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1 Introduction

1.1 Project Introduction

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. 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. The capacity and resilience of the access to the Port is critical to sustaining this strategic connection with the UK and continent.

Access to Rosslare Europort is via the N25 National Primary Road which passes through the village of Rosslare Harbour. Wexford County Council is proposing to provide improved access to Rosslare Europort from the N25 National Primary Road to ensure and secure the sustainability and competitiveness of this key transport link. The main objectives of the project are as follows:

- 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.
- 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

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. The scheme will be developed in stages, with opportunities for the public to take part in the decision-making as the scheme develops. The project is currently at Option Selection phase.

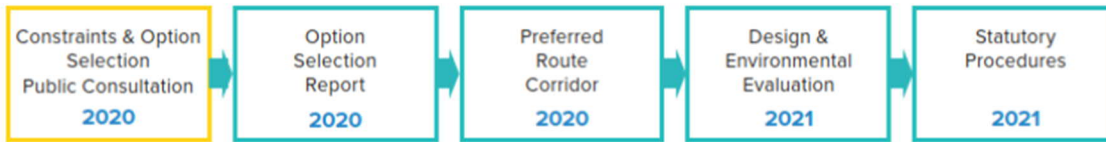
1.2 Project Background

The project is compatible with national, regional and local policies and plans and meets the specific objective of the Wexford County Development Plan to provide improved access to Rosslare Europort. Wexford County Council previously developed a preliminary scheme for a new offline Port Access Road to remove port traffic from the village of Rosslare Harbour. The scheme presented in 2016 did not proceed through the planning process but the route corridor proposed at the time is currently incorporated into the County Development Plan as part of the selected route corridor for the N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour major road project. The scope of the current N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road project differs somewhat from the previous scheme and will be fully integrated with development plans for Rosslare Europort.

1.3 Timeline of Project

Wexford County Council has been allocated funding in 2020 to advance planning and design work on the project. During 2020 it is proposed to undertake various studies and public consultation exercises in order to confirm the preferred scheme option. The design and environmental assessment of the proposed scheme will then proceed, and it is anticipated that the project could proceed through the statutory planning processes by the end of 2021. The project is still at an early stage of development, and it is not therefore possible at this time to

indicate a likely timeframe for construction of the project which will be dependent upon the outcome of the statutory planning approval process and the securing of the necessary funding. Progress on the project is subject to ongoing funding from Transport Infrastructure Ireland.



2 Public Consultation – Constraints Study and Scheme Option Selection

2.1 Introduction

The project is currently at Phase 2 (Option Selection) of Transport Infrastructure Ireland's (TII) Project Management Guidelines. As part of the Option Selection Process a public consultation was held from Monday 15th June to Monday 29th June 2020, which offered an opportunity for members of the public to have their say and to contribute to the overall development of the scheme. During this public consultation, the findings from the Constraints Study as well as the developed scheme options were presented. Section 2 of this report describes the public consultation process and section 3 of this report summaries the findings/responses received from the public.

2.2 Constraints Study

In identifying the preliminary scheme options, a Constraints Study was undertaken. The purpose of the Constraints Study was 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 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 were considered carefully by the project team and helped to identify the preliminary scheme options. The public consultation process is an integral part of the study of constraints and preliminary scheme options. It helps to 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.

2.3 Scheme Options

Three scheme options are considered, and these are outlined below and, on the drawing, included in Appendix A of this report. 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. The three Scheme Options (A, B and C) represent the adoption of an incremental approach to the assessment of scheme options from the smallest scale of intervention i.e. the 'Do-Minimum' Option, to the highest scale of intervention, i.e. The 'Do-Something Development Option'.

2.3.1 Option A

Option A ('Do-Minimum' Option) utilises the existing N25 National Road as the access route to Rosslare Europort. It includes the N25 Ballygillane roundabout project which will provide a new roundabout at the existing junction between the N25 (St. Patrick's Road) and the existing L7021 (Ballygerry Link Road). This project received planning approval in January 2020, and Wexford County Council intends to proceed with the construction of the roundabout in 2021. Option A begins at this proposed roundabout with the Ballygerry Link Road, continues along the existing N25 National Road and terminates at the existing roundabout at Rosslare Europort. This 'Do-Minimum' option provides the baseline for the appraisal of all scheme options.

2.3.2 Option B

Option B ("Do-Something" Management Option) assumes that there will be investment to improve the existing N25 National Road corridor which will remain the access route to Rosslare Europort. Option B seeks to utilise the existing asset where feasible through a package of on-line improvements which may include a mix of the following: the rationalisation of direct accesses onto the N25, provision of parallel service roads, left-in/left-out junctions, designated pedestrian crossing facilities, signalised junctions, and improvement works at Delaps Hill. This option will be developed to the "best possible standard" using the existing infrastructure. It also includes the N25 Ballygillane roundabout project which will provide a new roundabout at the existing junction between the N25 (St. Patrick's Road) and the existing L7021 (Ballygerry Link Road). Option B begins at this proposed roundabout with the Ballygerry Link Road, continues along the existing N25 National Road and terminates at the existing roundabout at Rosslare Europort.

2.3.3 Option C

Option C ("Do-Something" Development Option) consists of a combination of existing road infrastructure along with a new road corridor to provide a new access route to the Rosslare Europort. This option utilises the existing Ballygerry Link Road and begins at its junction with the existing N25 National Road, where the proposed N25 Ballygillane Roundabout is again included. A new section of road then extends from the existing junction of the Ballygerry Link Road/Churchtown Road and loops to the north, crossing the existing railway track before continuing east to connect into Rosslare Europort, via a new roundabout proposed as part of the future development of the Rosslare Europort. We are consulting with Rosslare Europort to ensure that any scheme proposal that may develop from this option will be compatible with the Port's own future infrastructural plans

2.4 Public Consultation Event

After a comprehensive feasibility and constraints study, three scheme options were considered as outline in section 2.3 above. Wexford County Council wished to hold a Public Consultation to give the local residents and the general public an opportunity to provide feedback, comments, and observations to the project team on the constraints study and proposed scheme options that were identified.

At this stage of the project a public consultation event at a local hall or hotel would normally be arranged to provide an opportunity for public participation at this early stage in the project's development. Project information would normally be displayed at the public event and the public could meet and discuss the project with the project team. However, in accordance with current HSE and Government Covid-19 guidance at the time, and in order to protect the public and project staff from the risk of the transmission, it was not possible to hold a public event at the time. Instead it was decided to hold an online public consultation event on the dedicated project website <http://rosslareeuroportaccessroad.ie>

This alternative online public consultation event ensured a high level of engagement with the public and ensured that the scheme could progress. This online consultation commenced on Monday 15th June until Monday 29th June 2020. The website provided the most up to date information on the project, including:

- The 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
- An online feedback form

Comments and queries from the public could be submitted online via the website feedback form or via an email to customerservice@wexfordcoco.ie

The public consultation brochure and feedback form were distributed to almost 700 homes in the vicinity of Rosslare Harbour and members of the public had an opportunity to submit their observations before close of business on Monday the 29th June 2020. In order to ensure the most inclusive engagement with the public, those who may have limited online accessibility were invited to fill out the accompanying feedback form with the brochure and return it to Wexford County Council by freepost (no envelope was needed, just fold and seal the form). Feedback forms could be submitted online or by Freepost until 5pm Monday 29th June 2020. A number of feedback forms were received after the Monday deadline date, therefore the project team decided that the deadline would be extended until Friday 3rd July 2020.

