



# N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road

Statutory Planning Process

Newsletter - July 2022

Dear local resident,

We were last in touch with you in October 2021 to provide an update on the status of the design and environmental evaluation phase of the project and the preparation of a planning application for the proposed scheme. A planning application and Compulsory Purchase Order are now ready to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála for approval and this newsletter provides you with a quick guide to the planning process.

Information on the project can continue to be accessed on the project website [www.rosslareeuroportaccessroad.ie](http://www.rosslareeuroportaccessroad.ie), and the Project Team can continue to be contacted at the contact points provided on the back page.

Yours sincerely

**Wexford County Council**



## Current Status

The N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road Scheme has been developed in accordance with TII Project Management Guidelines Phase 3 (Design & Environmental Evaluation), culminating with the preparation of the design and environmental evaluation of the preferred option which has been developed to a sufficient level of detail to consider the potential environmental impacts and to confirm the extent of lands required. The project has now commenced Phase 4 (Statutory Processes).

The design for the N25 Europort Access Road Scheme will integrate with the proposed N25 Ballygillane Roundabout scheme and the Rosslare Europort Masterplan development at the respective southern and northern ends of the preferred option. The construction of both of these projects is expected to progress in 2022.

The design has been developed in coordination with the evaluation of environmental impacts as an iterative process with the aim to avoid, minimise or mitigate environmental impacts where possible. The environmental evaluation has considered a broad range of potential impacts in relation to noise, air quality, human health, biodiversity, landscape & visual, climate, surface and ground water (including flooding), material assets (including agriculture) and architectural, archaeological and cultural heritage.

The design has also been developed in consultation with key stakeholders including Irish Rail, Rosslare Europort and the Office of Public Works. Residential and business properties in the immediate vicinity of the proposed scheme have also been contacted.

## Phase 4 Statutory Planning Process

A planning application for the proposed scheme will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2022. The planning application is being submitted under Section 177AE of the Planning & Development Act and will include the following principal documents:

- Planning & Environmental Considerations Report
- Natura Impact Statement

The planning application will also include Screening Reports, a Design Report and various other plans and particulars associated with the proposed development.

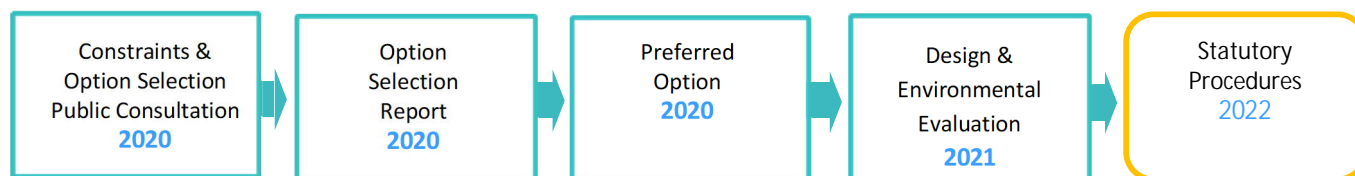
An application for a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) of the lands required for the scheme will also be submitted to An Bord Pleanála at the same time as the Section 177AE planning application.

A copy of the Section 177AE planning application and CPO will be available for inspection free of charge between Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2022 in County Hall, Wexford and on the Council's online consultation portal

<https://consult.wexfordcoco.ie/>.

Separate planning & CPO notices will be published in the Wexford People and Irish Independent newspapers before the planning application is submitted. The notices will provide full details of the planning process, including arrangements for the submission of any planning observations to An Bord Pleanála.

## What Happens Next (indicative timescale)



## Further Enquires & Contact Details

Additional information in relation to overall progress, current news items, and project reports can be found on the project website [www.rosslareeuroportaccessroad.ie](http://www.rosslareeuroportaccessroad.ie). The project team can also be reached at the following addresses:

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