



*Glasbhealach Shligigh*  
**The Sligo Greenway**



Tionscadal Éireann  
Project Ireland  
**2040**

Collooney to Bellaghy

## Public Consultation No. 2 **Proposed Options**

22<sup>nd</sup> January - 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024



**Sligo.**



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## INTRODUCTION

Sligo County Council through the Sligo Regional Design Office are in the early stages of planning for a Greenway project entitled, 'The Sligo Greenway' from Collooney to Bellaghy. This project which is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland will provide a public walking / cycling trail from Collooney to Bellaghy Co. Sligo. Arup has been appointed by Sligo County Council to provide multi-disciplinary engineering and other specialist consultancy services to progress the project through Phases 1-4 of the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Project Management Guidelines.

## PROJECT BACKGROUND

This project is proposing to provide a public walking / cycling trail which links Bellaghy with Collooney, County Sligo. The project will investigate providing links to the National Mountain Bike Centre at Coolaney. The project would also eventually link to Sligo Town and Enniskillen, County Fermanagh via the planned cross border Sligo, Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway.

## EXISTING CONDITIONS

Local communities and organisations including the Sligo Greenway Co-op have been to the fore in developing the idea of a Greenway from Bellaghy to Collooney. While this project will utilise works previously undertaken it will formally appraise all viable options that would provide a public walking / cycling trail linking Bellaghy to Collooney to ensure that advantages and disadvantages of the various options are considered, and the emerging preferred option represents the best solution.



## PROJECT SPECIFIC NEED

The need for the Sligo Greenway is underpinned by the necessity to provide facilities which enable physical activity in a safe environment for all, together with the need to connect rural communities using sustainable modes for short trips and strengthen rural economies and communities, whilst enhancing amenity and heritage. The surrounding areas contain attractive scenery and an opportunity for users to interact with nature whilst benefitting from outdoor activity.

The development of the Sligo Greenway will increase the region's outdoor recreation infrastructure and boost its reputation as a destination for adventure activity and tourism. In doing so, the Greenway will offer a significant opportunity to increase visitor numbers, which will have a positive impact upon rural communities and economies and will encourage the development of a tourism-based industry in the area.

It will aid connectivity to local attractions and cultural heritage sites such as the Sligo Way, Knocknashee Megalithic Site, Markree Castle, Banada Abbey and Peace Park, Sligo Folk Park, and the National Mountain Bike Centre at Coolaney.

## STUDY AREA UPDATE

The Study Area presented as part of the Phase 1 Public Consultation has been update slightly to include a 500m buffer from the proposed route corridor centrelines. This has been included to accommodate the environmental appraisal of the proposed route corridors. This has resulted in the project Study Area increasing from 142 km<sup>2</sup> to 148 km<sup>2</sup>. The updates can be seen in the Proposed Options Plans on the following pages.

### Proposed Options Plans

In following pages we have divided the corridors into two sections for display purposes. Southern & Northern Sections.

## Project Phasing & Timeline

### Phase 1

#### Concept and Feasibility

We identified a suitable study area to engage stakeholders to undertake constraints mapping and development and assessment of route options.



### Phase 2

#### Options Selection

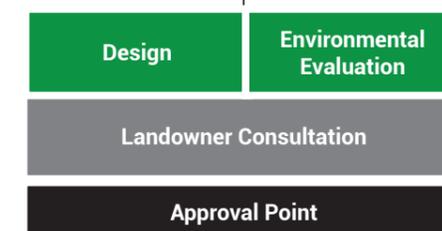
We will identify key constraints to the project development and develop and assess feasible solutions in line with the project objectives so as to select a preferred option.



