

Appendix 4A

Scheme Brochure and Questionnaire

Introduction

Roscommon County Council and the National Roads Authority are promoting a scheme to improve the N5 National Primary Route between the towns of Ballaghaderreen and Strokestown. The stretch of road under consideration passes through the towns of Frenchpark, Bellanagare, Tulsk and Strokestown. It ties in with the proposed N5 Ballaghaderreen Bypass on the western end and the recently completed N5 Scramoge scheme on the eastern end – a distance of approx. 35 kilometres.

The N5 National Primary Route extends from Westport in County Mayo, through mid-Roscommon to Longford Town. It connects the linked Hub Towns of Castlebar/ Ballina with the Midlands Gateway and, via other National Routes, with the eastern Gateways of Dundalk and Dublin. It is categorised as a “Route to Border/ North West and West” in the National Development Plan (2007-2013).

- The objectives of the scheme include:
- Building, in a sustainable manner, upon the social and economic infrastructure of the area leading to significant benefits for the local community and wider society alike, and
 - Helping to achieve a climate conducive to economic growth while, at the same time, improving quality of life.

The benefits of the scheme include increased traffic safety, increased route capacity, reduced congestion in urban areas, reduced journey times and journey time variance, improvement in the physical environment of the area and encouragement of further economic investment in the region.

Scheme Development

- The development of all National Road Schemes follows a seven-phase process:
- Phase 1 - Overall Planning – Completed
 - Phase 2 – Constraints Study – Completed
 - Phase 3 – Route Corridor Selection - The N5 Strategic Corridor Road scheme is currently progressing through this Phase of which this public consultation forms an important part.
 - Phase 4 - Preliminary Design/ Land Acquisition
 - Phase 5 - Contract Documents Preparation/ Tender/ Award
 - Phase 6 - Scheme Construction
 - Phase 7 - Final Account and Closeout

The Route Corridor Selection Process was informed by the Constraints Study (completed in 2006) which included a public consultation held in July 2005 and identified the principal engineering, environmental and economic constraints within the Study Area.

The Design Team identified seven route corridor options within the Study Area. Two options ran primarily north of the existing N5, one was along the existing N5 and represents the “do-minimum” option, one was primarily south of the existing N5 while the remaining 3 options veve north and south of the existing route. Each option was assessed and evaluated based on engineering, environmental and economic factors – a process that was further informed by extensive consultation with over 60 public and private organisations. This has led to the identification of the emerging preferred route corridor – Corridor 1A (Orange) as shown on this brochure.

The Emerging Preferred Route Corridor

The emerging preferred route corridor is approx. 34.2km long and is nominally 500m wide. It commences (as do all the other options) at Rathkeery townland and ties-in to the proposed N5 Ballaghaderreen Bypass. The corridor then proceeds in an easterly direction passing south of Frenchpark. It crosses the existing N5 at Derrreen/ Cashel townlands and proceeds north of Bellanagare. The corridor remains north of the existing N5 from this point on, crossing the N61 National Secondary Route approx. 6km north of Tulsk at Gortnacranagh townland. From here the corridor continues in a generally easterly direction to Lugboy Townland where it changes to a predominately southerly direction mirroring the existing R368 Elphin to Strokestown road before passing east of Strokestown to tie-in, as with all of the options, to the existing N5 route at Scramoge.

What Happens Next

Roscommon County Council wishes to consider all views during the scheme development process. This is an opportunity for you and other interested parties to submit your comments in relation to the emerging preferred route corridor. Please consider carefully the map shown on this brochure and let your views be known by completing the questionnaire and posting it in the pre-addressed envelope provided. Final date for receipt of completed questionnaires is Friday 15th June 2007.

The next step will include a review of the information gathered and issues identified during this Public Consultation. This will further inform the Route Corridor Selection Process, which culminates with the preparation of the Route Corridor Selection Report. This report details the route selection process and the resulting preferred route corridor.

Following completion of the Route Corridor Selection Phase, it is anticipated that the N5 Strategic Corridor will proceed to the next Phase – Preliminary Design/ Land Acquisition Procedures. During this Preliminary Design phase, the actual road alignment within the preferred route corridor (generally) will be developed and the land necessary for the scheme identified.

Further Information

Roscommon County Council and the National Roads Authority thank you for your co-operation and valuable contribution to the N5 Strategic Corridor road development process.

If you wish to discuss any issues relating to this project please come along to the Public Consultation or alternatively contact:

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Questionnaire

Please complete this questionnaire and hand it in at the public consultation or place it in the freepost envelope provided. It should be returned by 15th June 2007

1. Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

2. Do you own, rent or occupy property within/ adjacent to the Emerging Preferred Route Corridor? Y N

Description of Property (e.g. Farm, Residential, Shop, Land Registry Folio No., Townland, etc):