With the restrictions on large gatherings in place at the time due to Covid-19, it was not possible to hold an information session, as during normal times. However, the public was able to express their views and have direct contact with the project team via phone conversations, as well as on-line and email services. The project team invited the public to contact them by telephone or email with any queries. To allow the project team to review and consider the queries fully, it was asked that email or phone queries were submitted before 4pm on 16th June 2020. The project team endeavoured to respond to the query as soon as possible, and within 24 hours if possible.

During this public consultation event, the project team which included staff members from Wexford County Council, Tramore House Regional Design Office (THRDO), and consultants Mott MacDonald were available to address any queries raised by the public.

Prior to the public consultation event opening to the public, a presentation (briefing) on the constraints study and scheme options, as well as the upcoming consultation event was made to the elected officials of Wexford County Council.

2.5 Public Consultation Material and Website

2.5.1 Public Consultation Brochure/Feedback Form

A public consultation brochure and feedback form were prepared and distributed to almost 700 homes in the vicinity of Rosslare Harbour on the 10th June 2020. The brochure showed a map of the study area with the scheme option corridors as well as describing each scheme option. The main physical, engineering and environmental constraints identified within the study area were listed on the brochure. The brochure also contained information about the background to the project, scheme objectives and information on the subsequent phases of the project. The brochure was accompanied with a tear off feedback form which could be returned by freepost to Wexford County Council. The feedback form invited the public to submit comments on the constraint study area and on the scheme options. A copy of the brochure and feedback form are

included in Appendix B of this report. An Irish version of the brochure was also prepared which was available on the project website for viewing by the public.

2.5.2 Public Consultation Drawings

A drawing showing a map of the scheme options as well as describing each scheme option was prepared, which is included in Appendix A of this report. Constraints study drawings were also prepared showing identified constraints within the study area. All these drawings were available for viewing on the project website during the public consultation event. A typical detailed constraint map drawing is included in Appendix C of this report.

2.5.3 Project Website

All of the information relating to the N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road project and the public consultation was available on the dedicated project website <http://rosslareeuroportaccessroad.ie>

The website provided the most up to date information on the project and it had pages dedicated to the public consultation where you could find the brochure, a map of the scheme options and maps of the constraints that have been identified in the study area. The website also has a Frequently Asked Question's (FAQ's) page which provided answers to some of the more common questions that might be asked by the public. An interactive version of the feedback form was also available on the website so people could fill in the form, provide their comments, and simply click a button to make their submission. An Irish version of the interactive feedback form was also available on the website. All of the public consultation material including the brochure, mapping, and feedback form was available for viewing by the public on the project website on Thursday 11th June 2020 in advance of the commencement of the public consultation.

2.6 Public Consultation Timeline

The following is a timeline summary of the public consultation event:

- Press release on all media platforms (i.e. local newspaper and radio etc.) on Tuesday 9th June 2020,
- Website updated to include the press release statement on Tuesday 9th June 2020,
- Briefing to the elected representatives of Wexford County Council on Wednesday 10th June 2020,
- Distribution of the brochure and feedback form to 700 homes in the vicinity of Rosslare Harbour on Wednesday 10th June 2020,
- Public consultation material (i.e. brochure, mapping, and feedback form) available for viewing on the project website on Thursday 11th June 2020,
- Start of the public consultation event on Monday 15th June 2020,
- End of online consultation event at 4pm on 16th June 2020 (i.e. end of phone queries/calls),
- The initial deadline for return of the feedback forms was 29th June 2020 (via website or freepost), however this was extended to Friday 3rd July 2020 by the project team.

3 Public Consultation Feedback/Response & Statistics

3.1 Website Activity

All of the information relating to the N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road project and the public consultation was available on the dedicated project website <http://rosslareeuroportaccessroad.ie>

Table 3-1 to Table 3-3 below summaries the activity on the project website during the public consultation event. Figure 3-1 clearly shows that website activity increased significantly in June when the public consultation went live on the website. As stated above in section 2 of this report the website was updated to include the press release statement on Tuesday 9th June 2020 and all of the public consultation material including the brochure, mapping, and feedback form was available for viewing by the public on the project website on Thursday 11th June 2020.

Figure 3-1 - Website Activity (up until Friday 3rd July 2020)

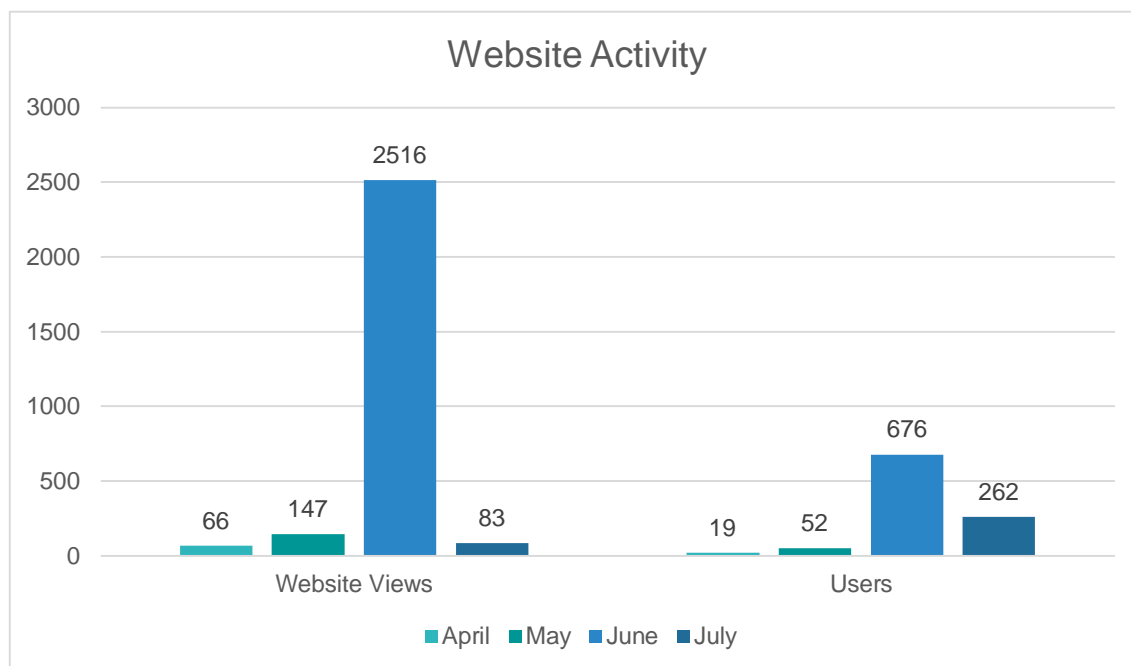


Table 3-1 to Table 3-4 below show the number of website users and number of page views before and during the consultation event.

