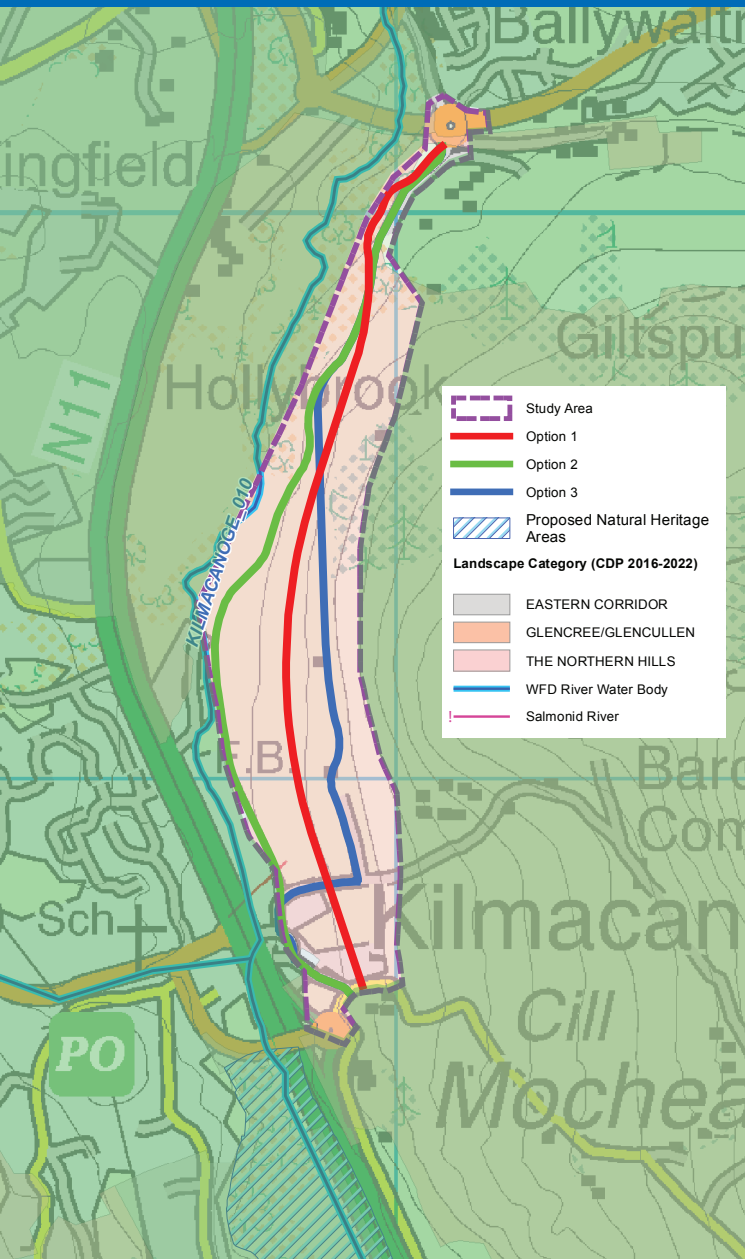
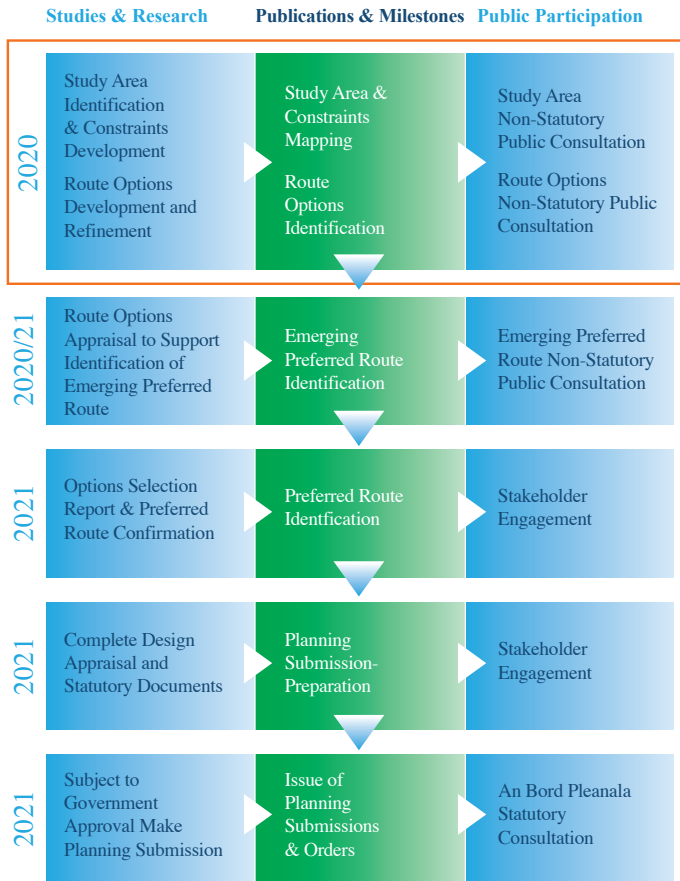


# Study Area

We want to hear from local people and interested parties regarding any other constraints or issues you may be aware of and which may or may not be in the public domain or known to the Council or consultants.



