

N11 ENNISCORTHY BY-PASS

In November 1999, Wexford County Council and Tramore House Regional Design Office held a Public Consultation for a proposed western bypass of Enniscorthy. The purpose of this consultation was to present the study area for the bypass to the general public and to gather local knowledge of the area of interest.

Since that time there has been a large number of design projects in the southeast, and a selection of these projects have been put to tender for design by consultants. The Enniscorthy Bypass is one of the selected projects. Following a selection process, a contract award was made to Ryan Hanley WSP Ltd., a Galway based consultancy, in December 2000. The brief of the consultants is to consider feasible alternatives and to identify and develop a preferred route for the bypass. Ryan Hanley WSP Ltd. will be the Design Engineers for the scheme, while Tramore House will remain as the Project Managers.

To ensure that all feasible corridors are identified and assessed in advance of Statutory Procedures, the area of interest for the scheme has been extended to include consideration of the feasibility of a possible eastern bypass of Enniscorthy, and options further to the west of the town. The purpose of the display of this extended area is to ascertain the views of the public and to seek to utilise local knowledge of the study area in developing scheme proposals. Any correspondence received during the public consultation in 1999 will be taken into account and views of the public will be accepted throughout the current display period.

All the information gathered during the consultation periods will be reviewed and used to develop and assess route options for the scheme. A further Public Consultation showing the route corridors under consideration will be held in Spring 2001. Following this Consultation the proposals will be further developed to take into account views of the public and affected landowners. A Preferred Route for the scheme will then be identified and put on display and further comment invited from the public. These comments will be taken into account and a Route Selection Report will be finalised. The Preferred Route will form the basis for the publication of a Compulsory Purchase Order, which may lead to the need for an Oral Hearing in Autumn 2002. The current programmed date for the opening of the new bypass to traffic is Autumn of 2006.

The programmed dates for progression of the scheme are as follows:

Public Consultation II (Constraints and Route Options)	Spring 2001
Public Consultation III (Preferred Route)	Summer 2001
Finalise Route Selection Report	Autumn 2001
Publish Environmental Impact Statement (if required)	Summer 2002
Publish Compulsory Purchase Order	Summer 2002
Oral Hearing (if required)	Autumn 2002
Road Open	Autumn 2006

If you have any queries on the above, require further information, or would like to comment on the study area in question, please contact the following:

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