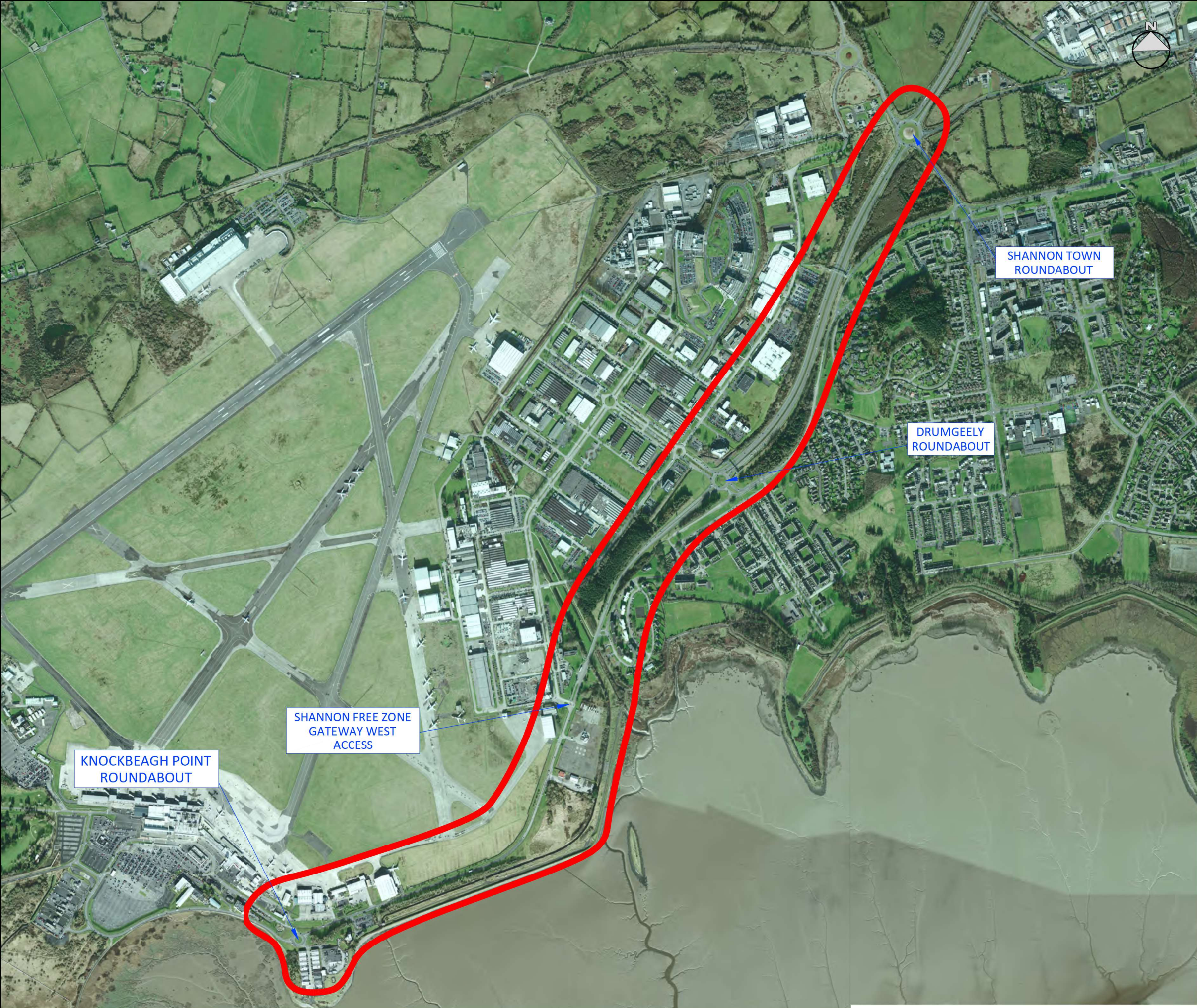
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  - OPTION E - UPGRADE AND SIGNALISE EXISTING ROUNDABOUTS
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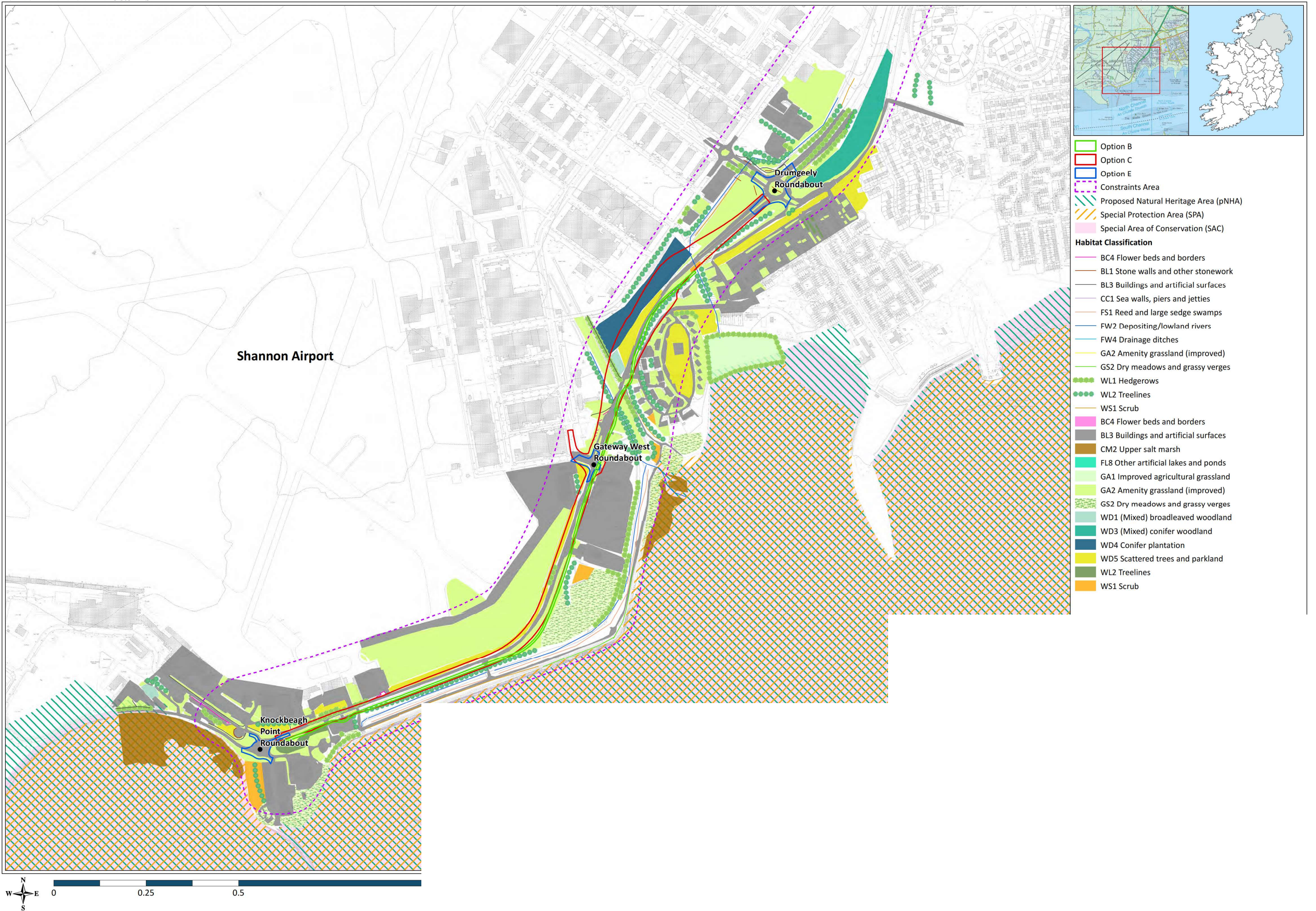
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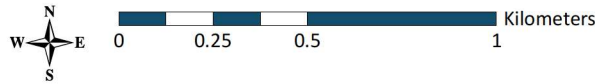








- ▲ OPW Historic Flood Points
- ▲ River Q-Values
- WFD River Sub Basins
- Benefiting Lands
- Option B
- Option C
- Option E
- Constraints Area
- Rivers
- River Flood Extents - Medium Probability
- PFRA/CFRAMS 1% AEP Pluvial Flood Extent
- WFD Sub Catchments**
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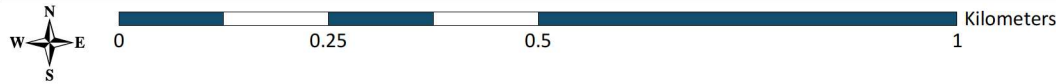


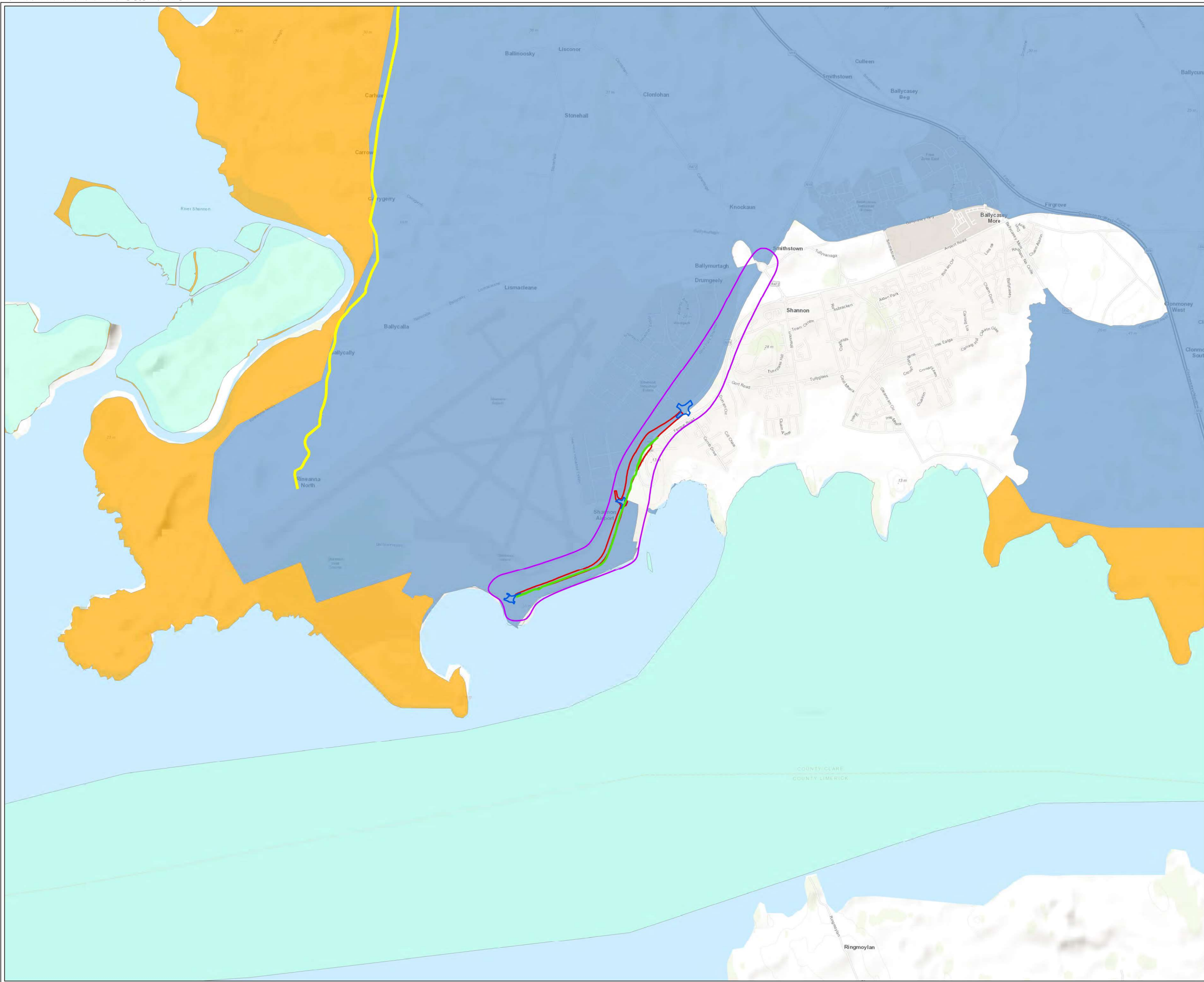




- Option B
  - Option E
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  - Constraints Area
- Quaternary Sediments**
- Airfield/Airport
  - Embankment
  - Mesc, Esturine silts and clays
  - Rck, Bedrock outcrop or subcrop
  - TLs, Till derived from limestones
  - Urban

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- Scenic Routes
- Option B
- Option E
- Option C
- Constraints Area
- Landscape Areas**
- Name**
- Heritage Landscape
- Seascapes Region
- Western Corridor Working Landscape