Table 3-1- Website Views from the Press Release Statement date to the Start of the Public Consultation Event

Before Public Consultation	9 th June (Tues)	10 th June (Wed)	11 th June (Thurs)	12 th June (Fri)	13 th June (Sat)	14 th June (Sun)	Total
Website Views	580	194	302	49	159	154	1,438
Website Users	218	72	51	20	53	32	399

Table 3-2 Website Users per Day during Public Consultation (15th June to 3rd July)

Website Users	15 th June (Mon)	16 th June (Tues)	17 th June (Wed)	18 th June (Thurs)	19 th June (Fri)	20 th June (Sat)	21 st June (Sun)	22 nd June (Mon)	23 rd June (Tues)	24 th June (Wed)
	48	29	15	13	9	4	5	7	6	9
Website Users	25 th June (Thurs)	26 th June (Fri)	27 th June (Sat)	28 th June (Sun)	29 th June (Mon)	30 th June (Tues)	1 st July (Wed)	2 nd July (Thurs)	3 rd July (Fri)	Total
	14	37	8	5	21	25	17	5	63	276

Table 3-3 Page Views per Day during Public Consultation (15th June to 3rd July)

Page Views	15 th June (Mon)	16 th June (Tues)	17 th June (Wed)	18 th June (Thurs)	19 th June (Fri)	20 th June (Sat)	21 st June (Sun)	22 nd June (Mon)	23 rd June (Tues)	24 th June (Wed)
	163	71	28	32	28	5	19	35	15	17
Page Views	25 th June (Thurs)	26 th June (Fri)	27 th June (Sat)	28 th June (Sun)	29 th June (Mon)	30 th June (Tues)	1 st July (Wed)	2 nd July (Thurs)	3 rd July (Fri)	Total
	52	97	12	11	59	81	57	27	178	987

Table 3-4 Total Page Views and Website Users throughout Public Consultation Event (9th June to 3rd July)

Total Page Views	2,425
Total Website Users	641

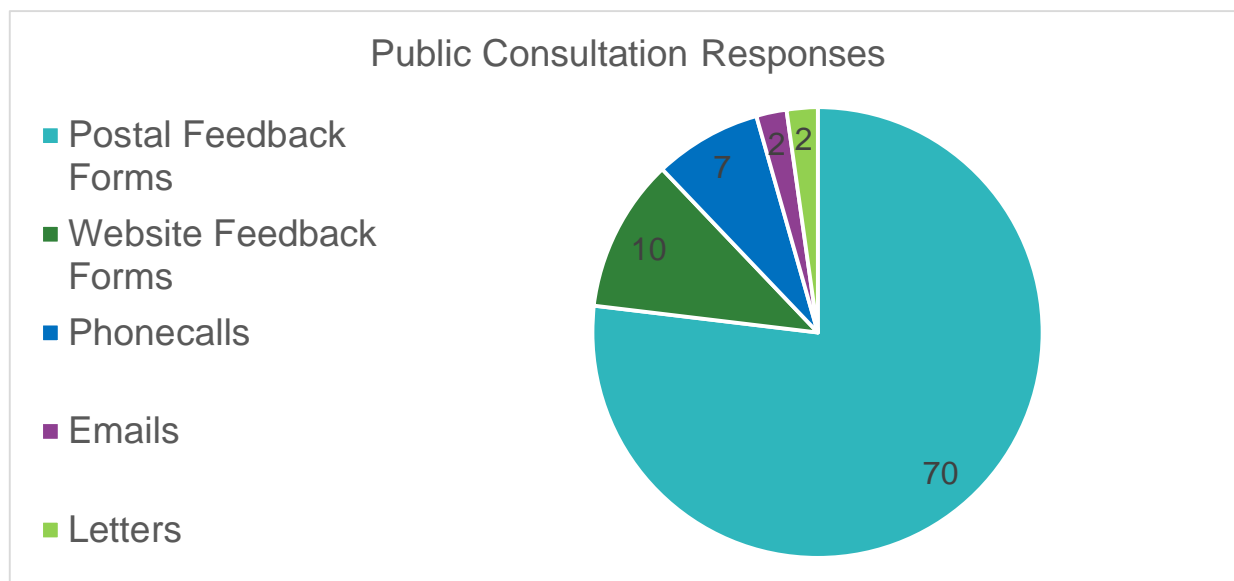
3.2 Public Consultation Responses

There was a large response by the public to the N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road “Constraints and Option Selection” Public Consultation.

The return date for the feedback forms was set for the 29th June 2010 (later extended to the 3rd July 2020 as a number of feedback forms were received after the Monday deadline date) while the last day to phone calls was 4:00pm on Tuesday 16th June 2020. All correspondence was input into databases that facilitated their review by members of the project team. A total of 91 responses were received during the public consultation event. Response were received under the following categories:

- Feedback Forms (website or postal)
- Phone calls
- Emails
- Letters

Figure 3-2 Public Consultation Responses



3.2.1 Phone and Email Correspondence Received

A total of 11 phone calls, email and letter correspondence were received as part of the public consultation.

3.2.2 Feedback Forms Received

A total of 80 feedback forms were received. Figure 3-3 to Figure 3-20 below show a summary of the main findings and statistics from the feedback forms received. Table 3-5 shows the main comments received from the Feedback forms.

Figure 3-3 – Feedback Form Q2.

Do you own, rent or occupy property which is within the study area or affected by a scheme option?

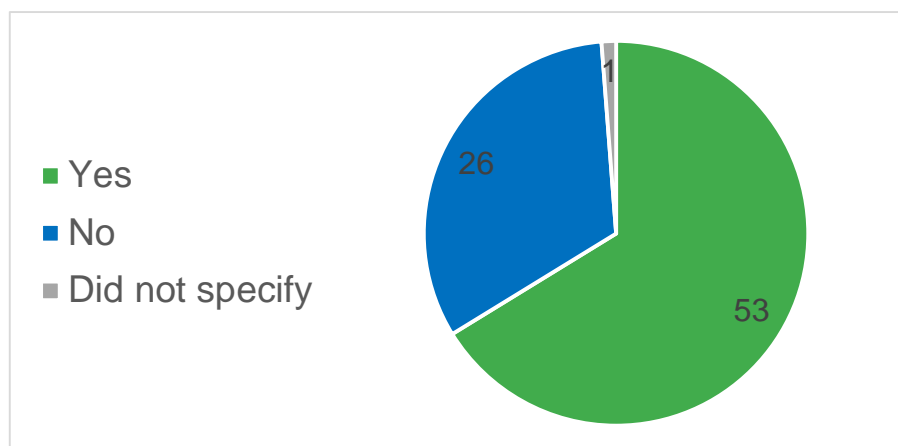


Figure 3-4 – Feedback Form Q3.

If 'Yes', which scheme are you most affected by?