### Phase 3

#### Design & Environmental Evaluation

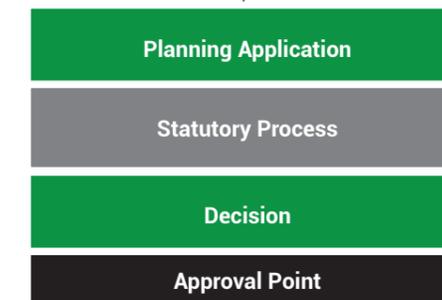
We will develop the design of the preferred solution to a sufficient level of detail to establish land take requirements and undertake environmental evaluation so as to identify and mitigate impacts.



### Phase 4

#### Statutory Process

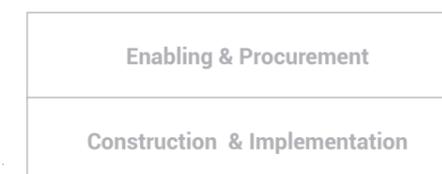
We will advance the project through the Statutory Process to ensure that the project is developed in accordance with planning, environmental and other relevant legislation.



### Phase 5 & 6

#### Enabling & Procurement Construction & Implementation

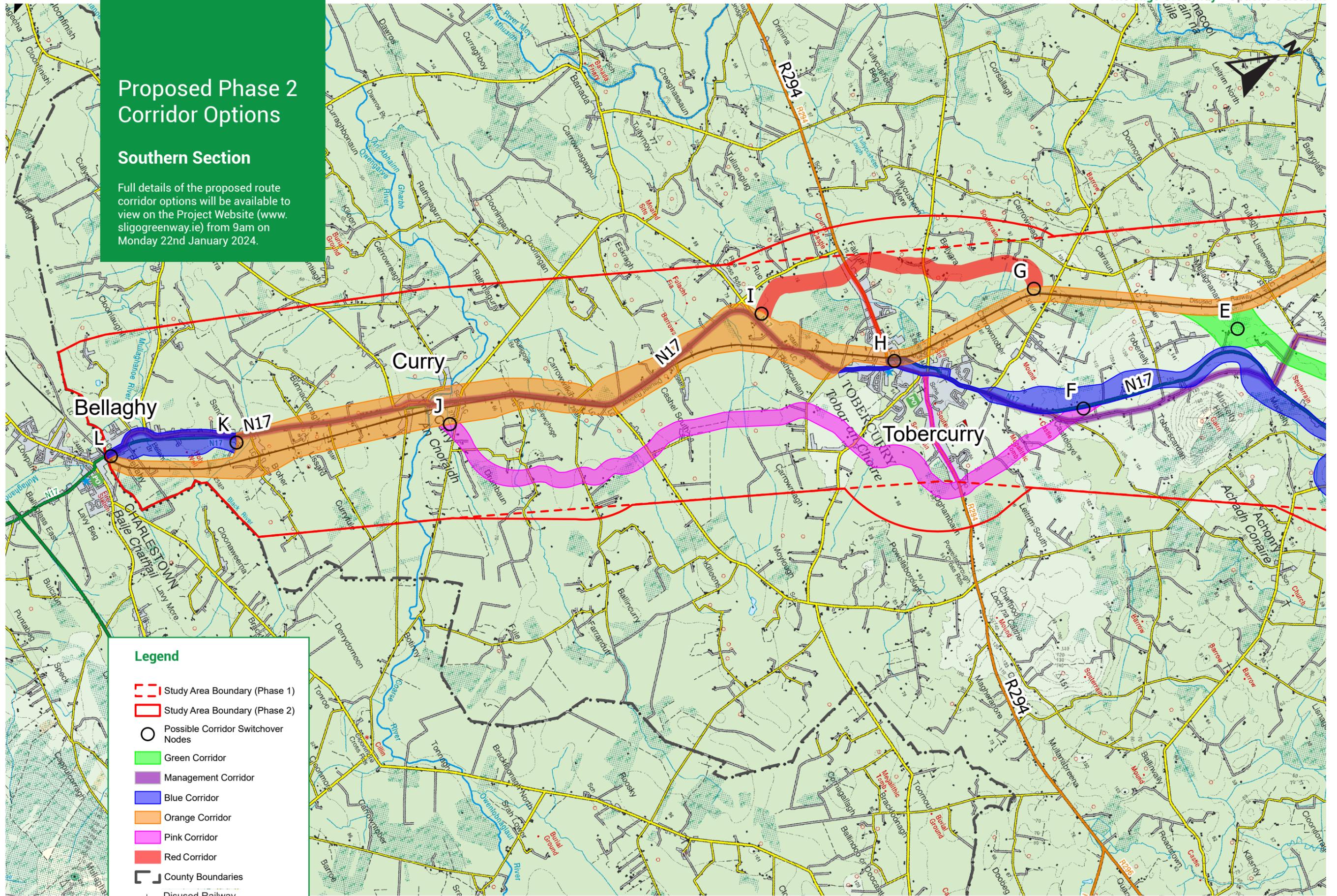
Phases 5 & 6 will be subject to planning approval and funding for the project to proceed.