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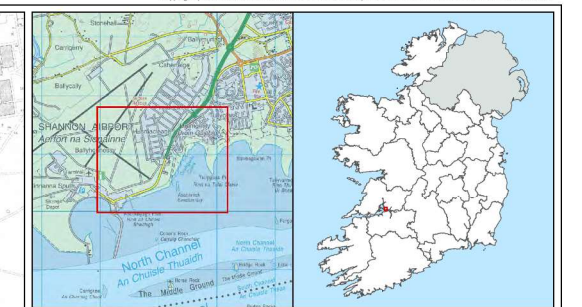
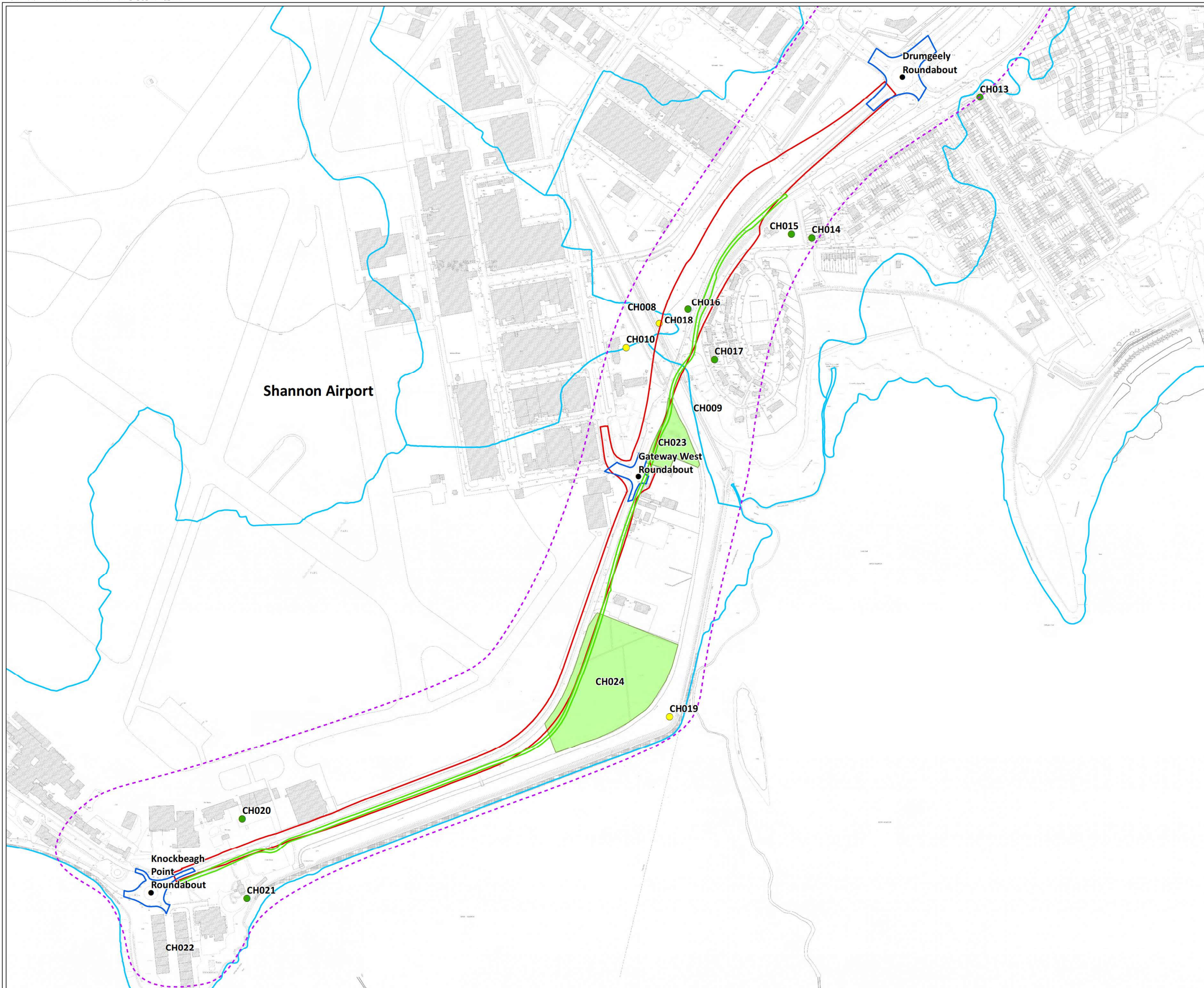


- Option B
  - Option E
  - Option C
  - Constraints Area
  - 500m Buffer of Proposed Development
- Building Use**
- Residential
  - Commercial
  - Residential/Commercial
  - Unknown







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- Option B
- Option E
- Option C
- Constraints Area
- Townlands
- AAP (Medium/Low)
- Cultural Heritage Sites**
- Baseline Value*
  - Medium/High
  - Medium/Low

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## **Public Display of Preferred Option Report on Feedback Received**

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

Clare County Council (CCC) (the “Client”) in partnership with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) proposes to carry out the planning and design for the N19 Shannon Airport Access Road Improvement Scheme (the “Project”). The Project shall provide a high-quality road improvement scheme on the N19 National Primary Road between Drumgeely Roundabout and Knockbeagh Point Roundabout on approach to Shannon International Airport.

Clare County Council appointed Fehily Timoney and Company and Clandillon Civil Consulting Joint Venture, FTC JV on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to provide Technical Consultancy Services which will provide the Engineering, Environmental, Economic and Appraisal services required to successfully deliver the project through the planning and design phases (TII Project Management Guidelines Phases 1 to 4 inclusive).

Currently the project is at Phase 2 – Option Selection and as part of this a non-statutory public display of the Preferred Option was undertaken between 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 and 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021. The purpose of the non-statutory public display was to inform the public and stakeholders of the Preferred Option developed for the project, the work undertaken to date and the programme for advancement of the project.

This Report documents the public display undertaken and records the feedback received.

## 2 PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

The Public Display of the Preferred Option for the N19 Shannon Airport Access Road Improvement Scheme took place between Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 informing the public and stakeholders of the Preferred Option developed for the project, the work undertaken to date and the programme for advancement of the project.

### 2.1 Online Presentation

Due to Covid-19 restrictions Clare County Council (CCC) were unable to hold a public consultation event in-person. Instead, an online consultation platform was developed and made live on the project's dedicated website [www.shannonaccess.ie](http://www.shannonaccess.ie) from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

In the dedicated public consultation section of the project website, the following documents were available to view: -

- Information Boards;
- Maps of the Preferred Option;
- Interactive Webmap;
- Project Brochure; and
- An online feedback facility.

The online platform also included an online booking facility where the public and other stakeholders were able to schedule an online or telephone meeting with a member of the project team during the public display period.

Appendix A of this Report contains the Brochure, Appendix B contains the Information Boards, and Appendix C contains the maps of the Preferred Option that were on display.

### 2.2 Unmanned Displays

Unmanned Displays were also set up at: -

- CCC Head Office in Ennis,
- Municipal District Office in Shannon, and
- Shannon Airport.

Information Boards, Brochures and Maps of the Preferred Option were made available at the unmanned display locations. Appendix D contains a record of the Unmanned Displays.

## 2.3 Public Notification

Public notification was undertaken through the following methods: -

- Newsletter updates published on the project website [www.shannonaccess.ie](http://www.shannonaccess.ie) on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021;
- Newsletter updates published on the Clare County Council website on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021;
- Clare County Council twitter notifications posted on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021, and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021
- Shannon Airport twitter notification posted on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021;
- Shannon Commercial Properties twitter notification posted on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021;
- Internal notifications issued by Shannon Airport and Shannon Commercial Properties;
- Newspaper advertisements in the Clare Champion on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021;
- Newspaper advertisements in the Clare Echo on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021; and
- Radio advertisements on Clare FM on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 – 3 times daily (am / lunch / pm).

Appendix E contains a record of the various public notifications.

## 2.4 Stakeholder Notifications

Notifications were issued to the following stakeholders advising of the public display: -

- An Garda Siochána;
- An Taisce;
- Bat Conservation Ireland;
- Birdwatch Ireland;
- Bus Eireann;
- Clare County Council;
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities, Water and Energy;
- Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment;
- Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht - Development Applications Unit;
- Department of Defence;
- Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment;
- Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage;
- Department of Tourism Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media;
- Department of Transport;
- EIR;
- Electricity Supply Board;

- Environmental Protection Agency - Office of Evidence and Assessment;
- Failte Ireland;
- Future Mobility Campus Ireland;
- Gas Networks Ireland;
- Geological Survey of Ireland;
- Health & Safety Authority;
- Health Service Executive;
- Inland Fisheries Ireland;
- Irish Aviation Authority;
- Irish Rail;
- Irish Water;
- Motorway Maintenance and Renewals Contract (MMaRC) Consulting Engineers;
- National Parks and Wildlife Services;
- National Transport Authority;
- Office Public Works;
- RPS team working on the Shannon Town & Environs Flood Relief Scheme;
- Shannon Chamber;
- Shannon Commercial Properties;
- Shannon International Airport;
- Southern Regional Assembly;
- Teagasc;
- The Arts Council;
- The Heritage Council; and
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland.



## 3 ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND SENIOR COUNTY COUNCIL STAFF BRIEFING

### 3.1 Elected Representatives and Senior County Council Staff Briefing

A virtual briefing was held for the Elected Representatives on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 which outlined Development & Appraisal of Options, the Preferred Option and details of the Public Display. This was followed by a Questions and Answers session. The Briefing was also attended by Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Clare County Council (CCC) and Mid West National Road Design Office (MWNRO).

### 3.2 Questions and Answers Session

The following contributions and discussion points were noted: -

**Elected Representatives** - recognised that the preferred option for the N19 will support the economic growth of both Shannon Airport and Shannon Free Zone West, and noted that it will also contribute to the economic growth of Shannon Town and this message should also be conveyed to the community, to ensure buy-in.

**Elected Representatives** – requested a copy of the presentation slides to be emailed to all invited to this briefing. CCC noted that the slides will be circulated after the briefing.

**Elected Representatives** - enquired if the two week timeline for the public display is long enough. FTC noted that during Public Consultation No. 1 in November 2020, only six submissions were received from the general public, noting that given the scheme location it's interaction with private land is limited. FTC noted that consideration could be given to extending the public display period if required, in consultation with CCC & MWNRO. CCC & MWNRO noted that extensive consultation has been undertaken by the project team in development of the preferred option. CCC further noted that project programme is a critical consideration going forward.

**Elected Representatives** – welcomed the preferred option, noting that previous submissions have been taken into account in the development of the preferred option in particular consideration of the requirements for emergency access. Councillor Ryan noted that it is unclear how heavily trafficked the proposed active travel routes will be, but noted that usage would be expected to increase in the years ahead.

**Elected Representatives** – stated that it is important that the Elected Representatives encourage public interaction with the public display.

## 4 FEEDBACK RECIEVED

### 4.1 Elected Representatives

The Elected Representatives noted:

*The inclusion of the Footpath adjacent to Drumgeely Apartments and located on the southern side of the N19 on the approach to The New Proposed Shannon Airport Access Road. This footpath is the only link from Shannon Town and at the moment this original pedestrian connection to the airport is in need of serious enhancements. I believe the inclusion of this vital footpath link would be of enormous benefit to the proposed development plan for Shannon Airport Access Road and could be developed to incorporate pedestrian and cycling links to The Airport.*

The Elected Representatives welcomed a submission from a member of the public in relation to access from the N19 for residents living in the Drumgeely Hill Area (See Item 4.2 below).

### 4.2 General Public

Feedback was received from four members of the public. In all instances the feedback provided included reference to the access arrangements at Drumgeely Hill.

One respondent noted that there are 147 properties at Drumgeely Hill and access via the alternative Fergus Road would be unsuitable. The respondent commented that the existing Drumgeely Hill access onto the N19 should remain open.

A further respondent noted agreement with the preferred option and advised that the status of the Drumgeely Hill is maintained with all necessary safety features for both vehicles, pedestrians & cyclists.

Feedback from a further respondent is summarised as follows:-

- **Drumgeely Roundabout:** in the early 1990s this junction was traffic signal controlled and experienced major congestion / delays due to the am/pm peak flows entering and exiting the Free Zone from the N19 and Shannon Town. As a result of this the junction was converted to a roundabout to alleviate congestion. It was suggested that as part of this project the Drumgeely Junction should be retained in its current state as a roundabout as converting back to traffic signals may result in traffic congestion again.
- **Access into Drumgeely Apartments:** It was noted that a northbound right turn lane should be provided into the Drumgeely Apartments for safety reasons as there is currently insufficient width for waiting right turning vehicles.
- **Gateway West Junction:** It was noted that the construction of the original roundabout junction was a low-cost intervention at the time. It was noted converting this junction to traffic signals will result in traffic congestion particularly with the addition of a fourth arm. It was suggested this junction should be a priority roundabout with a fourth arm for future development.

- Gateway West to Knockbeagh Point Roundabout: It was noted in the previous plans that the existing 12kV line was identified as a constraint as it ran parallel to the southside of the existing N19 carriageway and that a previous proposal retained the 12kV line in-situ and a new carriageway was proposed offline with a central reserve area to maintain traffic on the existing road during the construction phase.
- Knockbeagh Point – It was highlighted the constrained nature of the N19 east of Knockbeagh Point roundabout including 8 direct accesses and the existing ESB sub-station. It was noted a previous design considered realigning the N19 to the south of the sub-station through the car park and constructing a one-way service road along the line of the existing N19 carriageway.
- Old Fuel Tanks – It was noted that the old Esso fuel tanks were located at the Nugent Trailers Yard and that soil de-contamination works were undertaken on the site about 15-20 years ago.

## 4.3 Public Bodies

### 4.3.1 [Clare County Council, Fire and Building Control Department](#)

The Clare County Council Fire and Building Control Department noted no further comments on the proposal. It was requested that prior to the opening, an interagency exercise/workshop to tease out how best to put Traffic Management arrangements in place in the event of an incident on the Access Road would be welcome.

### 4.3.2 [Inland Fisheries Ireland](#)

Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) advised that they have no objection to the route as proposed and that they will be looking to consult and comment on the proposals for the watercourse crossings at the detailed design stage.

### 4.3.3 [Geological Survey Ireland](#)

Geological Survey Ireland (GSI) advised that they have no specific comment or observations to make on this matter at this time.

### 4.3.4 [National Transport Authority](#)

The National Transport Authority made the following recommendations:-

- bus priority is provided on the north-eastern approach to the Drumgeely junction in order to avoid delays to services travelling towards Shannon Airport and that further work is undertaken at the next stage in the scheme development process which aims to optimise the extent of bus priority in terms of meeting the scheme objectives as a whole.
- In preparing more detailed designs, the following are considered:
  - Raised crossings at all side road accesses whereby cyclists and pedestrians travel through junctions at-grade;
  - Provision of signage and markings clearly informing road users that the segregated shared cycle and pedestrian facility provides for two-way movement;
  -

- Provision of signage and markings requiring motorists exiting side roads at non-signalised junctions to yield to cyclists on the segregated facility;
- Provision for signal controlled pedestrian and cyclist crossing at the Knockbeagh Point Roundabout;
- Reduction in the width of the proposed new “Spur for Future Development” at the Airport Avenue junction to one lane in each direction;
- Extension of the scheme boundary to incorporate a full tie-in for pedestrian and cyclist facilities into the Shannon Airport internal road network past Knockbeagh Point Roundabout;
- Reconfiguration of the Drumgeely Hill junction to reduce the dominance of motorised traffic, including the provision of footpaths; crossings; cycle tracks; and the reduction of the junction width to provide for one-lane entry and exit. This may require the extension of the scheme boundary; and
- The removal of the residual slip lane at Fergus Drive and the reorientation of this arm of the Drumgeely Junction to provide safe and legible cycle facilities, including crossings, into Fergus Road.

#### 4.3.5 Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

The Development Applications Unit of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage provided the following heritage related observations/recommendations: -

- The preferred option route now proposed occurs beside the Lower River Shannon Special Area of Conservation (SAC) (Site code 002165) and the River Shannon and River Fergus Estuaries Special Protection Area (SPA) (Site Code 004077).
- A full Appropriate Assessment/Natura Impact Statement will be required and must examine the implications of the project for the QIs, or the SCIs, of the European site concerned, in view of the site’s conservation objectives and in light of the best scientific knowledge in the field . The assessment cannot have lacunae or gaps, and must contain complete, precise and definitive findings and conclusions.