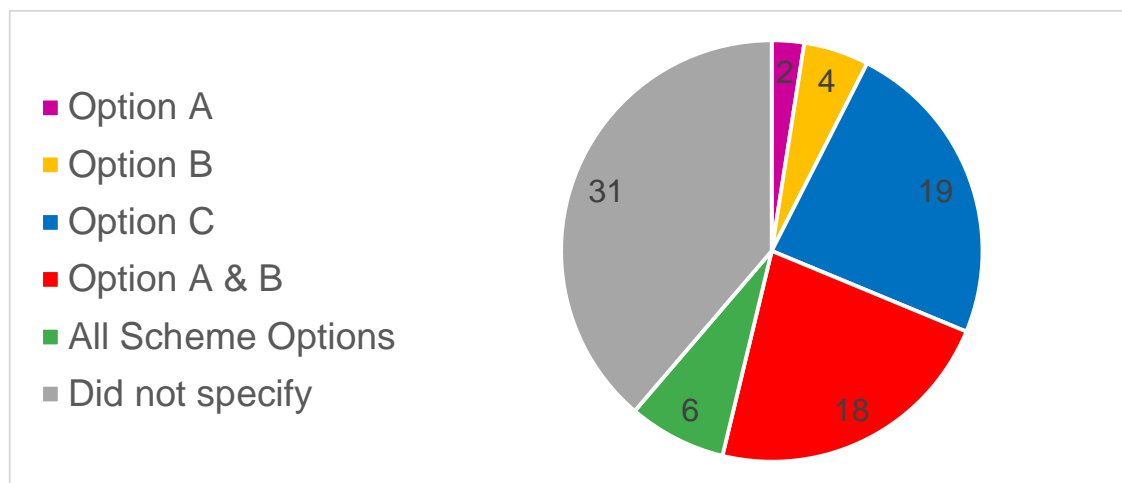
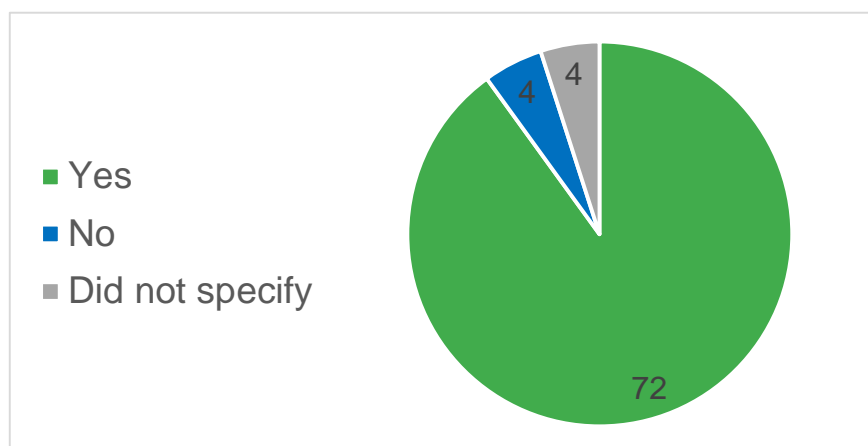


Figure 3-5 - Feedback Form Q6.

Do you think the project is necessary?



Feedback Form Q.7.

In your opinion, how important are each of the following in relation to the improvement of access to Rosslare Europort? (One feedback form marked all possible options for this section, so they have not been included)

Figure 3-6 – Provision of access to Rosslare Europort?