# Project Timeline



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# Public Consultation Study Area & Constraints

October 2020

Wicklow County Council (WCC) is proposing to develop a greenway as part of the proposed Kilmacanogue to Southern Cross Greenway scheme.

This first public consultation on the Study Area, Route Options & Project Constraints is now underway.

Have your say by returning the enclosed questionnaire to the project team by 30th October 2020.

## Contact us

The project team can be contacted by Consultation Hub Link: <https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Kilmacanogue-to-Southern-Cross-Greenway>

**Please return your questionnaire and any other feedback by 30th Oct 2020**





## Need for the Scheme

The Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 to 2022 identifies the need ‘to support the development of new and existing walking, cycling and driving routes / trails, including facilities ancillary to trails (such as sign posting and car parks) and the development of linkages between trails in Wicklow and adjoining counties’ under Tourism Objective T29.

Additionally, the need to promote and support the development of new greenways and cycling routes throughout Bray and environs was identified in the Bray Municipal District Local Area Plan 2018-2024 under Road Objective 9 (RO9). A greenway along the route of the Kilmacanogue River was recognised as a priority route.

The Scheme will:

- ✓ **Improve road safety for pedestrians and cyclists by providing alternative routes**
- ✓ **Encourage a modal shift to non-motorised travel modes to reduce congestion and promote healthy living and wellness**
- ✓ **Improve connectivity with other greenways and pedestrian / cycle trails**
- ✓ **Benefit local businesses and village centres by attracting tourists to use the amenity.**

## What’s happening now

In early 2020, Wicklow County Council appointed consultants RPS to deliver the proposed scheme through Stages (i) to (v) of the Common Appraisal Framework (CAF) for Transport Projects and Programmes. RPS has completed an initial Preliminary Appraisal which outlines known constraints determined from desk top studies and site visits.

We are now at the Stage (i) Public Consultation phase of project development, which is focused on the Study Area, Route Options and the Constraints Study that have been prepared for the project over recent months. From this we have identified the broad project study area (see map opposite), three route options (red, green and blue) and likely constraints that could impact where and how the greenway is designed. These options take a central, western and eastern path through the study area. The exact alignment of each option is subject to the constraints identified at this stage. From these options a preferred route will be identified and progressed to detailed design and planning.

The project team is now in the process of identifying additional constraints within the study area that are of concern to the general public. These constraints include Economic, Engineering and Environmental issues such as communities, industry, archaeological and environmental factors, that the project team needs to be aware of before it progresses to designing a route for the Scheme.

## Background to the Project

**Construction of the N11 impacted direct pedestrian links between Kilmacanogue and Bray. Current cyclist and pedestrian routes require users to travel along the hard shoulder of the N11 from junction 8 to junction 7, a distance of approximately 1.8km, compromising safety and reducing the appeal of walking and cycling.**

## Have Your Say

**Public Consultation is now open. Wicklow County Council wants to hear your views on the Study Area, Route Options and Constraints to inform the design of the project.**

Wicklow County Council is particularly interested to hear from local people and interested parties regarding any constraints or issues you may be aware of and which may or may not be in the public domain. Tell us about anything else that you think should be considered by the engineers and environmental consultants when they are planning and designing the route.

- ✓ View the Study Area, Route Options and other scheme information in this brochure
- ✓ Fill out the enclosed questionnaire
- ✓ Post your questionnaire / any other feedback to us at: Transportation Section, Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Station Road, Wicklow, A67 FW96.
- ✓ Send any other feedback to us via the link at: <https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Kilmacanogue-to-Southern-Cross-Greenway>. All feedback should be returned to the project team by 30th October 2020.

The creation of a new pedestrian and cyclist link will encourage healthier travel decisions and lead to communities that are less reliant on cars to get around. An off road route will provide safer travel experiences and help reduce traffic congestion along the N11.

Re-establishing a link between the two communities is a priority for Wicklow County Council. This greenway is vital in providing a safe and accessible pedestrian and cyclist facility for locals, commuters and tourists in Wicklow