

N81 HOLLYWOOD CROSS TO TALLAGHT ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME



ROUTE CORRIDOR OPTIONS PUBLIC CONSULTATION



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INTRODUCTION

Kildare National Roads Design Office, in conjunction with Kildare, South Dublin and Wicklow County Councils are in the process of investigating route corridors for the upgrade of the N81 National Secondary Route from Hollywood Cross to Tallaght. The need to upgrade the N81 has been identified in the National Development Plan (NDP 2007-2013), National Spatial Strategy, Transport 21 Policy, National Roads Need Study as well as the Local Authority County Development Plans.

The development of the N81 Hollywood Cross to Tallaght Road Improvement Scheme is being funded by the National Roads Authority (NRA).

ROUTE CORRIDOR OPTIONS PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Following our first public consultation for the Constraints Study in October 2008, this public consultation outlines the various route corridors that Kildare National Roads Design Office are currently developing for the N81 Hollywood Cross to Tallaght R.I.S.

This consultation process forms an important part of advancing the design process and allows early involvement of the public in developing the proposals.

The indicative map on the inside of this brochure indicates the various route corridor options. All of the proposed route options are likely to be within these corridors or may be combinations of these route corridors. Alternative route corridors may arise as a result of the consultation and assessment of the route options. All of the corridors can be viewed on a more detailed background and at a larger size on posters at the exhibitions or alternatively on our website.

EXHIBITION DATES:

Tuesday 13th April 2010	1pm - 8pm:	Ardenode Hotel, Ballymore
Wednesday 14th April 2010	1pm - 8pm:	Avon Ri, Blessington
Thursday 15th April 2010	1pm - 8pm:	The Plaza Hotel, Tallaght



ROUTE CORRIDOR OPTIONS

Many route corridor options are being considered for this scheme. The indicative map on this brochure shows the various route corridors being considered. Each corridor is 300m wide. The routes have been broken up into two sections. The point marked “Possible Location of Change in Road Cross Section” is the dividing point between the Northern and Southern Sections. Possible junction locations are also shown on this map.



Northern Section

There are 6 continuous route option corridors coloured Red, Blue, Cyan, Green, Magenta and Grey. Each of the options start at the end of the existing Tallaght Bypass and finish south of Blessington covering approximately 20km.

Southern Section

From this point on South of Blessington, there are 7 continuous route option corridors coloured Blue, Red, Magenta, Green, Cyan, Brown and Grey. The Grey option is a proposed upgrade of the existing alignment. These extend south of Hollywood Cross and are approximately 10km in length.

It should be noted that any combination of the corridors may be used in the selection of the preferred route corridor. For example, describing from Hollywood to Tallaght; Cyan Corridor from points A - I combined with Blue Corridor from points I - L combined with Red Corridor from points L - R.

