



# N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road



Constraints and Option Selection



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## Background

Rosslare Europort is a key strategic transport link between Ireland and both the European mainland and the United Kingdom. It is an important ferry port for all major Roll-On, Roll-Off (RO-RO) passenger and freight services operating on UK and continental routes. Access to Rosslare Europort is via the N25 National Primary Road which passes through the village of Rosslare Harbour.

To improve road safety, facilitate Port operations, and also facilitate improvements to Rosslare Harbour village, Wexford County Council is looking to improve access to Rosslare Europort from the existing N25 National Primary Road.

Three options are currently being considered and these are outlined below for you. Two options continue to use the existing N25 corridor to the Port, and the second of these options includes improvement works to the existing N25. A third option includes the construction of a new access road which will provide an alternative route to the Port.

Wexford County Council is working in consultation with Transportation Infrastructure Ireland to progress the scheme. Mott MacDonald Ireland has been appointed as technical advisor to assist in the development of the scheme, and Tramore House Regional Design Office is providing project management services on behalf of Wexford County Council.

We are now consulting with the public, and in particular the residents of Rosslare Harbour, on the alternative options identified that could meet the project objectives, in order to help determine the preferred scheme option.

## Constraints Study

In identifying the preliminary scheme options, a Constraints Study was undertaken. The purpose of the Constraints Study is to identify and present all the characteristics and features of the study area, whether natural, artificial or external, which may influence the identification of viable scheme options. The Study Area within which key constraints and preliminary scheme options were examined is shown on the map below.

The main physical, engineering and environmental constraints identified within the study area are as follows:

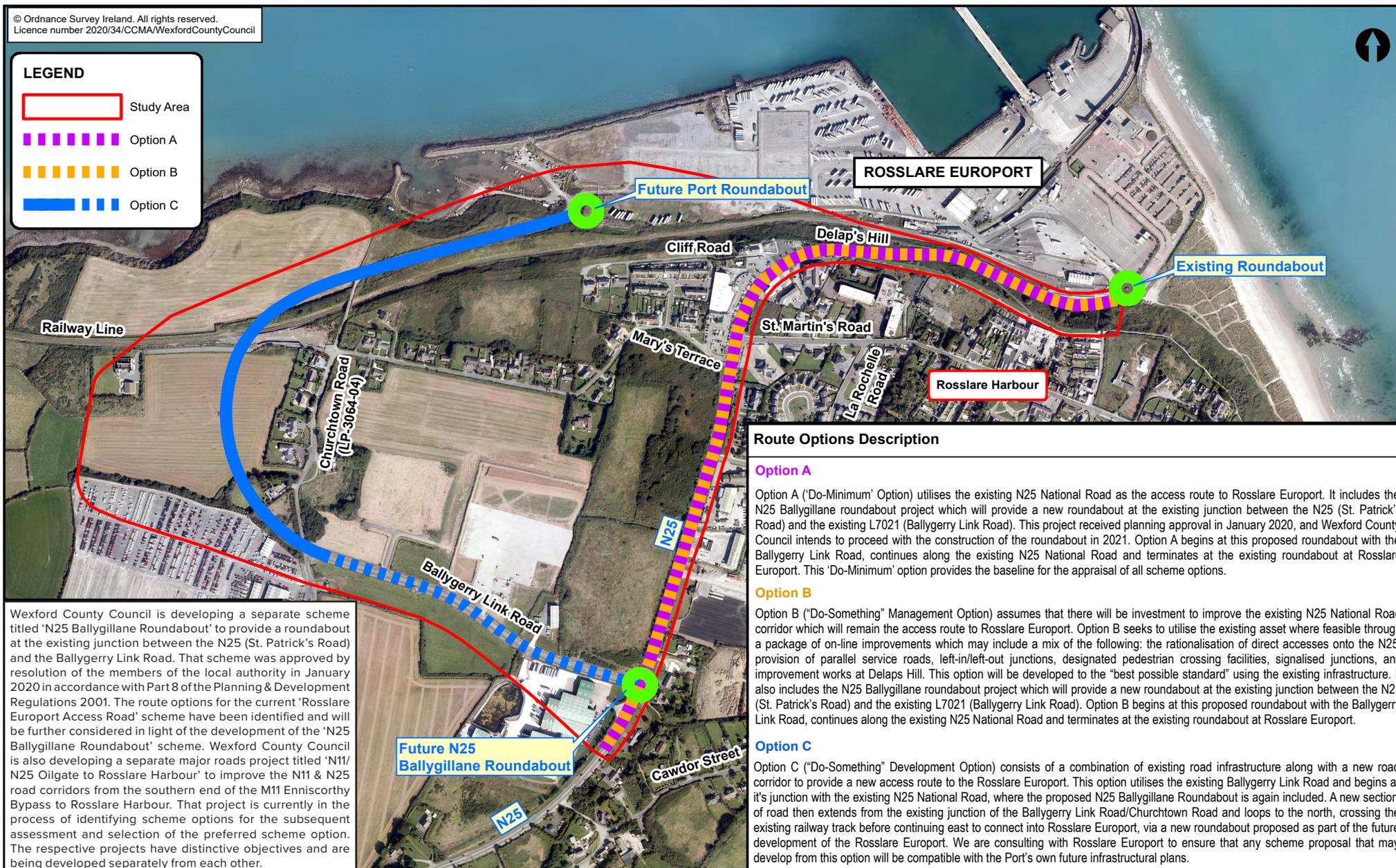
- Interface with Rosslare Harbour and Rosslare Europort and existing road junctions as well as regular and numerous private accesses
- The Dublin to Rosslare railway line
- Topographical and Geological areas: : – Delaps Hill – Coastal Area
- Archaeological and Architectural Heritage
- Existing Utilities

