

Wicklow to Greystones Greenway Scheme

Public Consultation Emerging Preferred Route



Public Consultation runs
January 13th 2026 to
February 13th 2026

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The Wicklow to Greystones Greenway is a key objective of Wicklow County Council that will provide local amenity, attract tourism, and support economic growth.

The popularity of recently opened Greenways throughout Ireland demonstrates the many benefits that they bring to rural areas. Greenways are providing wonderful new experiences of Ireland's beautiful countryside for both visitors and local people alike. They contribute to health and wellbeing, enhance local communities with opportunities for new and existing businesses, and strengthen regional economies.

County Wicklow is a landscape beauty in Ireland's Ancient East, with a diverse landscape and visual experience bestowing rivers, mountains, lakes, forests, coastline, villages and cliffs. As a result Wicklow attracts visitors from near and far for recreation activities, and there is a unique opportunity for Wicklow to develop a new landmark greenway catering for all ages and abilities.

The vision of Wicklow to Greystones Greenway is to create a walking and cycling path of greenway standard between Wicklow Town and Greystones that provides a safe and scenic experience for people of all ages and abilities. Integrating with and contributing to the existing and planned active travel network of County Wicklow, the greenway will enhance the health and economic opportunities for local communities while preserving and promoting the natural environment.



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Where We Are Now

The development of the Wicklow to Greystones

Greenway, spanning over 20 kilometres, adheres to the 'Code of Best Practice: National and Regional Greenways' and the Transport Infrastructure Ireland 'Project Manager's Manual for Greenway Project's. These documents serve as our guiding principles to ensure landowners are treated equally and fairly throughout all phases from concept right through to construction and operation.

Wicklow Historic Gaol



Previously the Emerging Preferred Route Corridor for the Wicklow to Greystones Greenway was identified as the Coastal Route Corridor with a Secondary Inland Field Boundary Route Corridor also identified for further consideration should some or all aspects of the Coastal Route Corridor not be feasible. These Corridors were displayed at Public Consultation no. 2 held during April and May 2024.

Currently the project has identified the Emerging Preferred Route. Once the Public Display and Submission Period for the Emerging Preferred Route has been undertaken, all comments and opinions will be analysed, and a Public Consultation no. 3 Summary Report will be prepared. Any updates required following the Public Consultation will be undertaken and reflected in the Options Selection Report submitted to TII for the Phase 2 Options Selection Gateway Review approval.

Following this TII approval, this route will advance to Phase 3 for Preliminary Design.

Project Development Phases: Transport Infrastructure Ireland Project Manager's Manual for Greenway Projects

Planning and Development	Phase 0	Scope and Pre-Appraisal	
	Phase 1	Concept and Feasibility	
	Phase 2	Options Selection	WE ARE HERE
	Phase 3	Design and Environmental Evaluation	
Construction/Implementation	Phase 4	Statutory Processes	
	Phase 5	Enabling and Procurement	
	Phase 6	Construction and Implementation	
	Phase 7	Close out and review	

The **Emerging Preferred Route** has been identified following the completion of a Feasibility Study, Constraints Study, a two stage Options Selection Study and Multi-Criteria Analysis using the Transport Appraisal Framework Criteria of :

Economy - Transport	Economy - Wider	Accessibility	Social
Land Use	Safety	Climate Change	Local Environment

The East Coast Rail Infrastructure Protection Projects (ECRIPP) are being delivered by Irish Rail to deliver the necessary enhanced coastal protection to the existing railway infrastructure in a number of key locations including between Wicklow and Greystones. Consultations and information sharing between Irish Rail, Wicklow County Council and both Design Teams is ongoing.



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Have your Say

This public consultation is being conducted to gather input on the Emerging Preferred Route and to invite stakeholders to provide feedback before the Preferred Route is decided.

Wicklow County Council will hold two information events, with route maps and information on display and members of the Project Team in attendance to answer any questions, as follows:

- Greystones Library, Mill Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, A63 KN52 – 20/01/2026 – from 4pm to 8pm.
- Wicklow Library, The Mall, Main Street, Wicklow, Co Wicklow, A67 X504 – 22/01/2026 – from 4pm to 8pm.

An online consultation process will commence on 13th January 2026, running until 13th February 2026.

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

This Public Consultation Brochure	Maps showing the Route Options	Report summarising the options assessment of the Route Options	Maps showing the Emerging Preferred Route
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This information will also be available on the Wicklow County Council website:

<https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/ConsultationHub>

Feedback

The Project Team would like to hear your views on the Emerging Preferred Route. Your comments will assist Wicklow County Council and our Design Team in the selection of a Preferred Route Corridor and the further Development of Options for the Greenway.

Submissions can be made at the addresses below:

 Email : wicklowgreenway@wicklowcoco.ie

 Consult Website: <https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/ConsultationHub>
Project Website: <https://wicklowgreenways.ie/blessington-lakes-greenway1/greystones-to-wicklow>

 Post: Wicklow to Greystones Greenway Project,
Transportation and Infrastructure Delivery, Wicklow County Council,
County Buildings, Whitegates,
Wicklow Town,
A67 FW96



East Coast Wetlands & Nature Reserve, Newcastle



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Next Steps

The next steps in the delivery of the Wicklow to Greystone Greenway are as follows:

- ❖ Once this public consultation period ends, the design team will collect and analyse all of the submissions received. These will be summarised and a report with responses to the various themes raised will be prepared.
- ❖ Where necessary and appropriate to do so, the Emerging Preferred Route may be modified to reflect the feedback received.
- ❖ Once the Emerging Preferred Route is finalised as the Preferred Route, the Preliminary Design phase will commence where further detail on the exact layout of the scheme will be developed, and the Environmental Evaluation of the proposed scheme will be conducted.
- ❖ Additional liaison with landowners, property owners, residents and businesses etc. will be held throughout this phase and further general public consultations.
- ❖ Approval will then be sought from TII and this will mark the completion of Phase 3 Preliminary Design and the progress onwards to Phase 4 Statutory Approval.
- ❖ During Phase 4 the planning submission documents for statutory approval of the proposed scheme will be prepared, and it is intended to lodge the application with An Coimisiún Pleanála.
- ❖ If approved by An Coimisiún Pleanála, the project will then move to Phase 5: Enabling and Procurement of a contractor for the construction phase.



● Emerging Preferred Route