## 4.4 Group Submissions

Feedback was received from the following groups.

#### 4.4.1 Shannon Chamber

Shannon Chamber provided feedback which is summarised as follows: -

- The Group queried what impact the Preferred Option has on the planning reservation that is in place for the rail line/spur to Shannon in the existing development plan;
- The Group requested that the Preferred Option be linked in some way to the creation of a walkway/cycleway along the top of the embankment (of the adjacent Shannon Town and Environs Flood Relief Scheme) and that usage by new transport options, such as eScooters, be accommodated in the final selected option;
- The Group requested that the existing footpath on the western side of the N19 between the Emerald VIP Aviation and Westair Hangars be retained;
- The Group requested that the existing pedestrian crossing between the Drumgeely Apartments and the SFZ be retained and that the existing (redundant) bus stop opposite Drumgeely Hill be retained; and
- The Group noted that the alignment of pedestrian/cycle crossings with existing pedestrian bridge ramps and SFZ pathways will encourage greater use at Drumgeely Roundabout).

#### 4.4.2 Shannon Group

Shannon Group, consisting of Shannon Airport, Shannon Commercial Properties and Shannon Heritage, provided feedback which is summarised as follows: -

##### Signalised Junctions

- The indicative signalised junction arrangements as shown in the proposal could lead to significant queuing of traffic accessing and exiting Shannon Airport and Shannon Free Zone at peak times. This would not be ideal given the high volumes of traffic flow during peak time periods and could result in a negative experience for the valued customers of Shannon Airport and occupants/tenants operating in the Shannon Free Zone.
- Retaining roundabouts at these junctions would be preferred by Shannon Group at this stage.
- For proposed signalised junctions to be considered by Shannon Group, at a minimum smart traffic lights would need to be installed and slip lanes incorporated at these junctions for access and egress to Shannon Group properties. Further consultation and discussion on this point would be needed during the detailed design phase to agree an acceptable solution should these junctions be signalised.

##### Bus Stops and Lanes

- It is noted that there are new bus stops located in the vicinity of the Gateway West junction at the Shannon Free Zone. However, Shannon Group would suggest that bus stops at either side of the N19 also be included in the vicinity of Drumgeely Roundabout because this is the main access point to the Shannon Free Zone.
- In regard the bus stops in the vicinity of Knockbeagh Point Roundabout, Shannon Group would suggest moving one of the bus stops to the other side of the Fire Station Airside access junction.
- During the detailed design phase further discussion would be required in regard all traffic movements at the vicinity of the Fire Station Airside access junction which at peak times is very busy.

### Access Points

- There are numerous existing accesses onto the N19 roadway from Shannon Group lands at the Shannon Airport and Shannon Free Zone. It is important these existing accesses to Shannon Group lands are not adversely impacted with the N19 road upgrade to protect existing businesses and airport operations that currently use these existing entrance and access points.
- It is proposed to close the existing main access point into the Shannon Group Development Site opposite the Westair Hanger. Shannon Group require this access point be maintained along with the proposed access at the Gateway West roundabout junction.
- Multiple new entrance / access points to the N19 at the Shannon Group Strategic Development Zone will be needed with future development.
- For the changes and alterations indicated in the current proposal to the existing junctions, entrances and access points along the N19 to Shannon Group lands, Shannon Group would welcome the opportunity to discuss the proposed designs further and reach agreement to the benefit of all stakeholders.

### Road Alignment

- Shannon Group suggest altering the route of the proposed roadway to avoid and retain the existing Biodiversity Garden, Landscaped Area and Signage on Shannon Free Zone lands as much as is feasibly possible.

### Public Lighting

- Suitable public lighting should also be included in the proposed N19 preferred option design to cater for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians

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- Shannon Group would request that at road crossings additional underground services i.e. ducting etc. would be included in the proposed plan at detailed design stage to accommodate future infrastructure development along the upgraded section of the N19.

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- It would appear in the current design that the proposed segregated walkway / cycleway along this section of roadway located on the estuary side may conflict with the existing advertising billboards.

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- The N19 project will have sufficient ductwork to allow for connectivity lines up to each light pole along the route and the potential usage of the dedicated bus corridors for autonomous shuttles between Shannon Airport, Shannon Free Zone and Shannon town. Shannon Group would support and recommend that the infrastructure needed for future mobility as outlined above is included in the upgraded N19 roadway.

## 5 SUMMARY

Feedback on the Public Display of the Preferred Option was received from 12 respondents, including Elected Representatives, general public, public bodies and group submissions.

The feedback received can be summarised as relating to the following issues:-

- Access to Drumgeely Hill;
- Form of upgraded junctions at Drumgeely Roundabout and Shannon Free Zone West;
- Detailed design considerations for bus and active travel measures;
- N19 route alignment;
- The role of existing accesses along the N19, and the potential for additional access provision, within the upgraded N19.

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## 6 NEXT STAGES

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# APPENDIX A

Brochure



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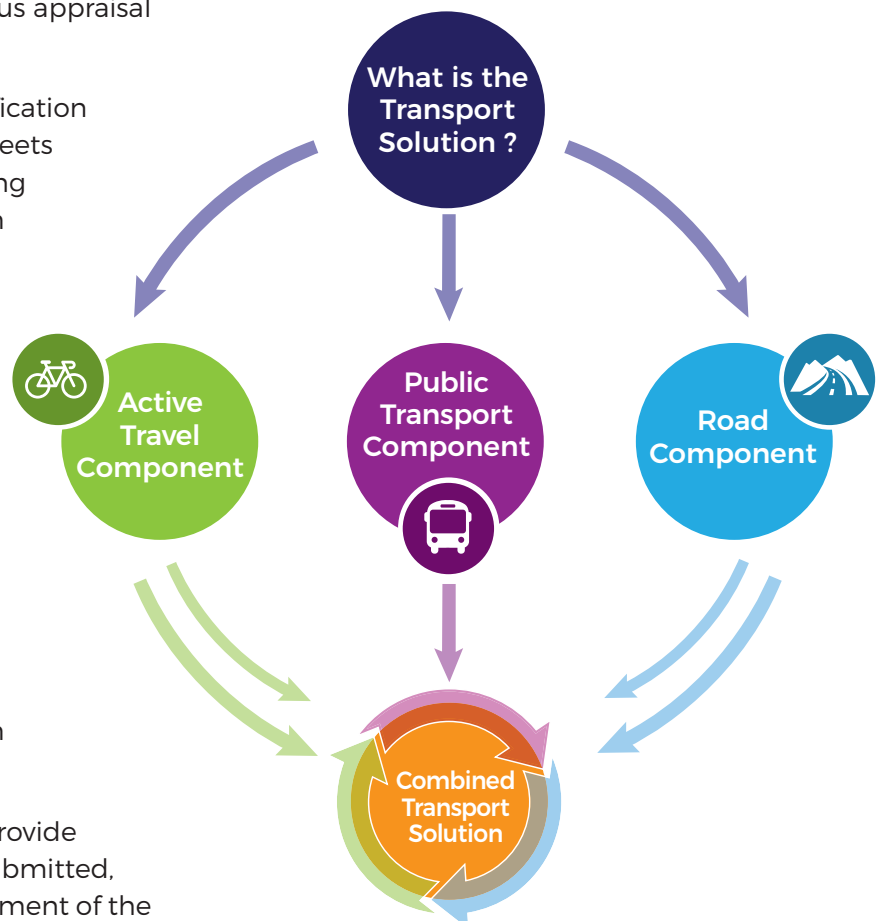
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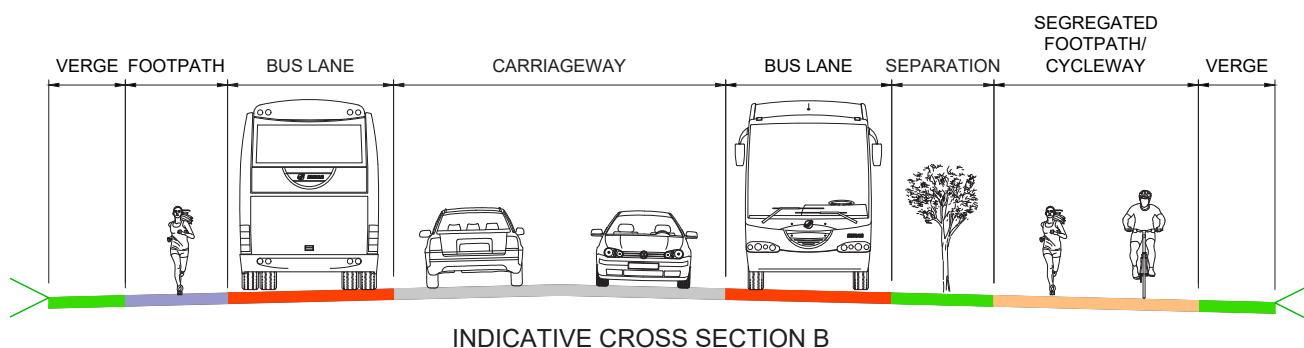
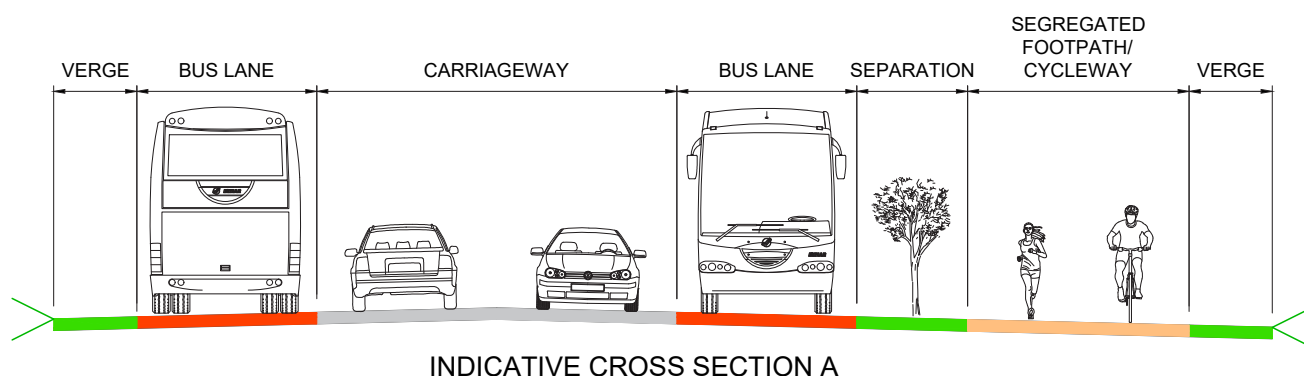
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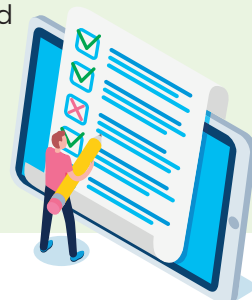