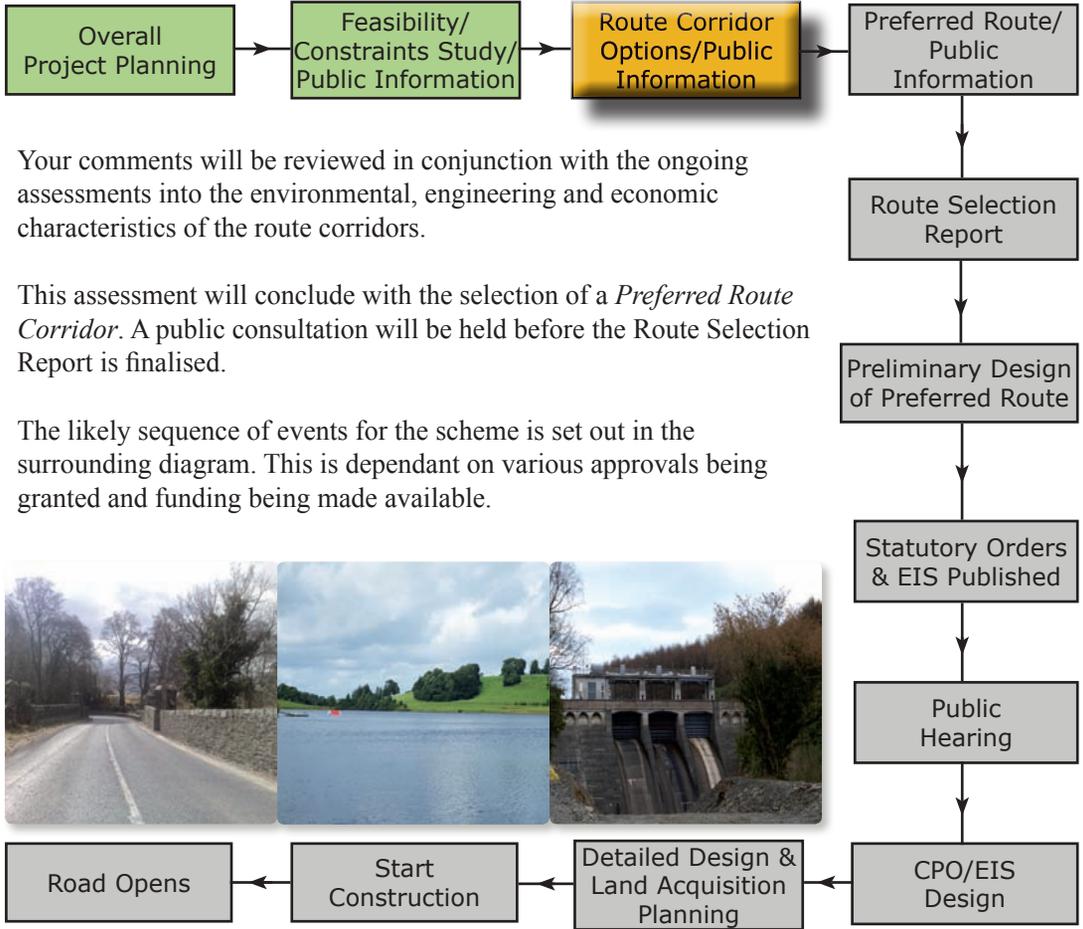
YOUR COMMENTS ARE IMPORTANT

Kildare National Roads Design Office is seeking the co-operation and understanding of the public in relation to the advancement of the project.

Please carefully consider the route corridors shown in this brochure and the exhibition posters and let your comments be known by completing the questionnaire provided at these exhibitions, indicating which corridor, combination of corridors or alternative corridor you prefer. We would appreciate if you could return the questionnaire to the address listed overleaf on or before the 19th May 2010.

The route corridor drawings and questionnaire will remain available to view after the exhibitions at the Wicklow and South Dublin County Council Offices and the Kildare National Roads Design Office. They will also be available on our website listed overleaf.

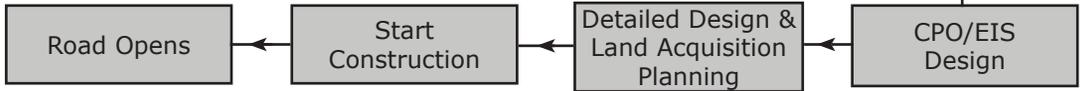
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?



Your comments will be reviewed in conjunction with the ongoing assessments into the environmental, engineering and economic characteristics of the route corridors.

This assessment will conclude with the selection of a *Preferred Route Corridor*. A public consultation will be held before the Route Selection Report is finalised.

The likely sequence of events for the scheme is set out in the surrounding diagram. This is dependant on various approvals being granted and funding being made available.

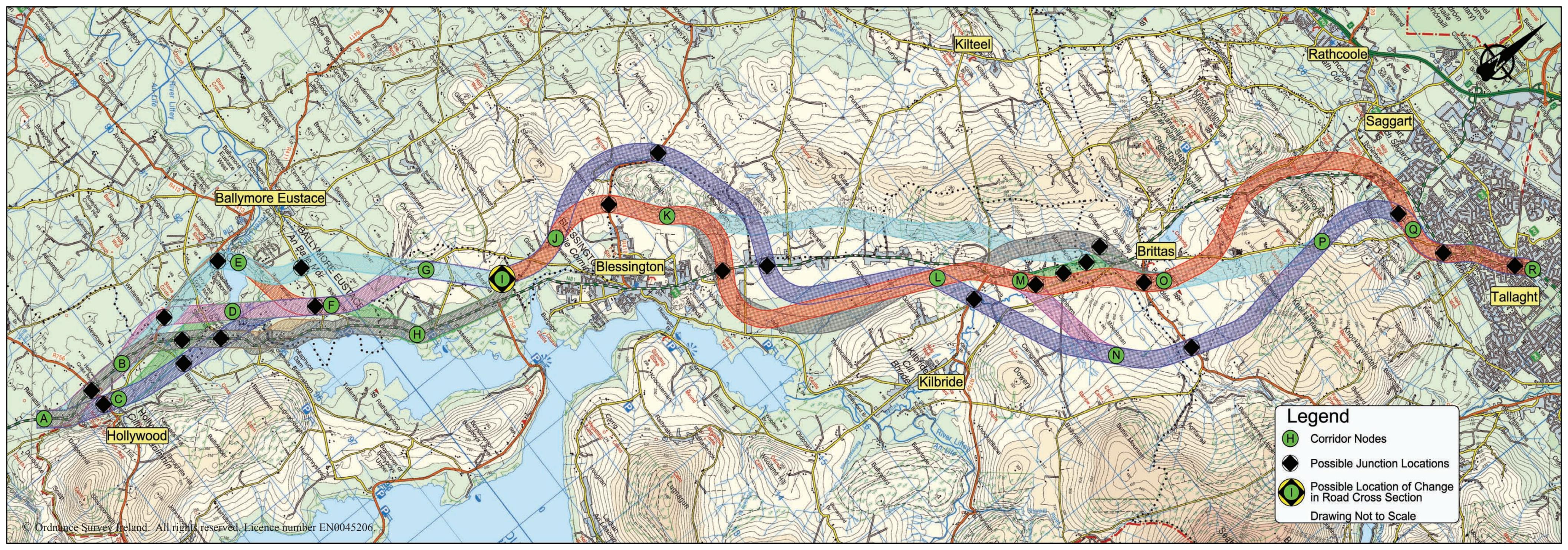


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Legend

-  Corridor Nodes
-  Possible Junction Locations
-  Possible Location of Change in Road Cross Section

Drawing Not to Scale