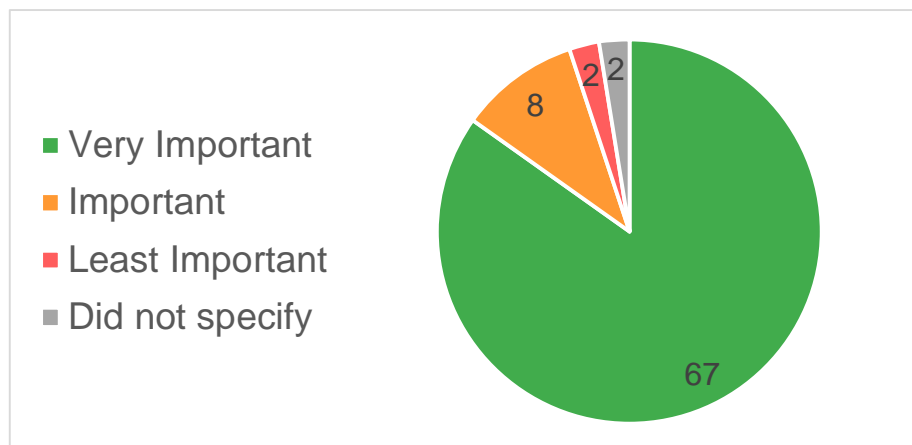


Figure 3-7 - Improvement of Road Safety

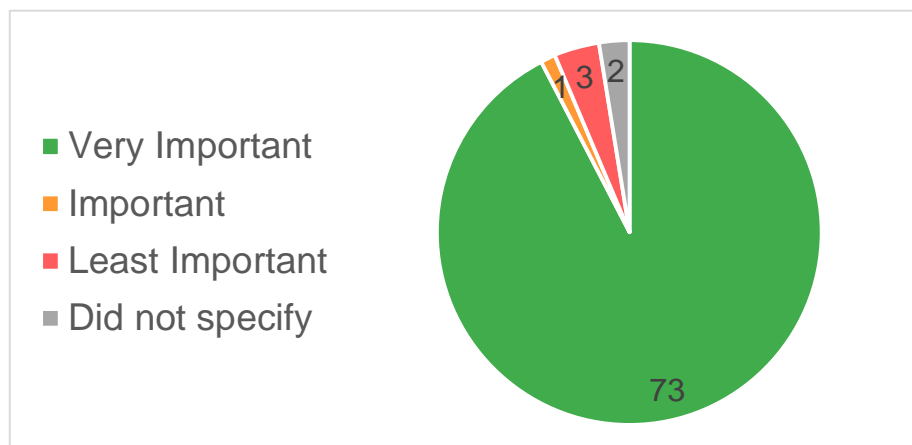


Figure 3-8- Improvement of Traffic Conditions

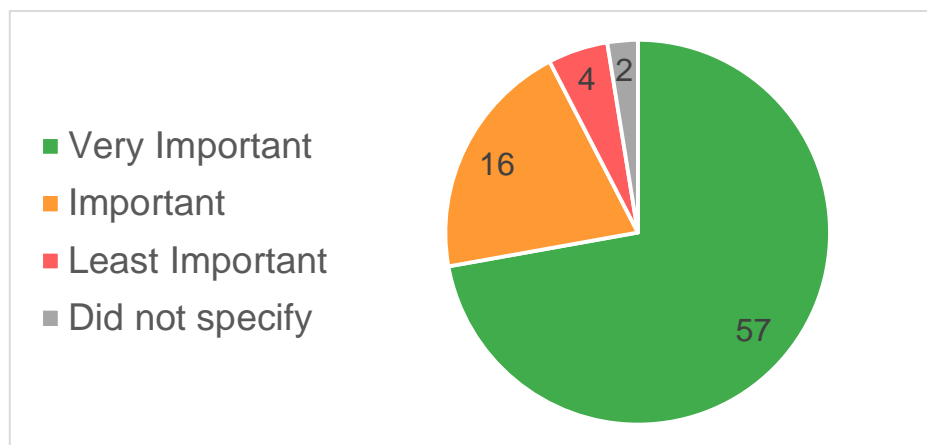


Figure 3-9- Improvement of Local Tourism

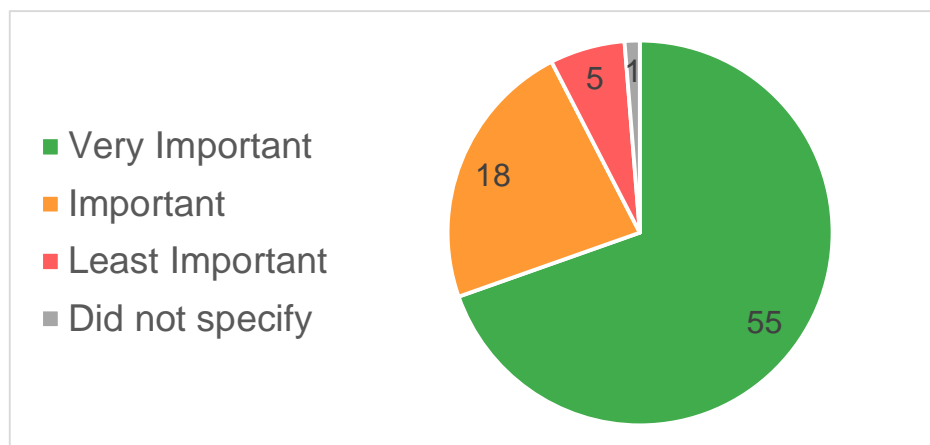


Figure 3-10 - Improvement of access for commercial or industrial activities

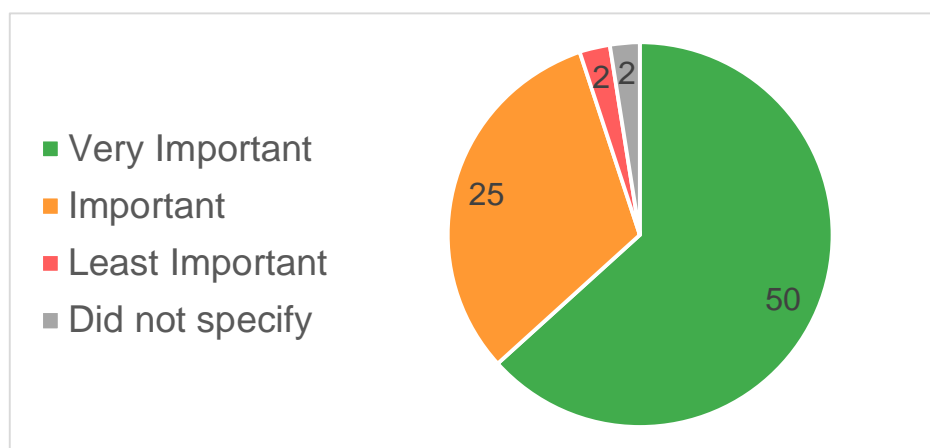


Figure 3-11 - Improvement of the environment

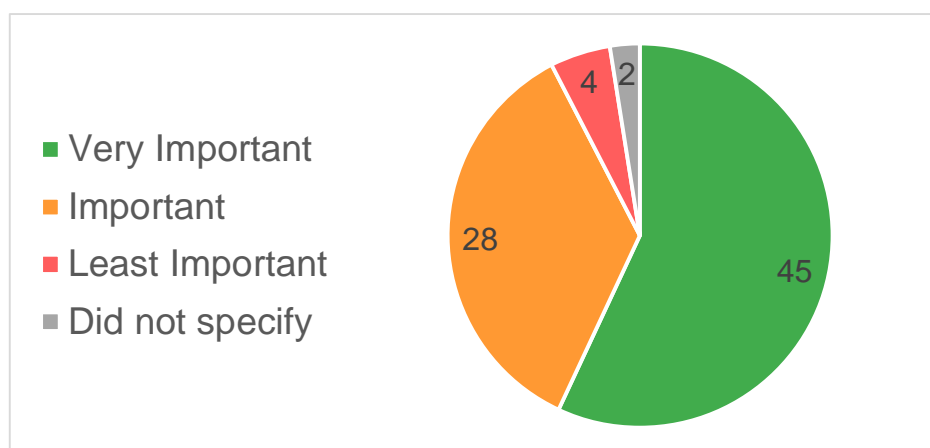


Figure 3-12 - Improvement in commuting times

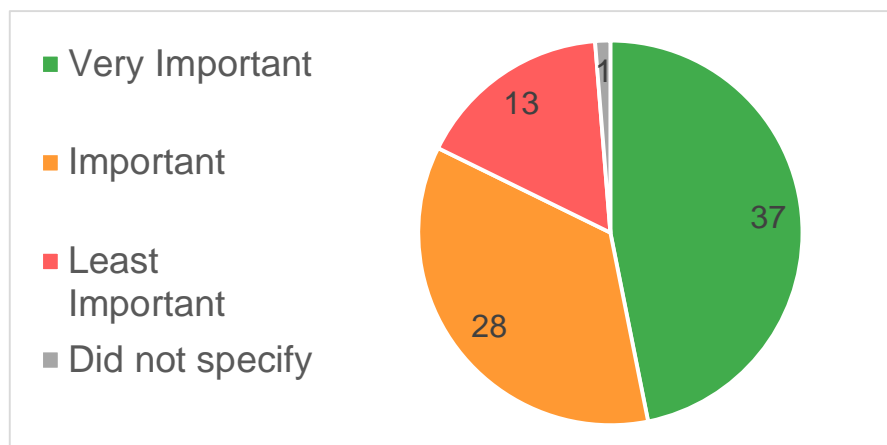


Figure 3-13– Minimise impact on people living near the study area

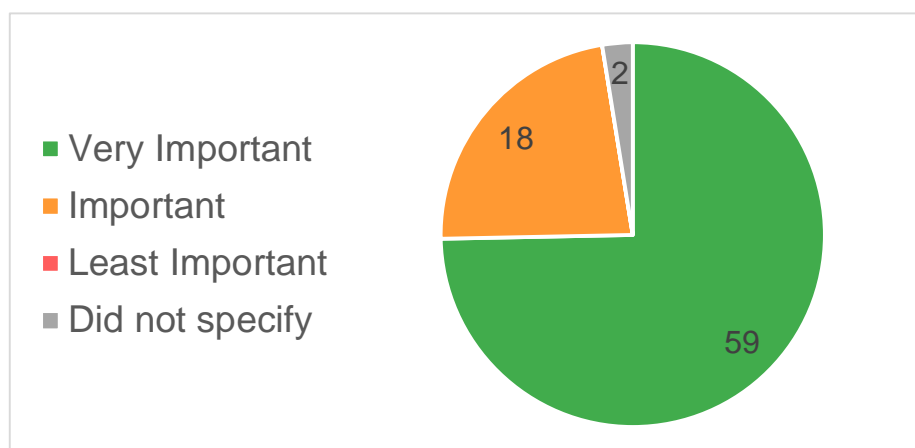