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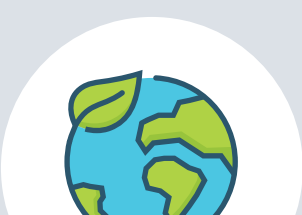
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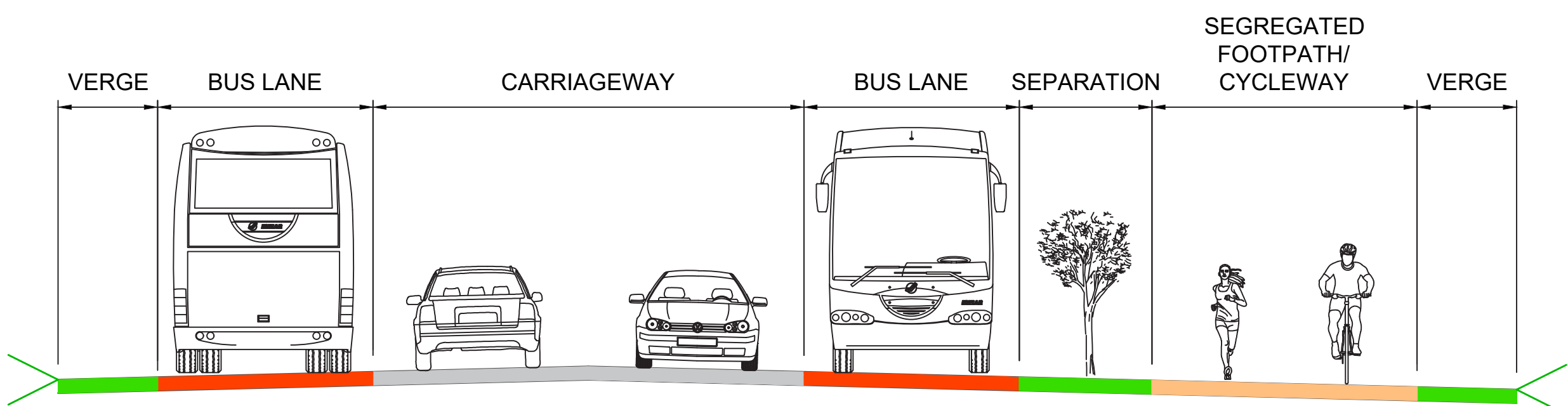
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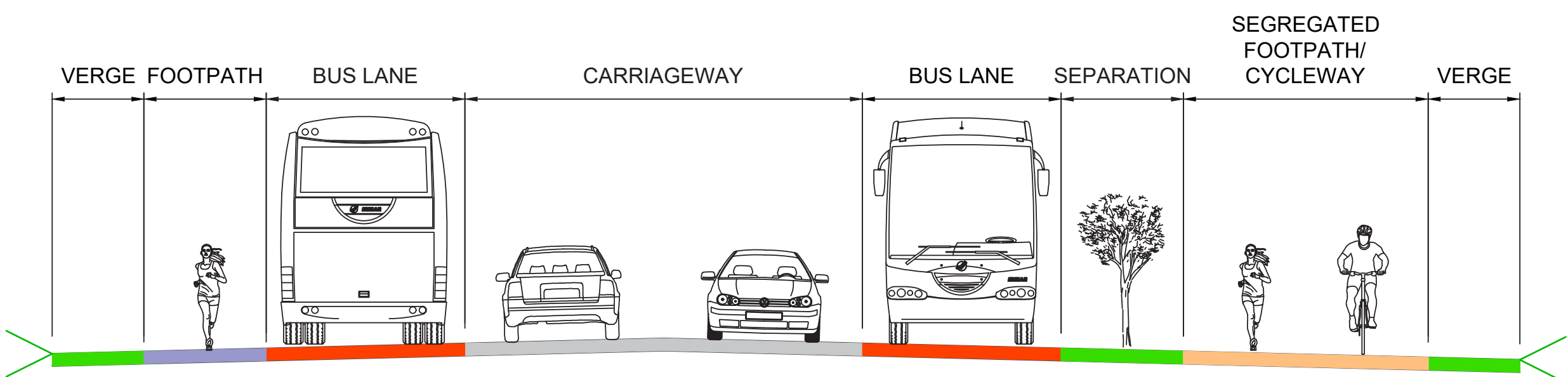
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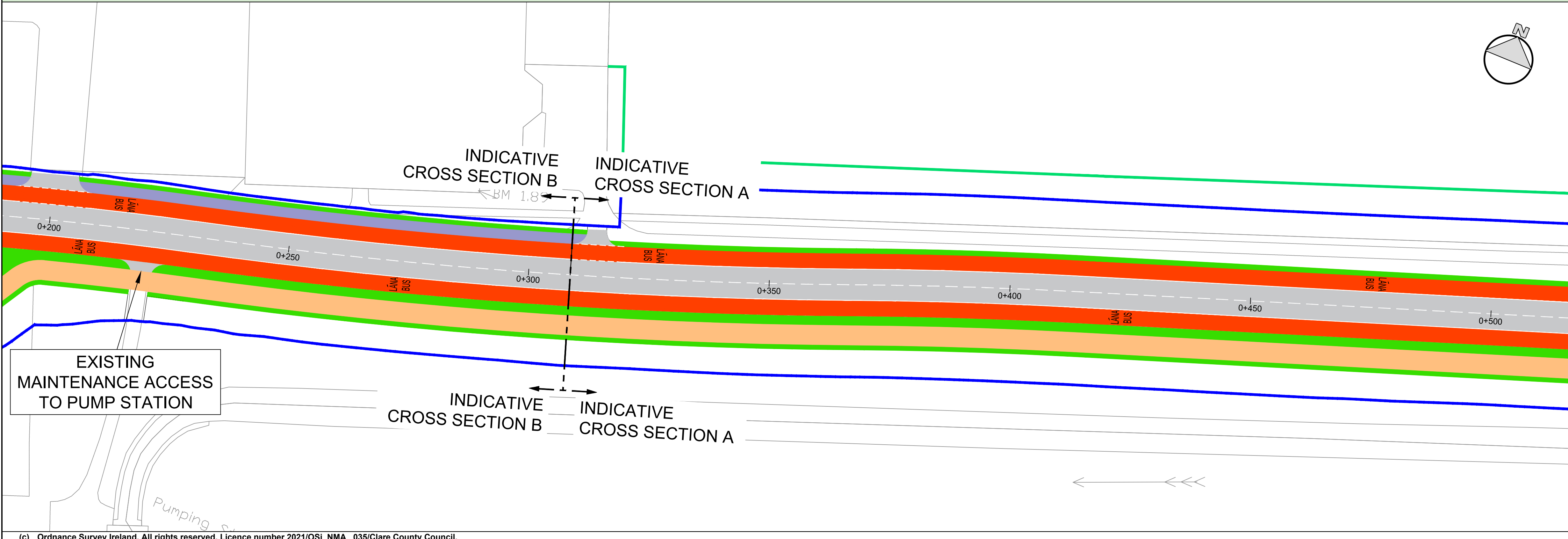
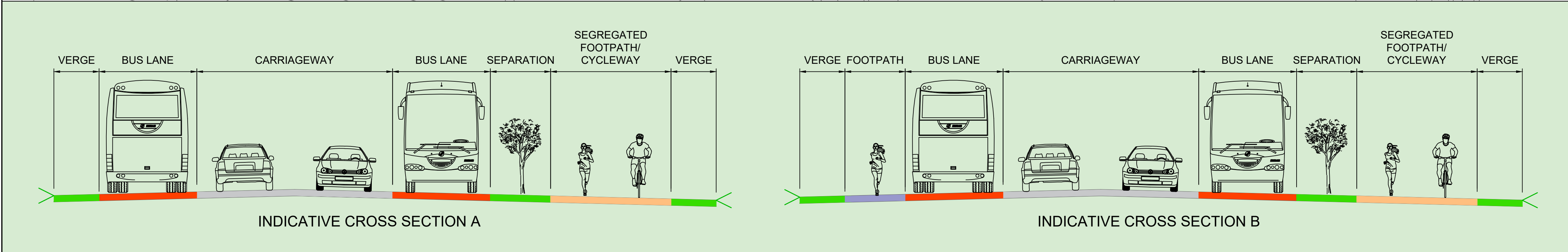
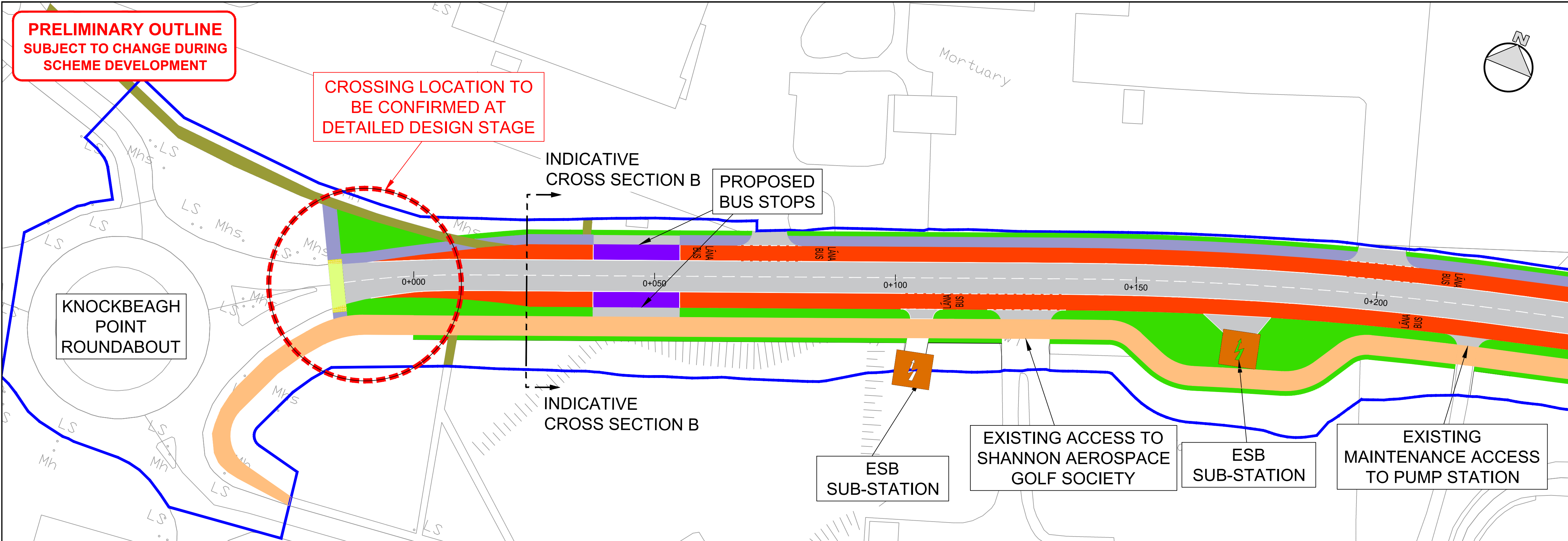