These constraints have been considered carefully by the project team and have helped to identify the preliminary scheme options. This public consultation is an integral part of the study of constraints and preliminary scheme options. It helps us access local knowledge and identify areas of concern, which are then taken into consideration in the development and assessment of scheme options and the future planning of the project.



### Disclaimer Note

The scheme options shown are preliminary and indicative and are illustrated for the purpose of obtaining comments and feedback as part of the public consultation process. Any scheme options that are developed will be subject to evaluation and assessment before the preferred scheme option is identified and will be further developed through subsequent design and planning stages.



## What Happens Next



### Why do we need this Project?

Rosslare Europort is the State's second largest passenger port, and the fourth largest port in terms of overall tonnage. Significant growth is forecast in the coming years which will further increase the Port's strategic importance for trade, business and tourism, bringing economic benefits not just to Wexford, but across the South East region and nationally.

Maintaining and enhancing the requirements to directly access EU ports as well as access to UK ports post Brexit will assist in building a resilient trade link with Ireland's EU partner states, no matter what the impact of EU and UK trade negotiations.

The proposed development is also compatible with national, regional and local policies and plans. The National Development Plan/Project 2040 highlights the UK's exit from the EU as emphasising: *"the importance of continuing investment to further improve the quality of port facilities, particularly those in the South-East such as Rosslare and the Port of Waterford given their role in maintaining transportation linkages with crucial EU markets"*.

The South East Regional Planning Guidelines 2010 - 2022 identifies 'Rosslare Harbour Access Road' as a critical enabling investment priority for the region and recognises *"the important contribution of Rosslare Europort to the economic infrastructure of the region"*.

The Wexford County Development Plan 2013-2019 includes specific objectives *"to facilitate improved access to Rosslare Europort"* and to *"support and facilitate the development of enhanced transport infrastructure at Rosslare Europort"*. The Plan supports the development of Rosslare Europort Access Road as a strategic transport objective.

Improving access to Rosslare Europort will ensure that the Port can sustain the expected growth in its operations delivering economic benefits to the South East, enhance road safety and provide benefits for Rosslare Harbour village.

### Objectives of the Scheme

- To improve accessibility and connectivity to Rosslare Europort, secure the sustainability of access to the Port and mitigate the risks from current constraints and limitations of the existing access.
- To improve road safety and the local environment in the village of Rosslare Harbour.
- To promote balance regional development by improving access to the south-east and Rosslare Europort.

### Your Views Are Important

We are now engaging with the public on the finding of the constraints study and the preliminary scheme options that have been identified.

At this stage of the project a public consultation event would normally be arranged to provide an opportunity for public participation at this early stage in the project's development.

However in accordance with current Covid-19 guidance, and in order to protect the public and project staff from the risk of the transmission, it is not possible to hold a public event at this time. Instead we are holding an online public consultation event on the project website <http://rosslareeuroportaccessroad.ie>

This online consultation will commence on Monday 15th June until Monday 29th June 2020.

The website will provide you with the most up to date information on the project, including:

- This Public Consultation Brochure
- A series of maps showing the study area and the identified constraints within the study area
- A map showing the preliminary scheme options (same format as the map included in this brochure)
- An online feedback form (same format as the accompanying form)

Wexford County Council wishes to consider all viewpoints during this option selection process. Your comments and queries can be submitted online via the website feedback form or via an email to [customerservice@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:customerservice@wexfordcoco.ie)

In order to ensure the most inclusive engagement with the public, we are inviting those who may have limited online accessibility to fill out the accompanying form and return it to us by Freepost (no envelope needed, just fold and seal the form).

Feedback forms may be submitted online or by Freepost until Monday **29th June 2020**. All feedback received will be considered by the project team and a Post-Consultation Report will be published on the project website. This report will summarise the consultation process and the matters raised during the consultation.

We also invite you to contact us by telephone with your queries: 053 9196000. To allow the project team to review and consider your query fully, we would ask that email or phone queries are submitted before 4pm on **16th June 2020**. Phone calls will be answered by a member of our customer services team and you will be asked to provide your name, phone number and a brief description of your query. Arrangements will then be made for a member of the project team to call you back and discuss your query within 48 hours.

### Further Enquires

**All queries, questionnaires or comments in relation to the project may be addressed to:**

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