What Happens Next?

Any comments/information received from the public at this stage will inform the scheme development and may result in additional technical studies being required.

Once route corridor options are developed, they will be brought forward to a Public Consultation Day to be held in Autumn 2020.

Information gathered at that Consultation Day and via questionnaires which will made available, will be used by the Project Team to refine the feasible route options, public transport options and traffic management options.

Your Involvement

Please examine the study area and constraints, and let your comments be known by contacting Leitrim County Council or RPS.

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Public Information Leaflet

Public Consultation on Route Options
Option Selection
Public Consultation on Emerging Preferred Option
Preliminary Design & Environmental Evaluation
Statutory Process
Detailed Design, Procurement & Construction
Need for the Scheme

Leitrim County Council is working in partnership with the Westmeath National Roads Office and in association with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, to develop a realignment scheme along a section of the N16 at Munakill.

The N16 Munakill realignment scheme is located 4km east of Manorhamilton and forms part of the N16 National Primary route which links Sligo and its hinterland of north Mayo on the west coast with Belfast and Dundalk on the east coast of Ireland.

There are a number of issues with the Munakill section of the existing N16 route. It has a poor horizontal and vertical alignment, the roadsides are unforgiving, there are no hard-strips or other facilities for vulnerable road users, and there are numerous direct accesses and entrances, many with poor visibility. Also, due to the rural nature of the route there is a mix of local and slow moving agricultural traffic. In the absence of safe overtaking opportunities along this section of N16, driver frustration and unsafe overtaking manoeuvres can arise.

Context of the Scheme

The proposed N16 Munakill Realignment scheme represents a missing link of road improvement schemes located on the N16 between Manorhamilton and the Leitrim county boundary with Cavan/Fermanagh. The proposed scheme will bring this approx. 2.7km section up to the same standard as the previously improved sections at Blackpark (to the west) and at Kilmakerrell / Cornacloy (to the east). This will result in a combined improved length of approx. 8km of national primary road through County Leitrim, and bring consistency, efficiency and improved road safety.

What’s Happening Now?

Leitrim County Council have recently commissioned a technical engineering consulting design team, RPS, to progress the scheme development. The Project Team is currently working through the Options Selection phase. This information leaflet represents the first non-statutory public consultation and we are seeking your feedback on the study area and constraints.

Study Area

The Project Team has defined a study area and is in the process of identifying artificial and natural constraints within the study area. These include local Economic, Engineering and Environmental constraints. The study area is shown above on Drawing 1.