Figure 3-14– Minimise effect on agriculture

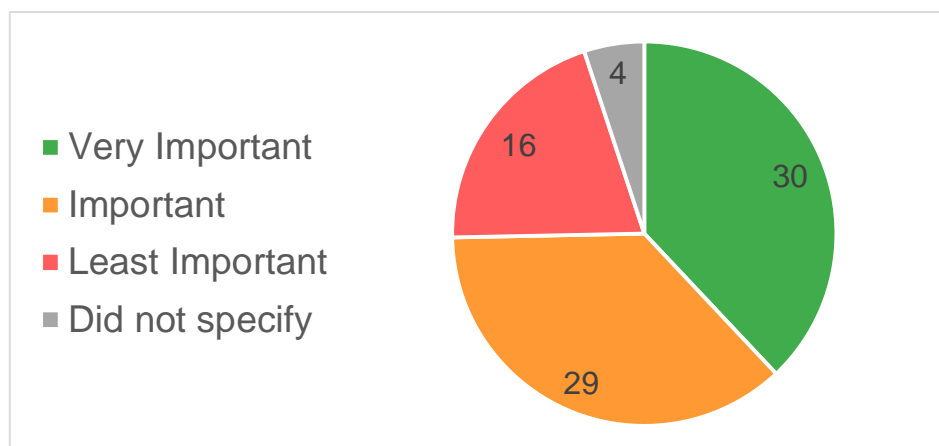


Figure 3-15 – Minimise effect on historic buildings & archaeological sites

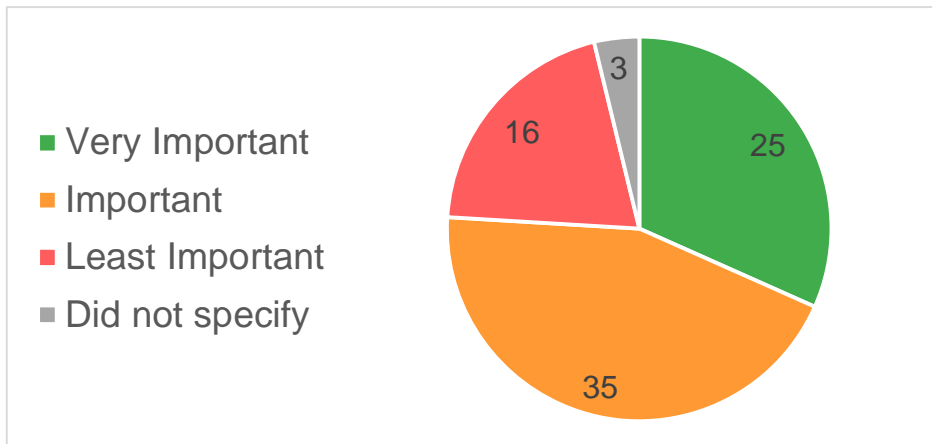


Figure 3-16 – Minimise demolition of Property

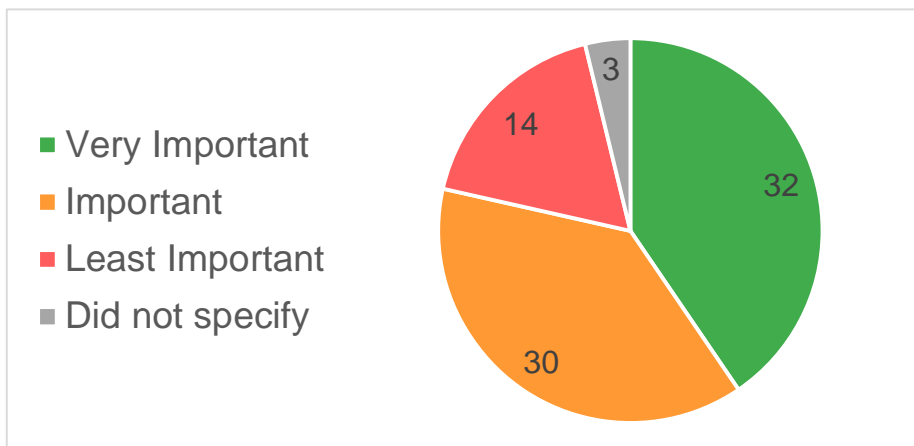


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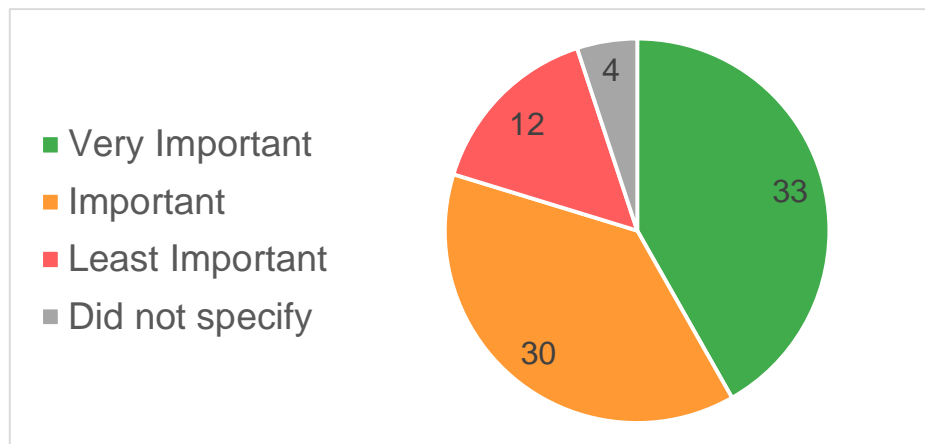


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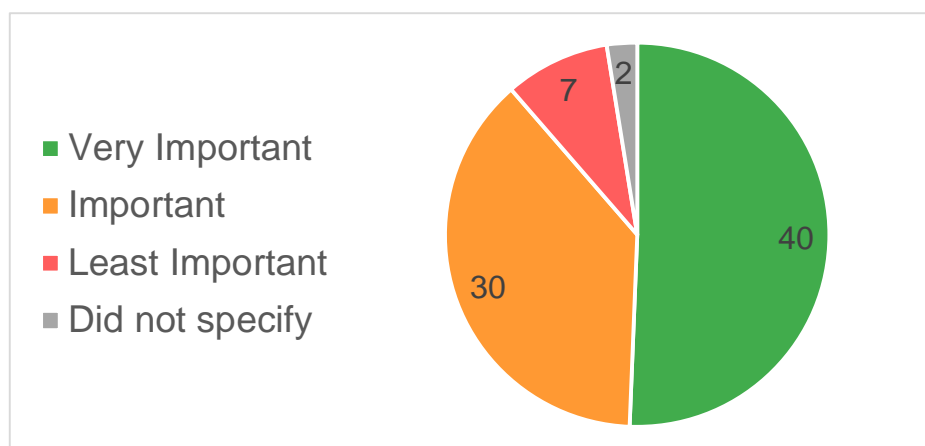


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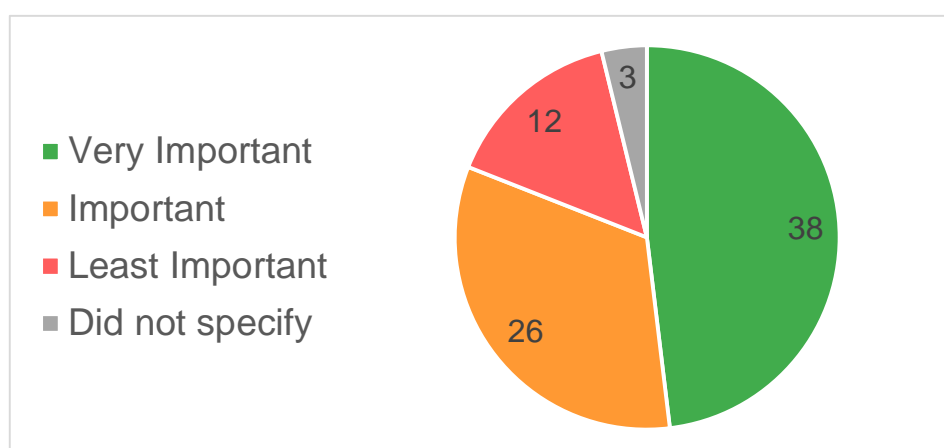
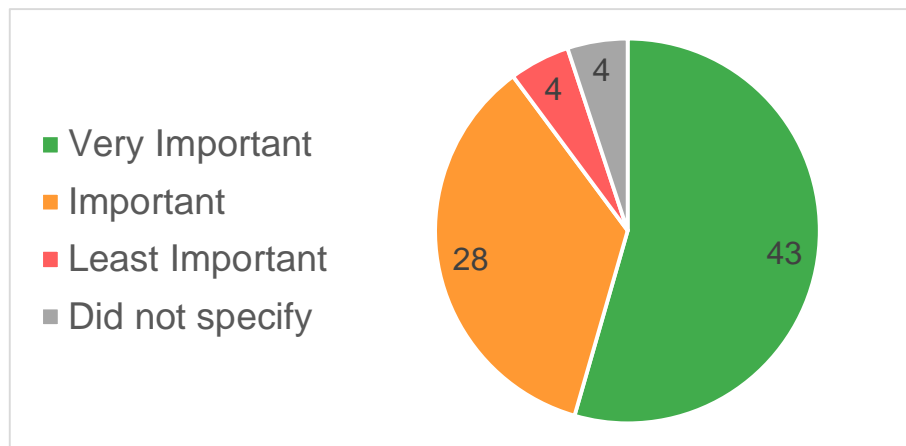


Figure 3-20 – Value for Money



3.2.3 Key Concerns and Comments Received

Feedback Form Q8.