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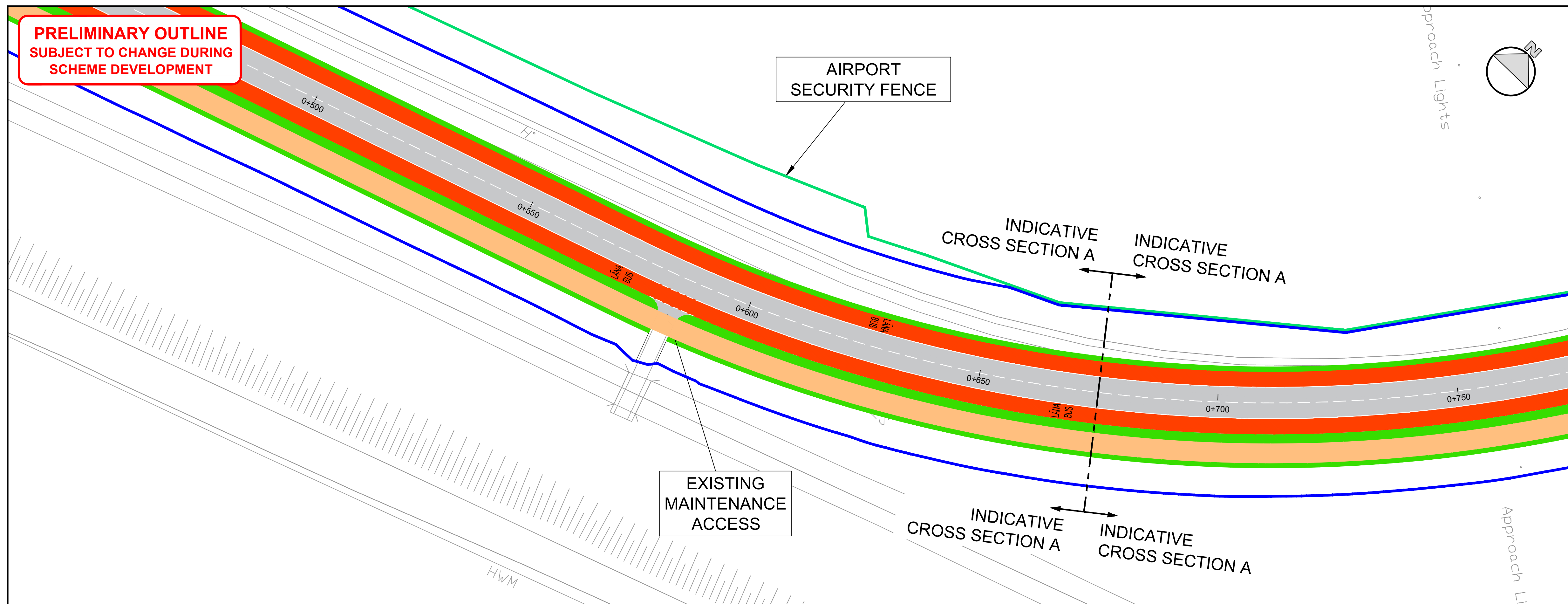
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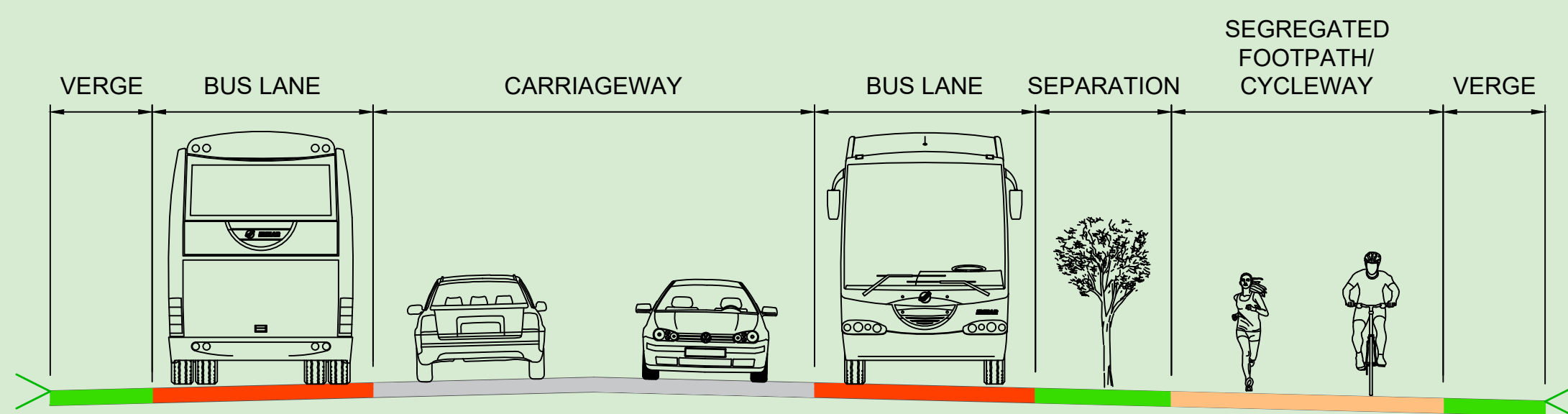
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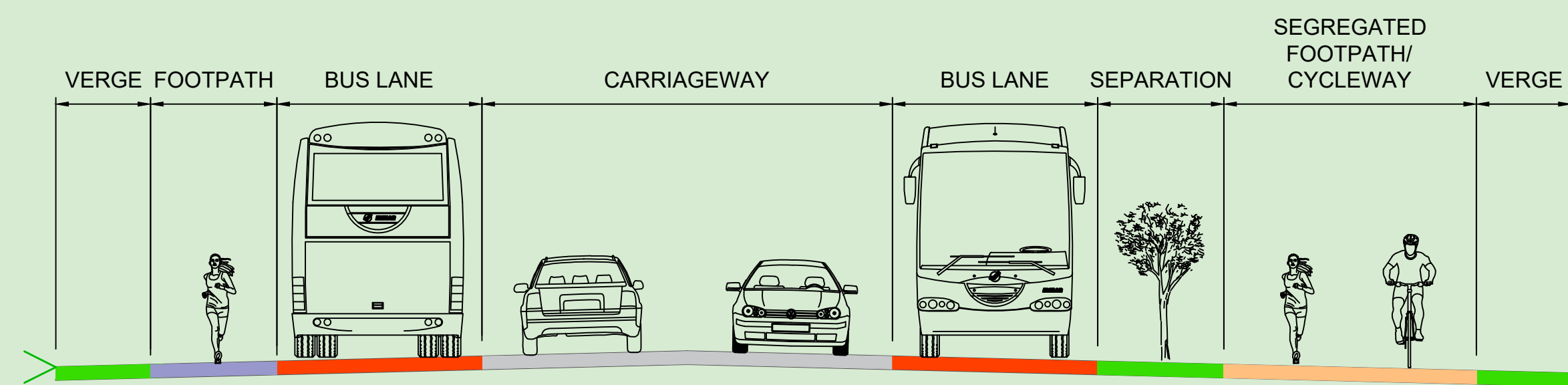
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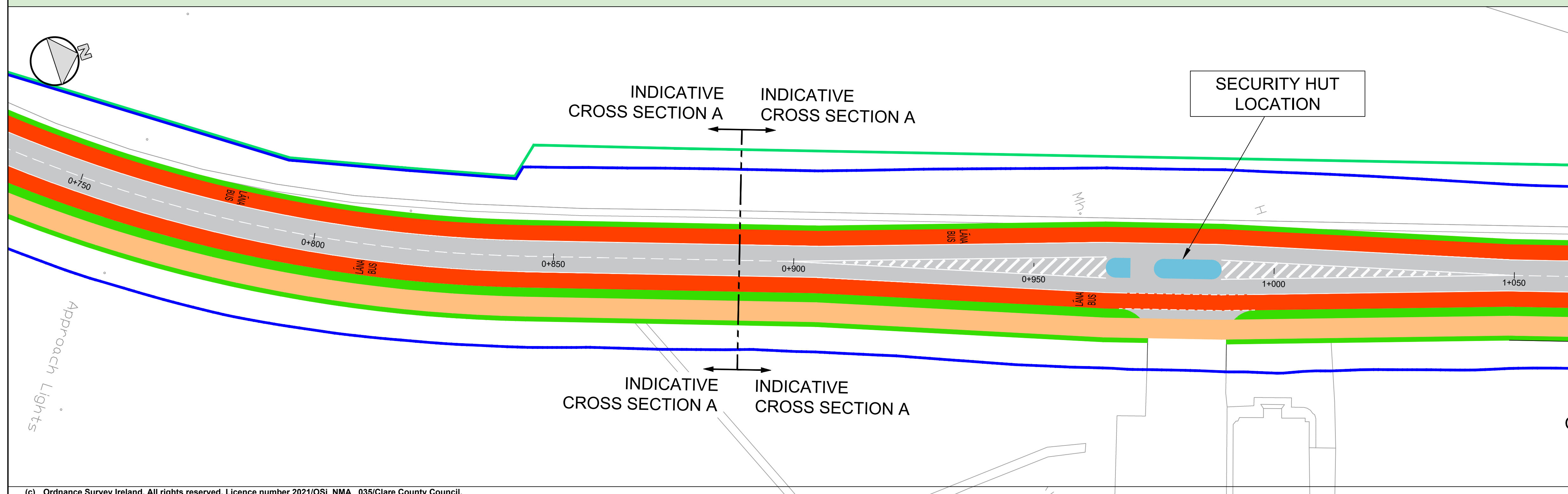
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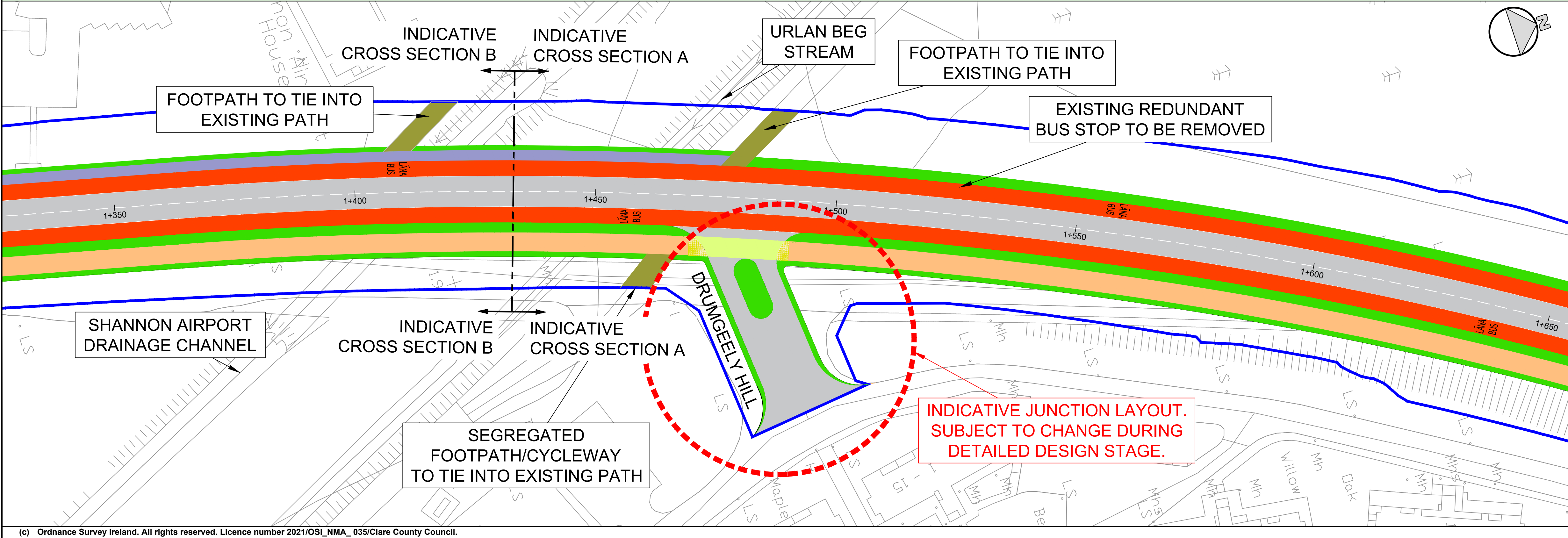
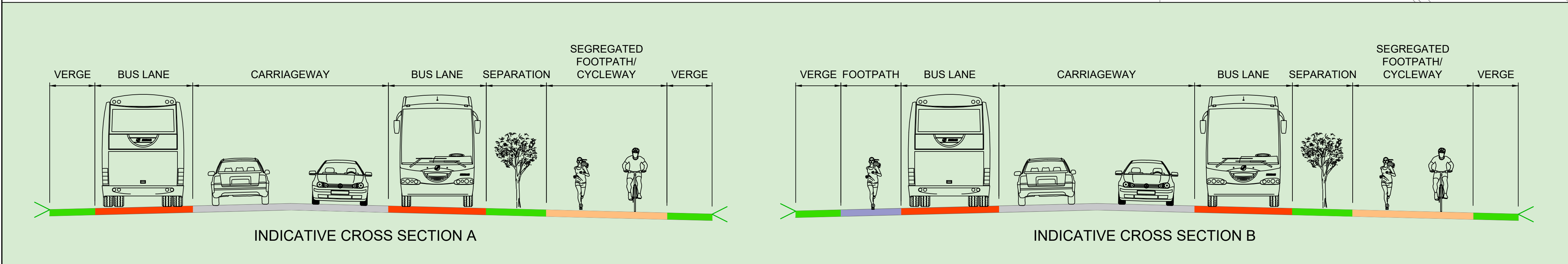
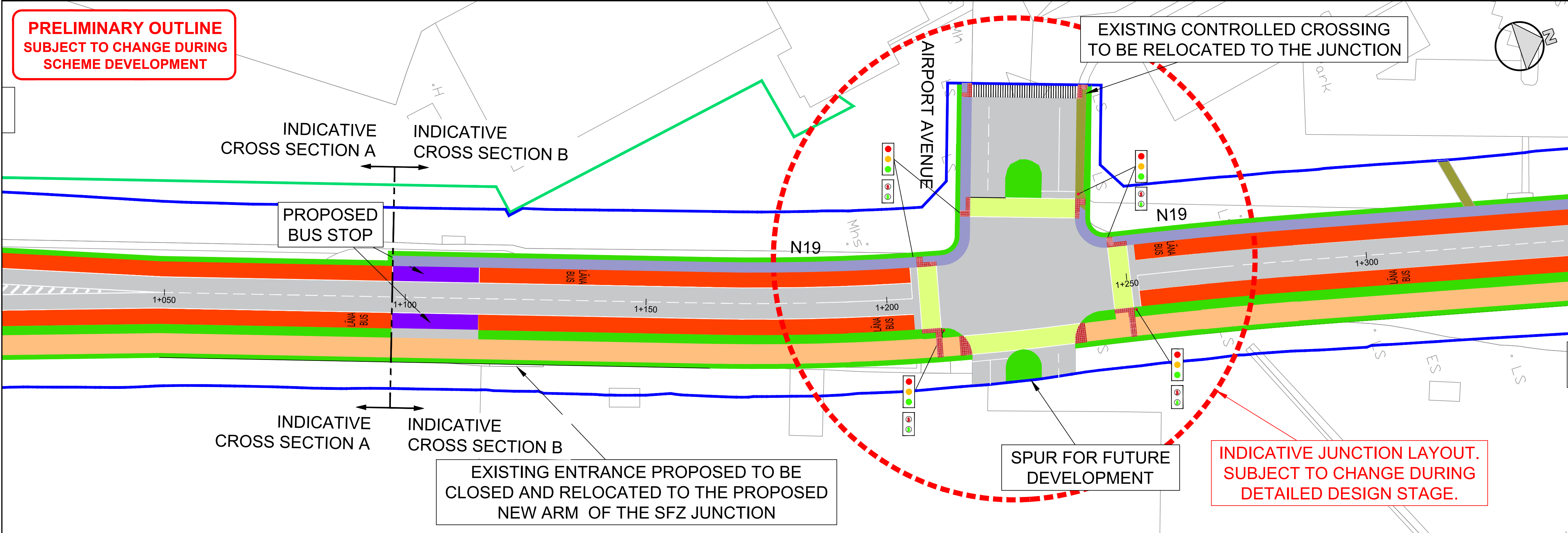