# Proposed Phase 2 Corridor Options

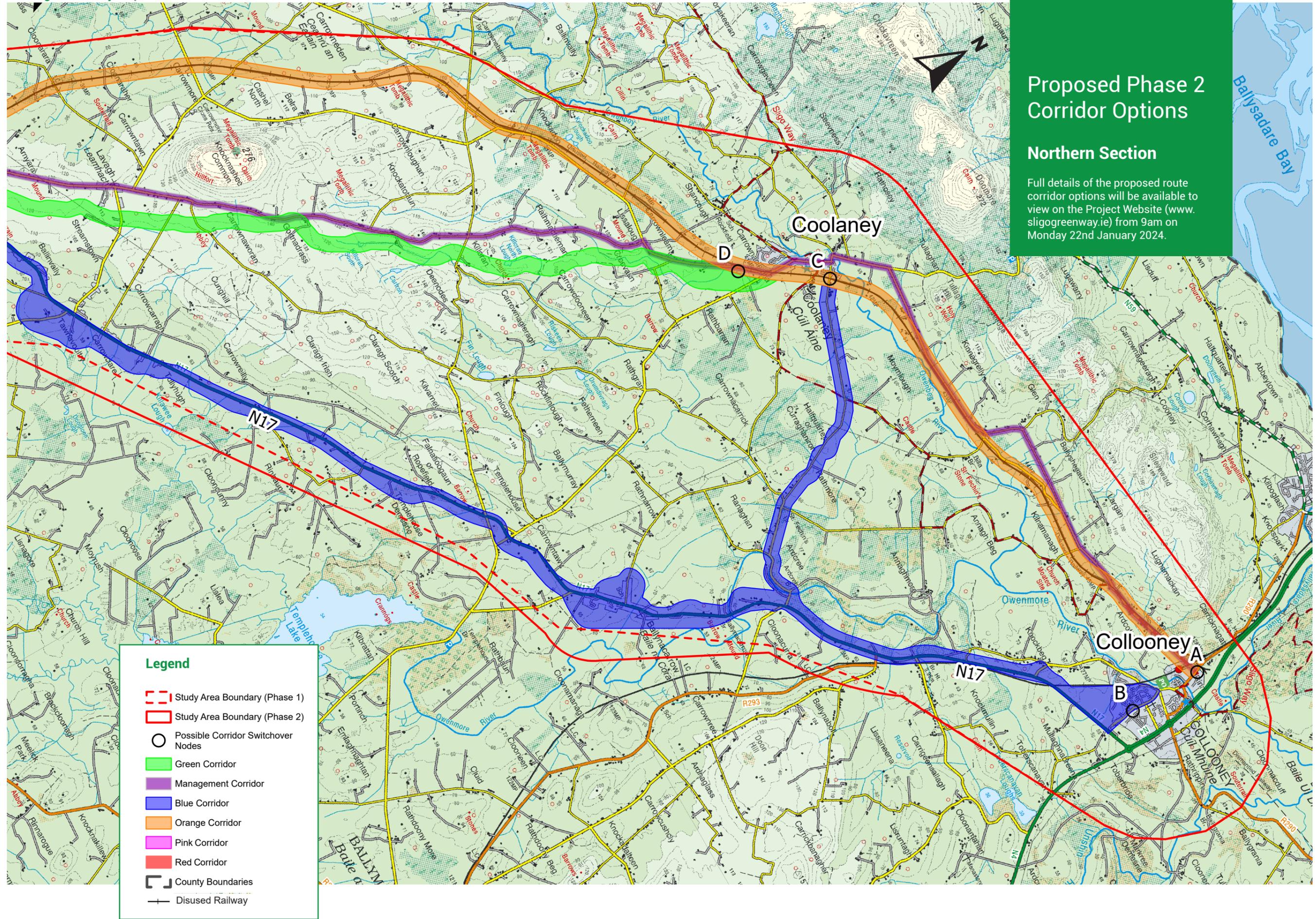
## Southern Section

Full details of the proposed route corridor options will be available to view on the Project Website ([www.sligogreenway.ie](http://www.sligogreenway.ie)) from 9am on Monday 22nd January 2024.



**Legend**

- Study Area Boundary (Phase 1)
- Study Area Boundary (Phase 2)
- Possible Corridor Switchover Nodes
- Green Corridor
- Management Corridor
- Blue Corridor
- Orange Corridor
- Pink Corridor
- Red Corridor
- County Boundaries
- Disused Railway



## Proposed Phase 2 Corridor Options

### Northern Section

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

Following the conclusion of the **Phase 1 Concept and Feasibility**, the Project has progressed to **Phase 2 Options Selection**. During Phase 2, all reasonable / feasible options are examined and their costs, benefits and effects on the environment are interrogated to identify a Preferred Option, if any, that will progress to **Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation**.

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Please note that these corridors vary in width (over 200m in places) whereas the final design for the proposed Greenway will be significantly less than this (typically of the order of 10m). Accordingly, there is significant scope within each corridor to vary the alignment of the proposed Greenway.

### PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT DETAILS

Two in-person Public Consultation events will be held at the following locations:

#### Event 1

**Tuesday**  
**30 January 2024**  
**14.00-20.00**

**The Reading Wing  
Community Room**  