Any comment on the different scheme options or if there are any other factors you think should be taken into account

Table 3-5 –Top Items of Feedback Received

No.	Main Comments Received
1.	Preferred scheme option is option 'C'
2.	Remove Heavy Good Vehicles (HGVs) from the village / Existing traffic congestion
3.	Ensure that the development does not impact on tourism/local economy of the village of Rosslare Harbour
4.	Port expansion and Improved Access to Port
5.	Pedestrians Safety - Currently difficult to cross roads/crossings & footpaths required
6.	Road Safety – Current speeds of vehicles
7.	Concerns regarding Delap's Hill
8.	Keep cars travelling through village and only HGV on new access road

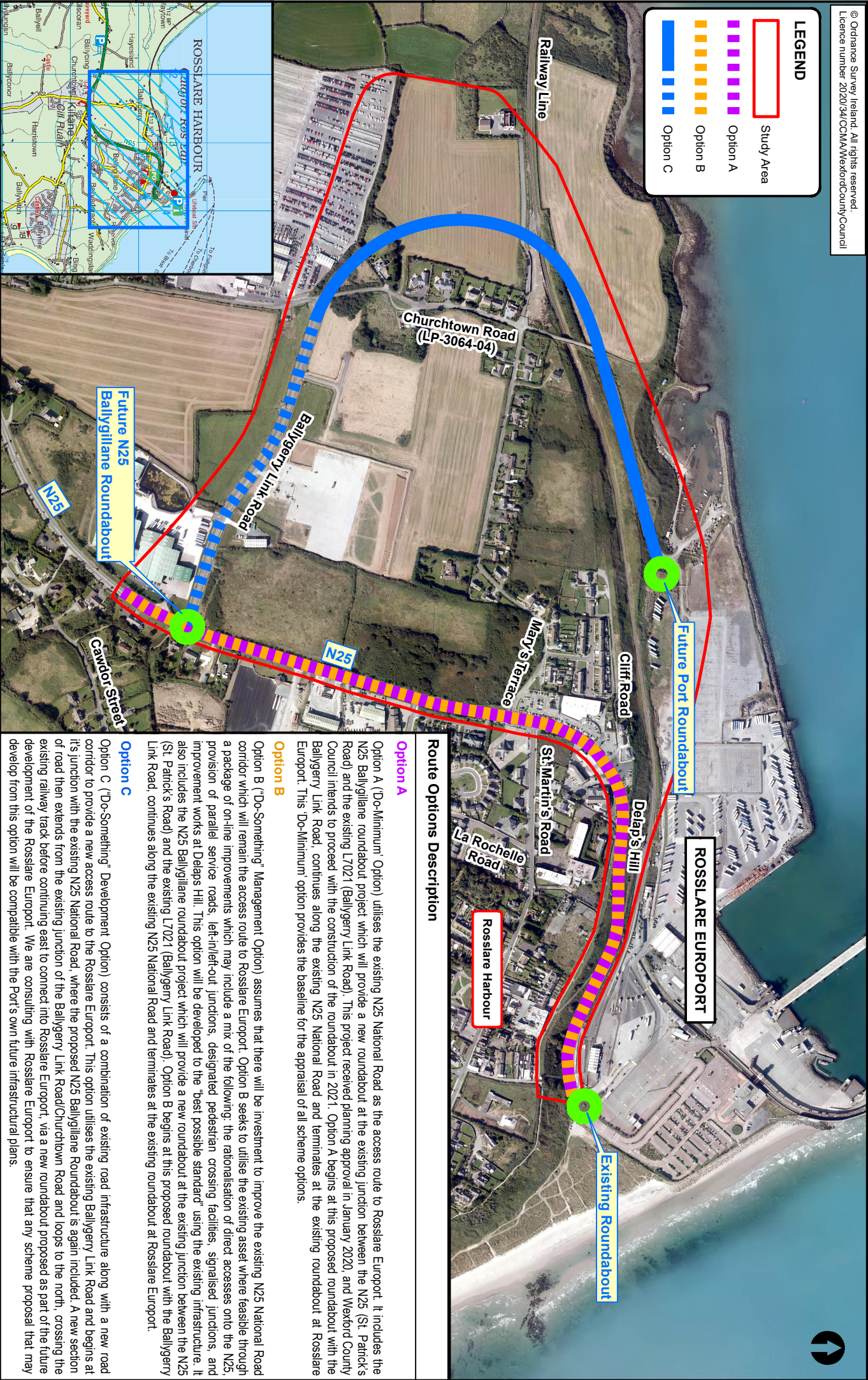
3.3 Preferred Scheme Option/Option Selection Report

All of the correspondence/feedback received through the public consultation process has been reviewed by the project team and will be considered when undertaking the assessment to select the preferred scheme option.

An Option Selection Report will be prepared which presents the assessment and findings of the option selection process and will recommend the preferred scheme option. The preferred scheme option will then be presented to the public for information.

Appendices

A. Scheme Options Drawing



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- Study Area
- Option A
- Option B
- Option C

Route Options Description

Option A

Option A ('Do-Minimum' Option) utilises the existing N25 National Road as the access route to Rosslare Europort. It includes the N25 Ballygillane roundabout project which will provide a new roundabout at the existing junction between the N25 (St. Patrick's Road) and the existing L7021 (Ballygerry Link Road). This project received planning approval in January 2020, and Wexford County Council intends to proceed with the construction of the roundabout in 2021. Option A begins at this proposed roundabout with the Ballygerry Link Road, continues along the existing N25 National Road and terminates at the existing roundabout at Rosslare Europort. This 'Do-Minimum' option provides the baseline for the appraisal of all scheme options.

Option B

Option B ('Do-Something' Management Option) assumes that there will be investment to improve the existing N25 National Road corridor which will remain the access route to Rosslare Europort. Option B seeks to utilise the existing asset where feasible through a package of on-line improvements which may include a mix of the following: the rationalisation of direct accesses onto the N25, provision of parallel service roads, left-inlet-out junctions, designated pedestrian crossing facilities, signalised junctions, and improvement works at Delap's Hill. This option will be developed to the 'best possible standard' using the existing infrastructure. It also includes the N25 Ballygillane roundabout project which will provide a new roundabout at the existing junction between the N25 (St. Patrick's Road) and the existing L7021 (Ballygerry Link Road). Option B begins at this proposed roundabout with the Ballygerry Link Road, continues along the existing N25 National Road and terminates at the existing roundabout at Rosslare Europort.

Option C

Option C ('Do-Something' Development Option) consists of a combination of existing road infrastructure along with a new road corridor to provide a new access route to the Rosslare Europort. This option utilises the existing Ballygerry Link Road and begins at its junction with the existing N25 National Road, where the proposed N25 Ballygillane Roundabout is again included. A new section of road then extends from the existing junction of the Ballygerry Link Road/Churchtown Road and loops to the north, crossing the existing railway track before continuing east to connect into Rosslare Europort, via a new roundabout proposed as part of the future development of the Rosslare Europort. We are consulting with Rosslare Europort to ensure that any scheme proposal that may develop from this option will be compatible with the Port's own future infrastructural plans.