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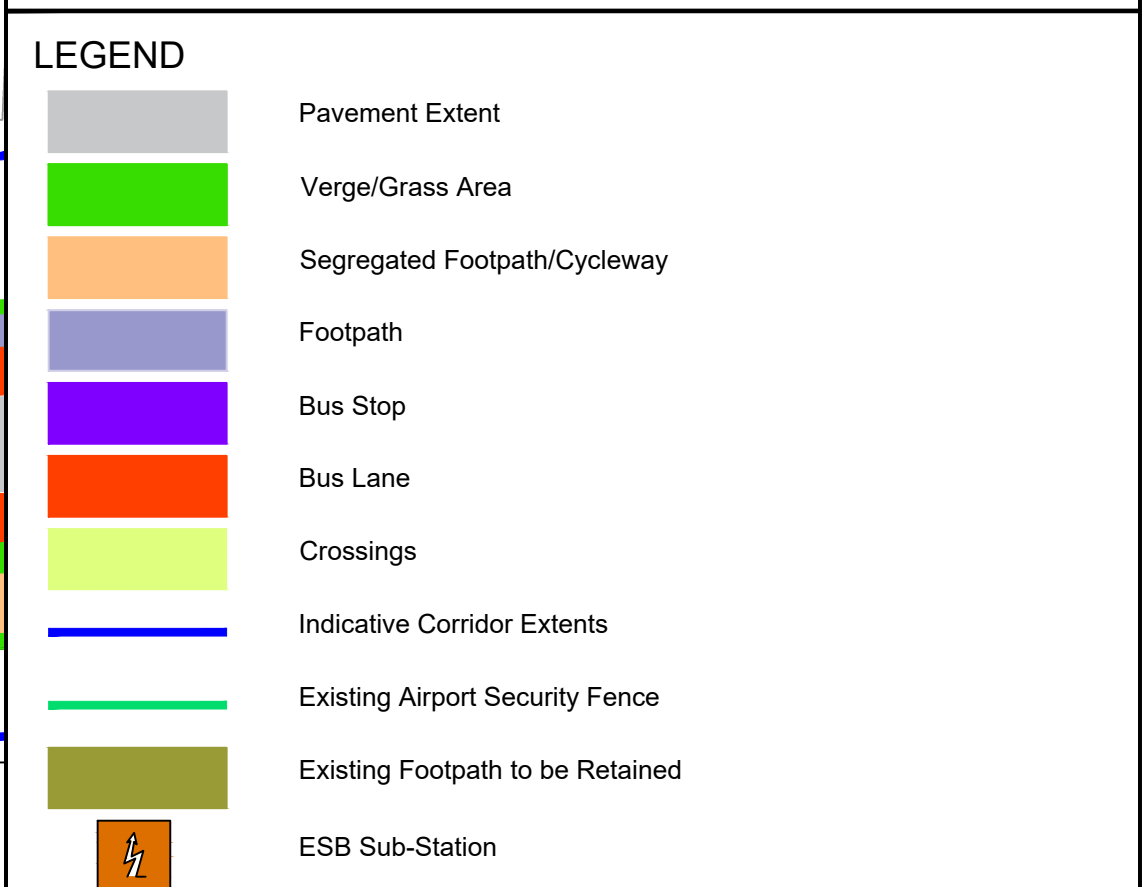
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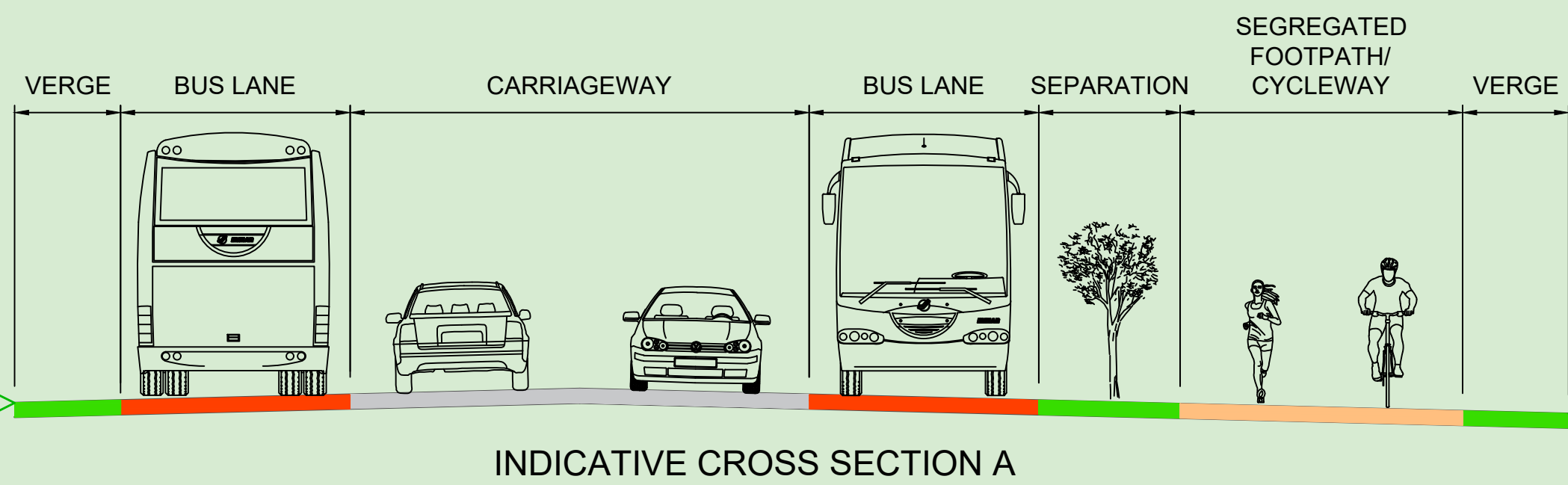
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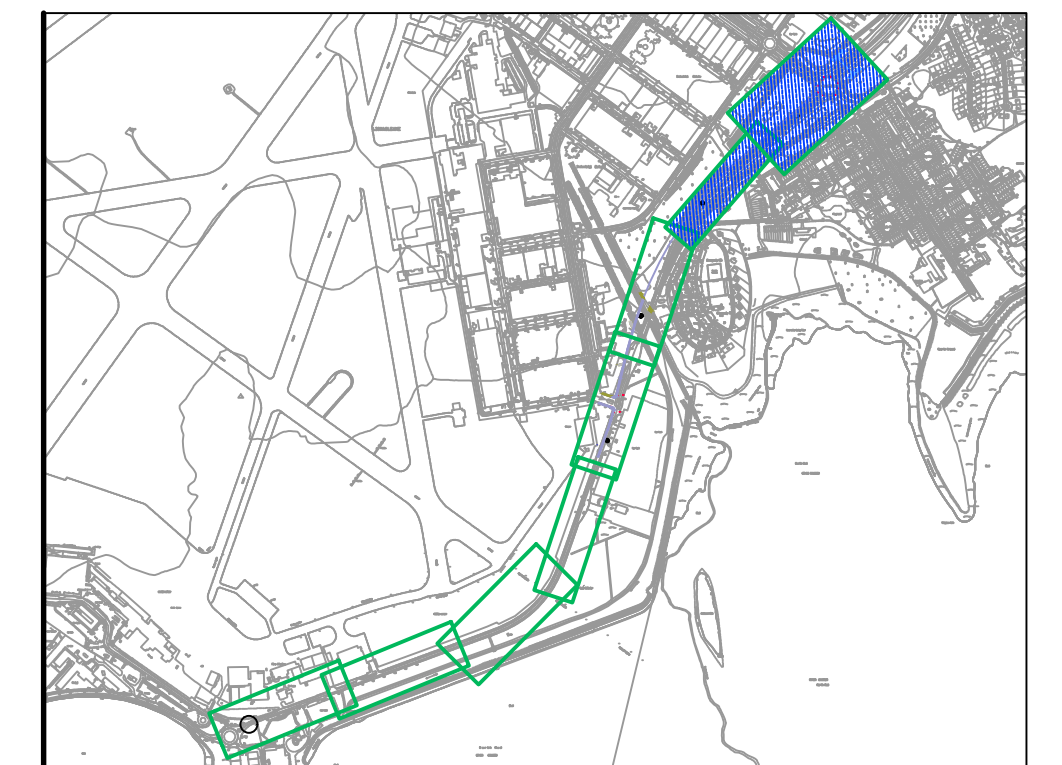
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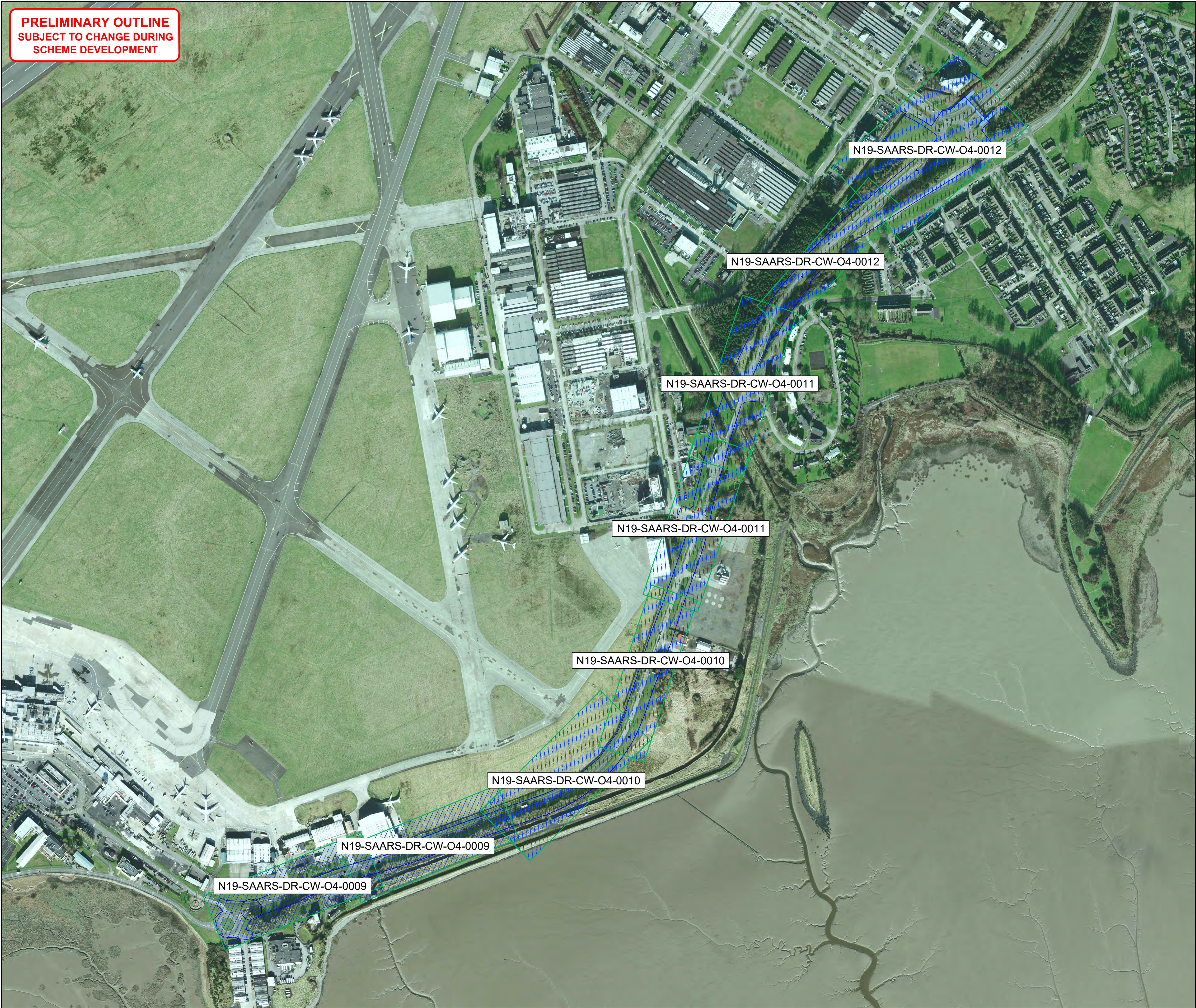
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# APPENDIX D

## Record of Unmanned Displays

## N19 Shannon Airport Access Road Improvement Scheme

### Public Display – Preferred Option

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

#### Venue Locations

| Venue                             | Address  | No. of Brochures Provided | No. of Brochures Taken |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Clare County Council HQ           | Clare County Council<br>New Road,<br>Ennis,<br>County Clare,<br>V95 DXP2 | 80                        | 22                     |
| Shannon Municipal District Office | Shannon MD<br>Town Hall,<br>Shannon,<br>Co. Clare                        | 40                        | 11                     |
| Shannon Airport                   | Shannon Airport<br>Shannon,<br>County Clare,<br>V14 EE06                 | 40                        | 24                     |
| Total                             |  | 160                       | 57                     |

## Clare County Council HQ



**Fig. 1 – Public Display set up on 22/11/2021 at Clare County Council HQ**



**Fig. 2 – Public Display inspection on 25/11/2021 at Clare County Council HQ**





**Fig. 3 – Public Display inspection on 29/11/2021 at Clare County Council HQ**

[Shannon Municipal District Office](#)



Fig. 4 – Public Display set up on 22/11/2021 at Shannon MD Office



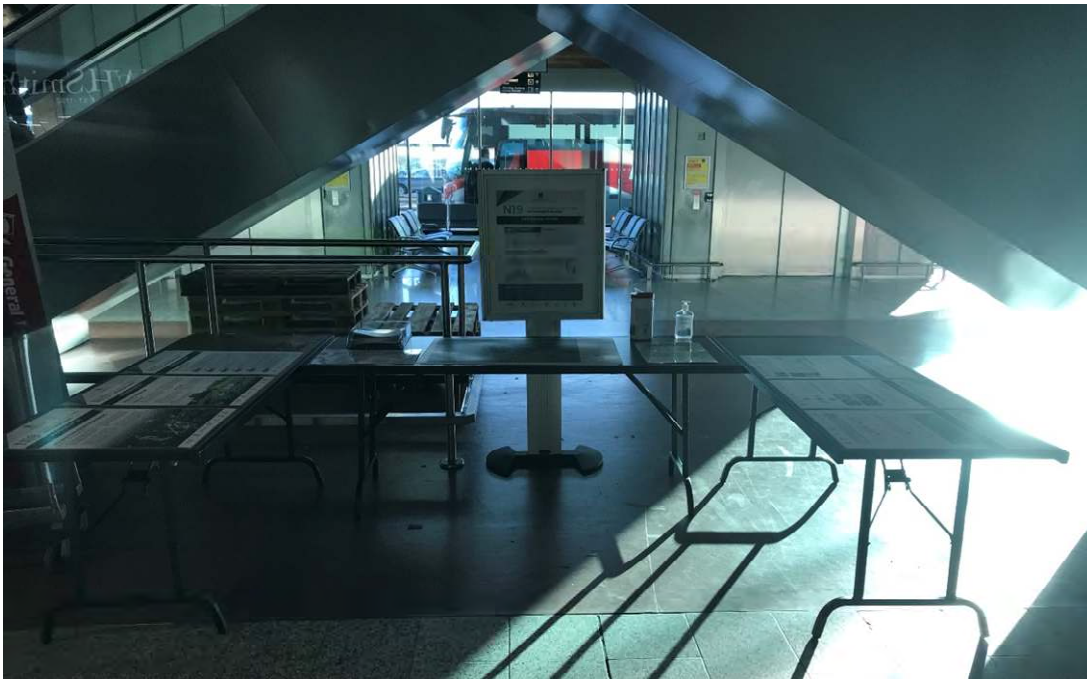
Fig. 5 – Public Display inspection on 02/12/2021 at Shannon MD Office



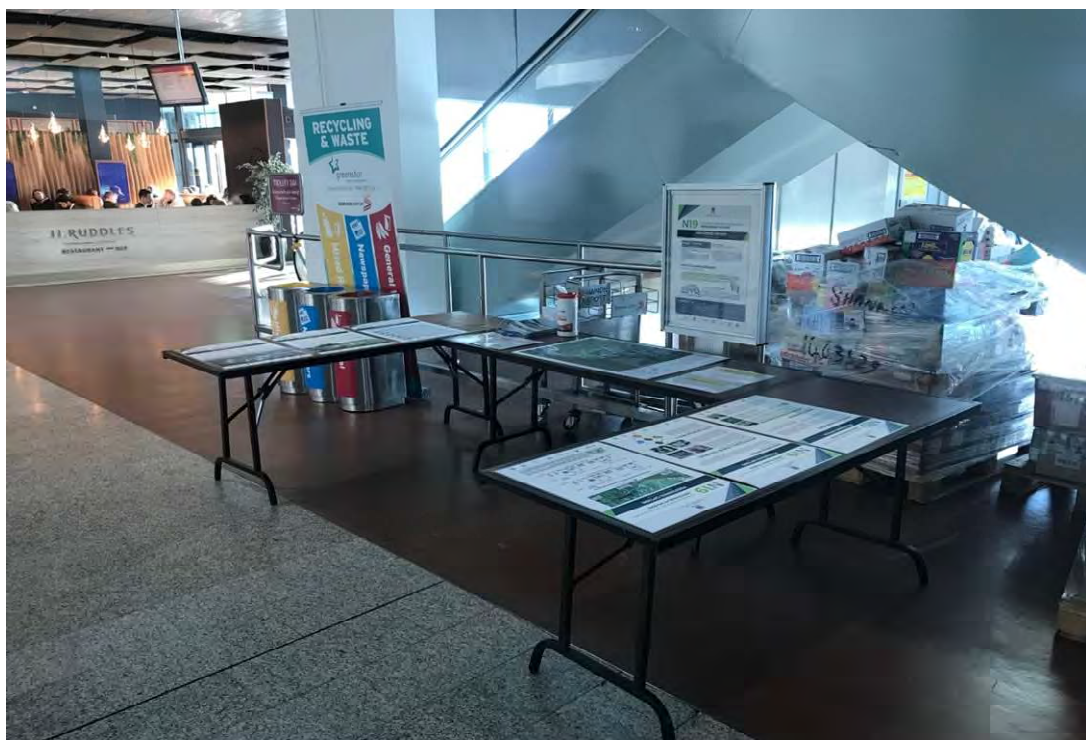


Fig. 6 –Public Display inspection on 09/12/2021 at Shannon MD Office

Shannon Airport (Departures / Arrivals Public Area)

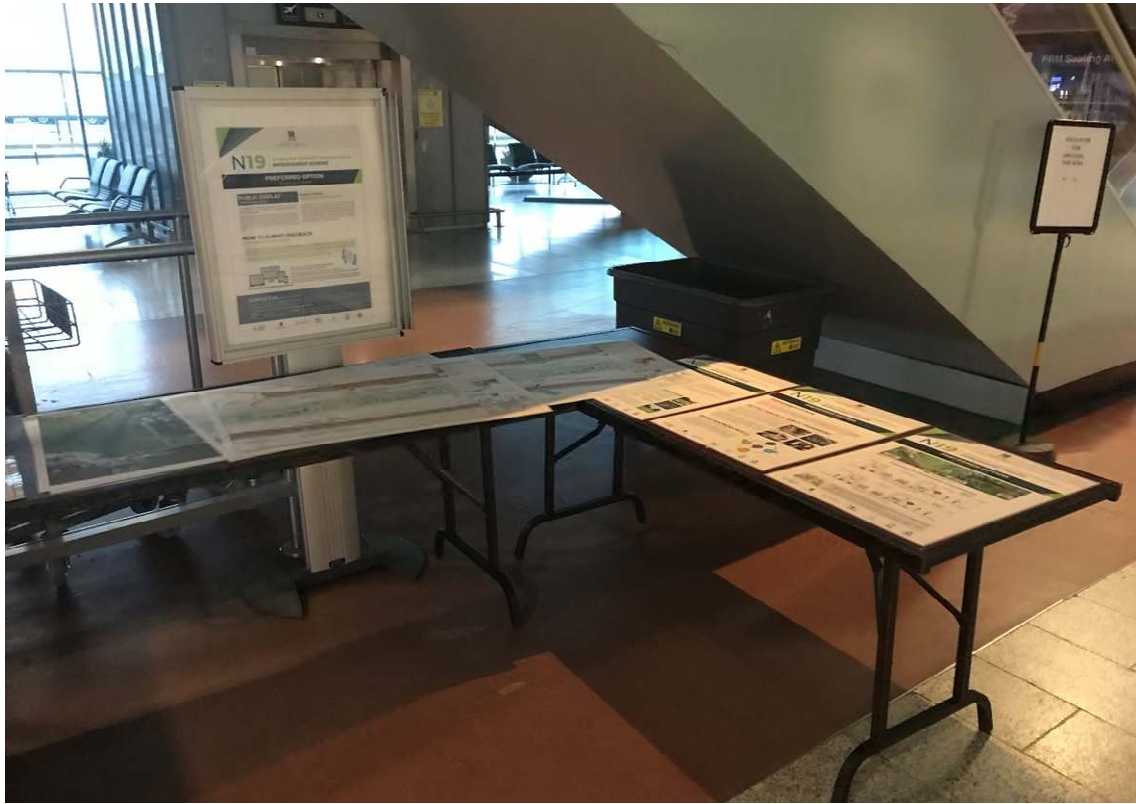


**Fig. 7 –Public Display set up on 22/12/2021 at Shannon Airport**



**Fig. 8 –Public Display inspection on 29/12/2021 at Shannon Airport**





**Fig. 9 –Public Display inspection on 09/12/2021 at Shannon Airport**



# APPENDIX E

## Record of Public Notifications





# PUBLIC NOTICES

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## N19 SHANNON AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME UPCOMING PUBLIC DISPLAY OF THE PREFERRED OPTION

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## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT FOR LETTING OF SHOP UNIT AT BALLYCUGGERAN LAKE, KILLALOE, CO. CLARE.