Saint Paul's Church of  
Ireland,  
Church View,  
Collooney,  
Co. Sligo  
F91 V213.

#### Event 2

**Wednesday**  
**31 January 2024**  
**14.00-20.00**

**Teach Laighne,**  
Humbert Street,  
Tubbercurry,  
Co. Sligo  
F91 Y328.

### PUBLIC CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

Comment sheets can be submitted to the Sligo Regional Design Office in the following ways:

1. Via the "Contact Us" feedback page on the project website [www.sligogreenway.ie](http://www.sligogreenway.ie);
2. By email to [info@sligogreenway.ie](mailto:info@sligogreenway.ie); or
3. By return of post to the freepost address below:

**Sligo Regional Design Office,**  
Sligo County Council,  
Unit 1, The Embankment, Castle Street,  
Freepost FSG7627,  
Sligo, F91 E4XY.

Hard copies of brochures and comment sheets are available for collection from Sligo County Council offices (addresses below). Alternatively, please email [info@sligogreenway.ie](mailto:info@sligogreenway.ie) or call **(071) 9111950** to request copies of same.

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County Hall,  
Riverside,  
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**Sligo County  
Council**  
City Hall,  
Quay St.,  
Abbeyquarter North,  
Sligo  
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Sligo County Council values the opinion of the public regarding the project and welcomes any comments or feedback from interested parties.

**The closing date for submissions is  
4pm on 16th February 2024.**



If you wish to receive Email updates from the Sligo Greenway Project Team please scan QR code or use link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/UJWd8G0cJL>