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Route Option Selection

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B. Brochure including Feedback Form (English Version)



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Constraints and Option Selection

Public Consultation
June 2020



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.

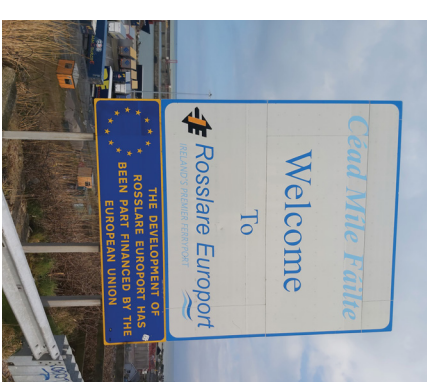
Constraints Study

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:

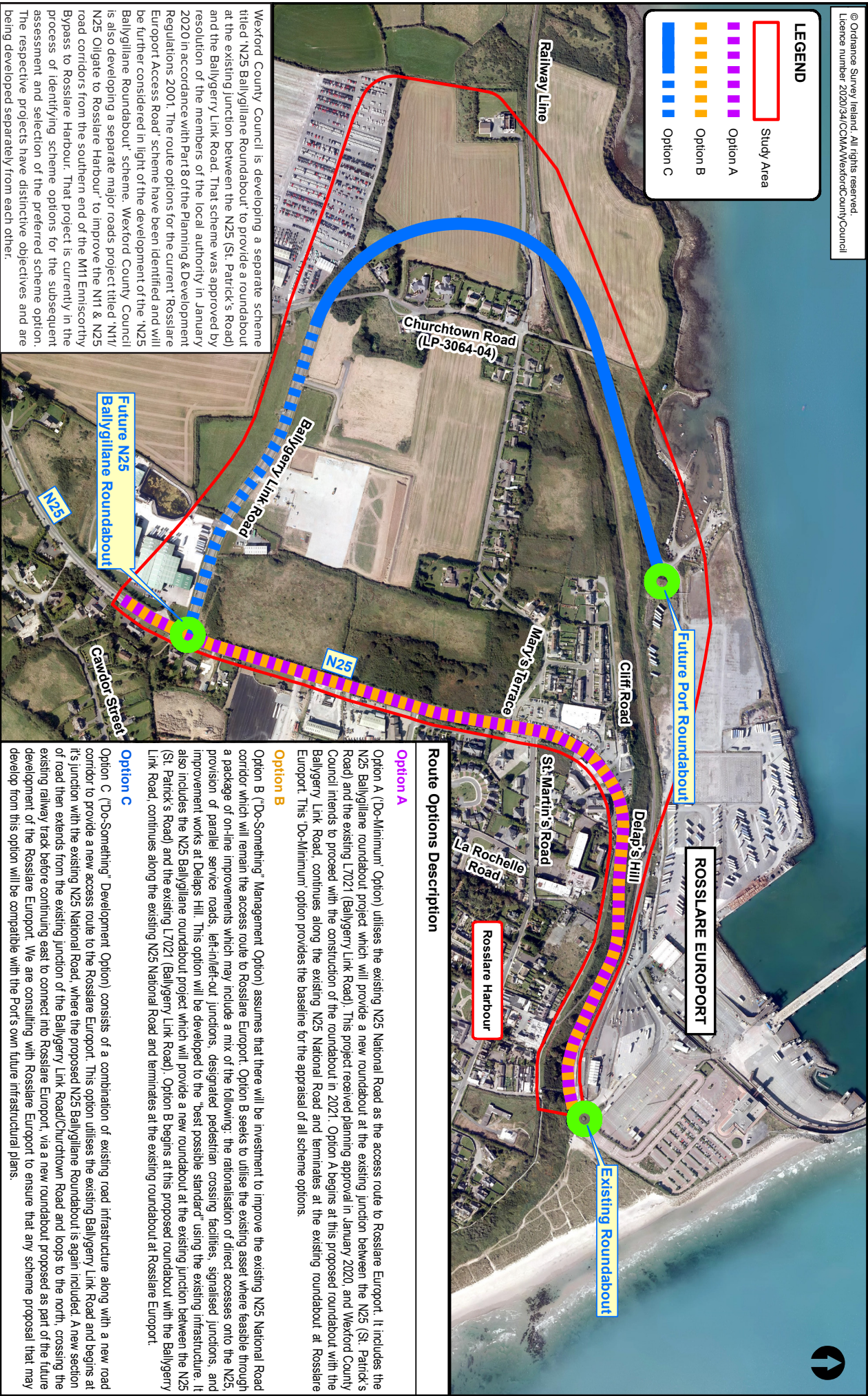
- Interface with Rosslare Harbour and Rosslare Europort and existing road junctions as well as regular and numerous private accesses
- The Dublin to Rosslare railway line
- Topographical and Geological areas: : – Delaps Hill – Coastal Area
- Archaeological and Architectural Heritage
- Existing Utilities

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

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:

N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road, Wexford County Council, Carricklawn, Wexford, Y35 WY93, Ireland.

Phone: 053 9196000

Email: customerservice@wexfordcoco.ie

Website: www.rosslareeuroportaccessroad.ie/contact-us



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Public Consultation Feedback Form

Please complete and return this Feedback Form by 29th June 2020.

1. Name: _____
Address: _____
Eircode: _____
Tel No.: _____ Email: _____

2. Do you own, rent or occupy property which is within the study area being considered / or which is affected by a scheme option? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. If 'Yes' which scheme option are you directly affected by? ● Scheme option A ● Scheme option B ● Scheme option C

4. Address of property (if different from home address)

5. Description of property
(e.g. farm/agricultural, residential, non-residential, shop etc.) _____

6. Do you think that this project is necessary? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7. In your opinion, how important are each of the following in relation to the improvement of access to Rosslare Europort

(please tick appropriate box)

Impact	Very Important	Important	Least Important
Provision of improved access to Rosslare Europort	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improvement in Road Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improvement in Traffic Conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improvement of local tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improvement of access for commercial or industrial activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improvement of the environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improvement in commuting times	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimise impact on people living near the study area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimise effect on agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimise effect on historic buildings & archaeological sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimise demolition of property	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimise impact on flora and fauna	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimise impact on the landscape and amenity areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimise impact on special areas of conservation (SAC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Value for money	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. If you have any comment on the different scheme options or if there are any other factors you think should be taken into account, please let us know here.

Please access the project website <http://rosslareeuroportaccessroad.ie> if you wish to keep up to date with project news. Please note that all submissions/completed feedback forms will be used as part of the report on this public consultation phase. Wexford County Council undertakes to hold any information provided to it by individuals or others on a confidential basis, subject to the council's obligations under law, including the Freedom of Information Act. By providing details in this feedback form, consent is given to the use of personal data in accordance with Wexford County Council's Privacy Policy which is available at; <https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/sites/default/files/content/GDPR/General-Privacy-Statement-WCC-18.pdf>.

If, for any reason it is wished that information provided to the Council should not be disclosed because of its sensitive nature, then it is incumbent upon the person or body when supplying the information to make clear this wish and to specify the reasons for the information sensitivity. The Council will consult with any individual or body so supplying sensitive information before making a decision on any freedom of information request received.

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C. Example of Constraints Map Drawing



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Existing Road and Rail Network

Figure 3.9.5 Rev. P2