Expressions of Interest are invited for the letting of a shop unit at the recreational area at Ballycuggeran, Killaloe, Co. Clare, for a three year period from **1st February, 2022 to 31st January, 2025**.

The shop unit features fitted cabinets with formica counter tops, piped water supply and sink units. Details of the facilities in the unit (including photographs) together with the criteria for selection and the conditions of letting can be obtained by e-mailing [fwhegan@clarecoco.ie](mailto:fwhegan@clarecoco.ie)

Sealed Expressions of Interest clearly marked "Shop at Ballycuggeran" should be lodged with The Property Management Unit, Economic Development, Clare County Council, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare not later than **4.00 p.m. on Friday 3rd December, 2021**.



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## ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Budget of Clare County Council for the financial year ending 31st December 2022 has been prepared and will be considered by the members of Clare County Council at the Budget Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare on **Friday, 26th November 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

A copy of the said Budget has been deposited in the office of Clare County Council at Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis and may be inspected free of charge by any member of the public at any time while the offices are open for the transaction of official business. A copy of the Budget will be supplied to every person making an application.



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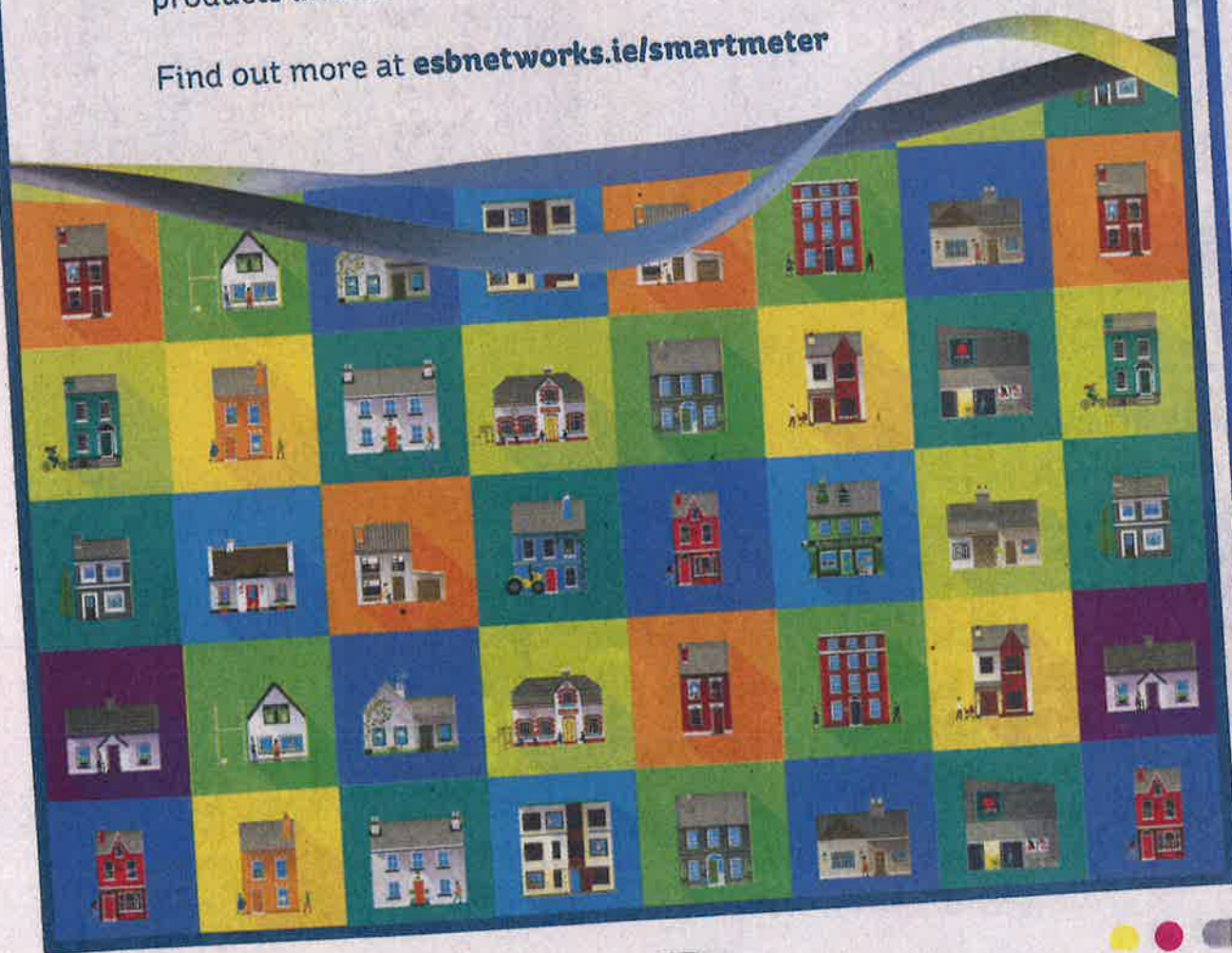
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# Council's smiley Púca survey 'will give naysayers a veto'

by GORDON DEEGAN

**T**HE creator of the controversial Púca today expressed concerns that a Council online survey over the artwork "will give the naysayers an effective veto".

Aidan Harte was today commenting after Clare Co Council launched the online survey to get the views mainly of the people of Ennistymon as to whether the Púca should be installed in the north Clare town.

In launching the survey that comprises of five questions about the Púca and its location, the Council state that its results "will guide Clare County Council and Fáilte Ireland in a final decision in relation to the proposed artwork".

In May of this year, the project was paused after a local outcry including parish priest, Fr Willie Cummins denouncing the bronze two metre high Púca from the altar at Sunday mass.

The Council survey includes an option for participants to say how much they like or dislike the Púca by sliding a smiley face across a page.

If a participant in the survey really dislikes the Púca, the face has a sad face and can be seen shedding

a tear.

Mr Harte said today: "It would be a shame if the Púca is decided on a binary 'yes or no' happy or sad face because that is a simplistic approach. It is no kind of art criticism. Imagine your favourite poem being put to that test? Would it have got published? Probably not."

The survey also asks participants why they like or dislike the Púca and their thoughts on its proposed location across from 'Blakes Corner', the bridge that currently brings traffic out to Lahinch and the Cliffs of Moher.

The Púca is inspired by Ennistymon's horse fair, equine heritage and Irish folklore and Mr Harte said: "The Púca is an unusual sculpture. I hope people will give it a chance."

Two of the country's best known entertainers, Dara Ó Briain and Chris O'Dowd have already voiced their support for the Púca and Mr Harte stated that his preference would have been to go to Ennistymon for "an honest and robust town hall debate" on the Púca.

He said: "I would have preferred to talk to people face to face and bring the little Púca model down and people could see that it is not a monster that is going to come for them in their beds."

The sculptor stated that "unfortunately with a on-line vote I can't think of a better way to empower a vocal minority".

Mr Harte commented: "It is a very high hurdle now for the Púca to jump."

He said: "Almost everyone agrees that art picked by committee or by a popular vote is not a good way to do it but that it where it has ended up."

He added: "If you want inoffensive, crowd pleasing art, this is a way to get it if that is what you want."

Mr Harte added: "'No' is always a little bit louder than 'yes'. I do appreciate that Clare County Council is in a difficult position because

they need to represent the people and if a couple of loud voices have said no, they can't ignore them."

He stated that based on radio vox-pops "the feeling in Ennistymon appears to have moved on and most people think it was a silly post 'lockdown' overreaction in the protest to it".

He said: "I do hope that the people in Ennistymon who do want it there, this is the time to speak. If they don't now, it is the naysayers who will get the veto."

In launching the survey, the council refer to the Púca as being "provisionally" selected through its open competition as the artwork for Ennistymon.

However, Mr Harte described

this statement as "inaccurate" and an attempt by the Council to rewrite history.

He stated: "My piece was selected and commissioned. We signed a contract."

Mr Harte stated that he has been paid €10,000 out of the €30,000 commission to date.

Mr Harte stated that the "hulabaloo" has brought "a forgotten character from Irish folklore into the national consciousness".

Mr Harte said: "I am waiting patiently to see the outcome. It has been a long wait since the project was paused and there could yet be a happy outcome."

The closing date for submissions is Tuesday November 23rd.

## PROUD MOMENT SHARED



• **WE DID IT:** Laura Griffey celebrates winning the intermediate football final for Burren Gaels at the weekend  
Photo by Burren Eye Photography



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## KILRUSH

WAR OF INDEPENDENCE  
EVENT

SATURDAY, November 27th will see the final event in the West Clare War of Independence 2021 programme take place in Martyrs Square, Kilrush at 3pm. All districts throughout West Clare will be represented at the event with special designation reserved for those areas that organised commemoration events within their own community settings. All men's and ladies' sporting clubs are also being invited to bring their club colours to the event. To date, many districts in West Clare have held separate commemoration ceremonies including Doonbeg, Clohanes, Moyasta, Old Shanakyle, Kilferagh, Kilkee, Kilmihil, Kildysart, Killimer, Cranny, Coolmeen, Mullagh/Coore/Kilmurry-Ibrickane Parish, Cooraclare/Cree/Kilmacduane, Carrigaholt/Kilballyowen, Tullycrine, and Labasheeda/Kilmurry McMahon.

The West Clare War of Independence Commemoration Committee was formed following a public meeting in Cooraclare in 2020. It is primarily a non-political entity with the sole aim of remembering those men, women and children who bravely served in the 1919/1921 War of Independence in West Clare under the banners of the West Clare Brigade and Cumann na mBan organisations. Led by JT Larkin as chairman, secretary Tom Prendeville, treasurer Aileen O'Mahony and PRO Michael O'Connell, the committee has achieved its main objective by liaising with local district represen-

tatives across West Clare in organising commemoration events within their own immediate communities. Clare County Council, under the Decade of Centenaries Project Awards 2021, and Kilrush Credit Union have grant-aided the project.

The programme for the Kilrush commemoration event on Saturday, November 27th features an address of welcome followed by a roll-call of the volunteers enlisted in the Kilrush and Monmore Companies in 1919/21.

Eoin Shanahan, an authority on the War of Independence in West Clare with his acclaimed publication, 'The Hand that Held the Gun', will deliver the keynote address. The unveiling of a memorial plaque at the Town Hall will be followed by a wreath-laying ceremony, with all participating West Clare districts involved. A lone piper will provide the musical interludes including laments and Amhrán na bhFiann.

The organisers have issued an open invitation to all members of the West Clare social and sporting communities to attend this final ceremony and are predicting a large turn-out for the occasion. The Kilrush event brings the final curtain down on what was a memorable year of commemoration events throughout West Clare. It is right and fitting to honour and remember the exceptional service and sacrifices made by the extraordinary men, women and children of West Clare in winning the war of national freedom just a short century ago.

## ENNIS



Pictured following the announcement that Clare County Council is the winner of the Chambers Ireland 2021 Excellence in Local Government (ELG) Award for 'Initiative through the Municipal Districts' were Cllr PJ Ryan, Liam Conneally with Morgan Lahiffe, Leonore O'Neill, Jason Murphy and John O'Malley. Photo by Eamon Ward

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## COUNTYWIDE

## DELAYED 2020 FINALS

KINGSCOURT in County Cavan are hosting the GAA Handball delayed 2020 O'Neill's All Ireland 4 Wall Championships. All Ireland finals are on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th of November. They will be one game played in Nenagh on Friday 26th. On Saturday 27th Clare will be represented in Silver Masters B Singles by Aidan Moroney

(Kilkishen) against Kieran Hanley from Galway and in the Boys under 17 by Gearoid Sheedy (Tua-mgraney) against Sean Barron from Kilkenny.

Fina Close (Kilkishen) and Eimear Rodgers will compete on Friday 26th Nenagh, Co Tipperary at 19.30hrs. They will be playing against Aisling Cooney/Aine Sharkey from Kilkenny.

## CARRIGORAN

## PUBLIC LIGHTING

PLANS to extend both the public lighting and footpath approaching Carrigoran roundabout are to be included in an application for Active Travel funding, writes Páraic McMahon.

An application is to be made for the next round of the National Transport Authorities Active Travel funding to include the footpath from Newmarket-on-Fergus to Carrigoran roundabout and also extend this towards the Bellsfort, senior executive engineer with the Shannon Municipal District, Tom Mellett confirmed. Improvement of public lighting is also included in the plans.

He acknowledged that the existing path "is popular with walkers and is a connection from the nursing home" to the village.

Cllr Pat McMahon (FF) requested at this month's meeting of the Shannon MD to extend the public lighting, an appeal which was seconded by Cllr PJ Ryan (IND).

"It is an area that people walk and cycle all year round," McMahon outlined.

"People are walking and exercising now in different forms, from now until the end of March people need to be able to take advantage of public lighting and use it in a safe manner," the Newmarket-on-Fergus representative added.

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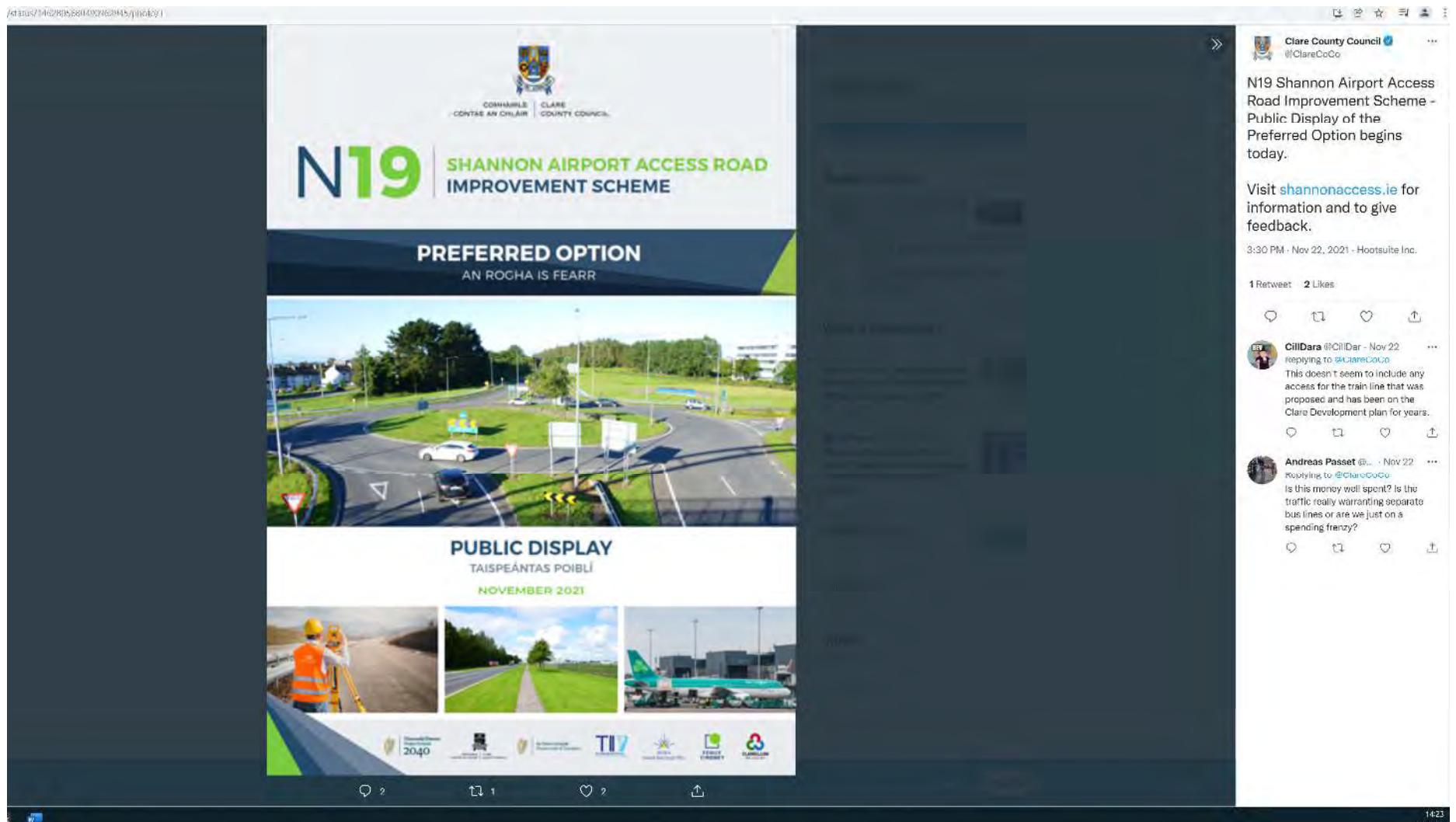
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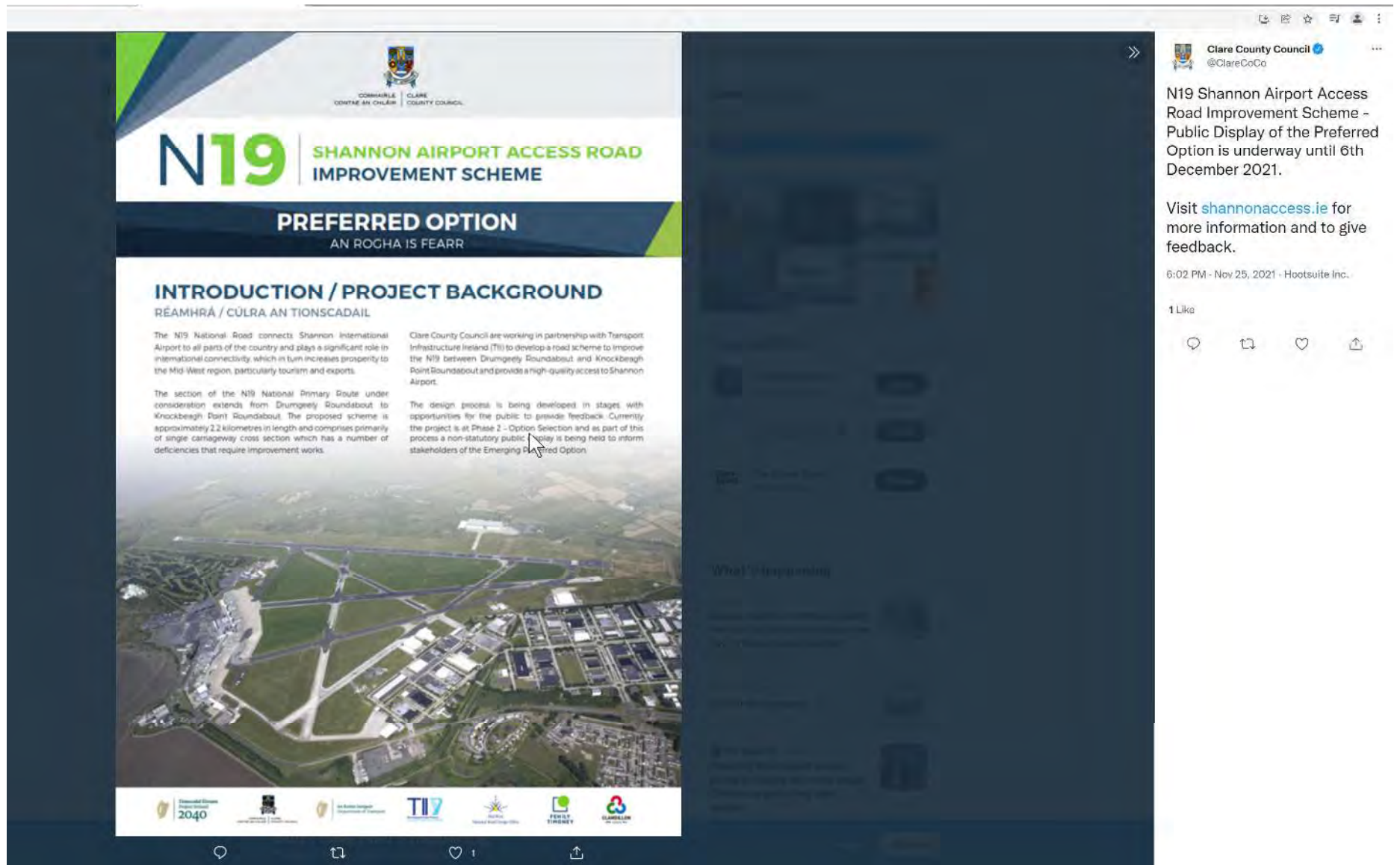
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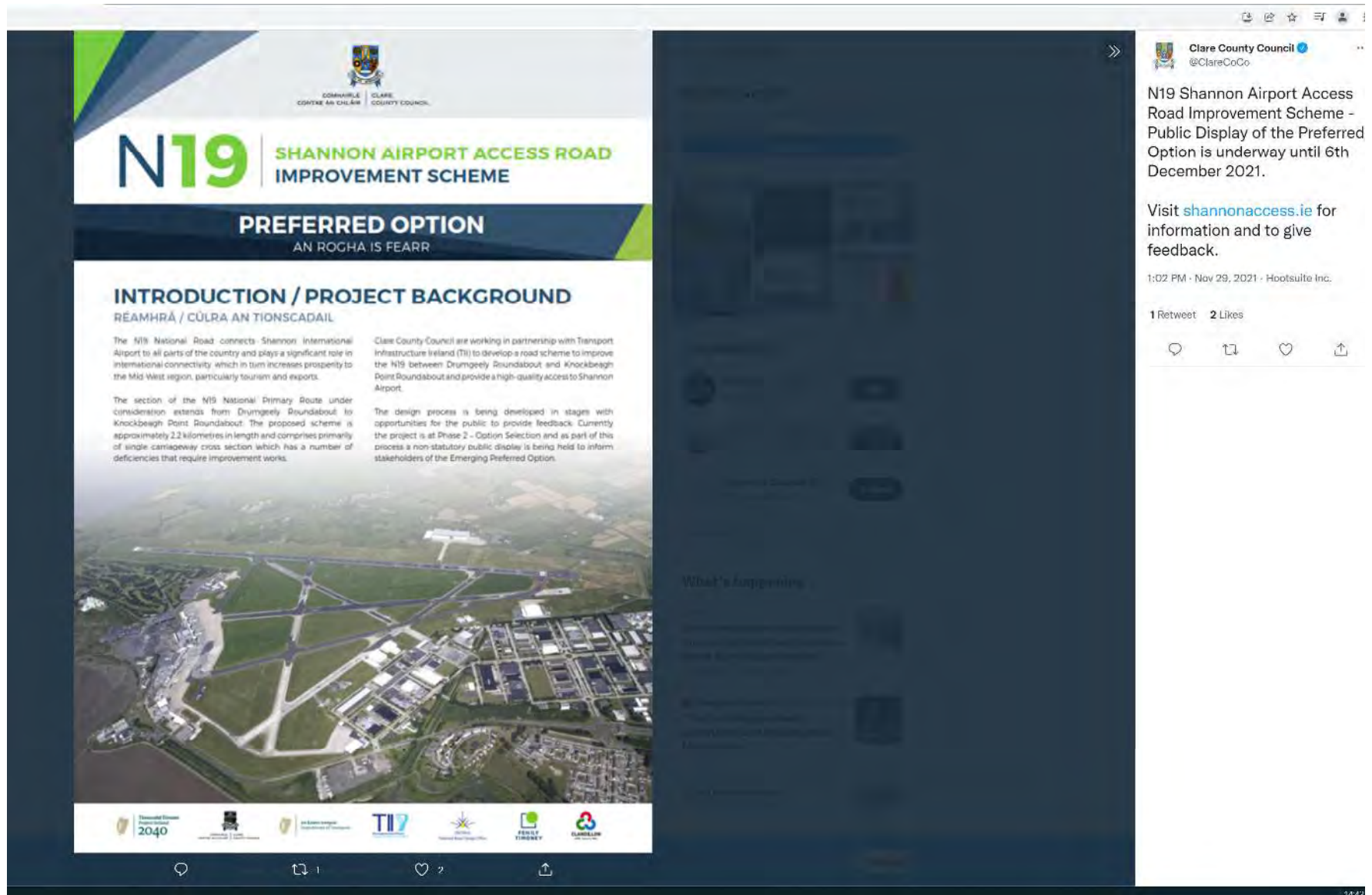


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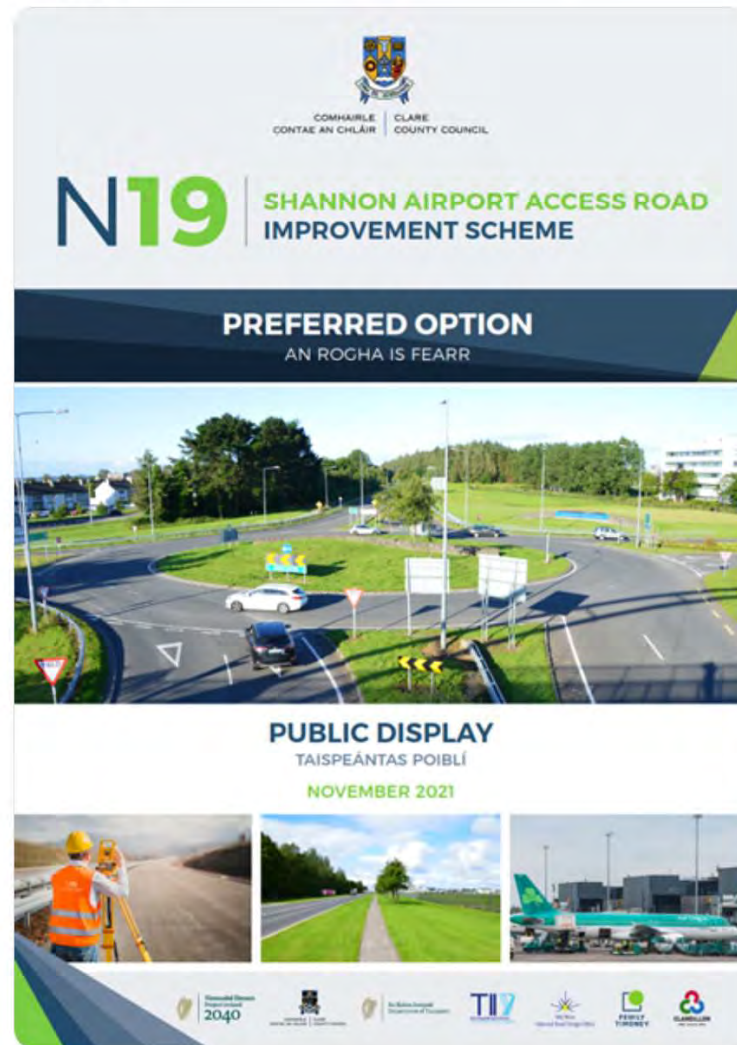
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Clare County Council appointed Fehily Timoney & Company and Clandillon Civil Consulting Joint Venture (FTC JV) in October 2019 as the Technical Consultants to progress the Scheme through Phases 1 to 4 of the TII Project Management Guidelines.

The Scheme is currently at [Phase 2 Options Selection](#).

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Feedback can be made on the project website [www.shannonaccess.ie](http://www.shannonaccess.ie), or by email to [info@shannonaccess.ie](mailto:info@shannonaccess.ie), or by post addressed to Freepost ES104, N19 Shannon Airport Access Road Improvement Scheme, Clare County Council, Project Management Office, Buttermarket Building, Drumbiggle Road, Ennis, County Clare, V95RR72 during the public display period from **Monday 22nd November to Monday 6th December 2021**.

Clare County Council values the opinion of the community on this project and welcomes feedback from the public and interested parties. The Feedback received will be considered by the project team as part of the next stages.


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