



**What Happens Next?**

The progression of the road scheme beyond Route Selection Report will be dependent on funding availability.

The next Design Phase will determine:

- carriageway standard;
- strategy for and location of junctions;
- access provision; and
- route alignment within preferred corridor.

**Your Comments are Important**

As part of the Public Information Display, all interested parties and members of the public are invited to make comments or observations on the Preferred Route Corridor. Comments on the Preferred Route Corridor are being facilitated by way of a Comments Form which is available with this brochure. Comments received will be considered at the Design Phase.

This brochure is available on the Monaghan County Council website, [www.monaghan.ie/routeselection](http://www.monaghan.ie/routeselection).

Completed Comment Forms can be handed in at the Public Information Display or they may be posted using the FREEPOST envelope provided. All Comment Forms should be returned to Monaghan County Council no later than Friday, September 30th 2012.

**Further Enquiries**

All queries, or comments in relation to this project may be addressed to:

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# N2 Clontibret to Northern Ireland Border Road Scheme



**Preferred Route Corridor  
 Public Information Display Brochure  
 July 2012**

**Background**

The N2 between Clontibret and the Northern Ireland border is part of a strategic link servicing Derry and the Northwest, currently providing a relatively poor level of service for users. The need to improve the N2 as a strategic link is outlined in the National Development Plan 2007-2013 and the National Spatial Strategy 2002-2020. Grontmij Consulting Engineers were appointed by Monaghan County Council to advance the development of the N2 route from Clontibret village northwards to the border with Northern Ireland, a distance of 28kms.

**Current Status**

The purpose of the Public Information Display and this brochure is to provide an update to the members of the public on the current status of the N2 Clontibret to Northern Ireland Border Scheme. A Preferred Route Corridor has now been determined for the scheme and is shown overleaf. The corridor shown is 400 metres wide, within which the route proposals will be developed at a future stage.

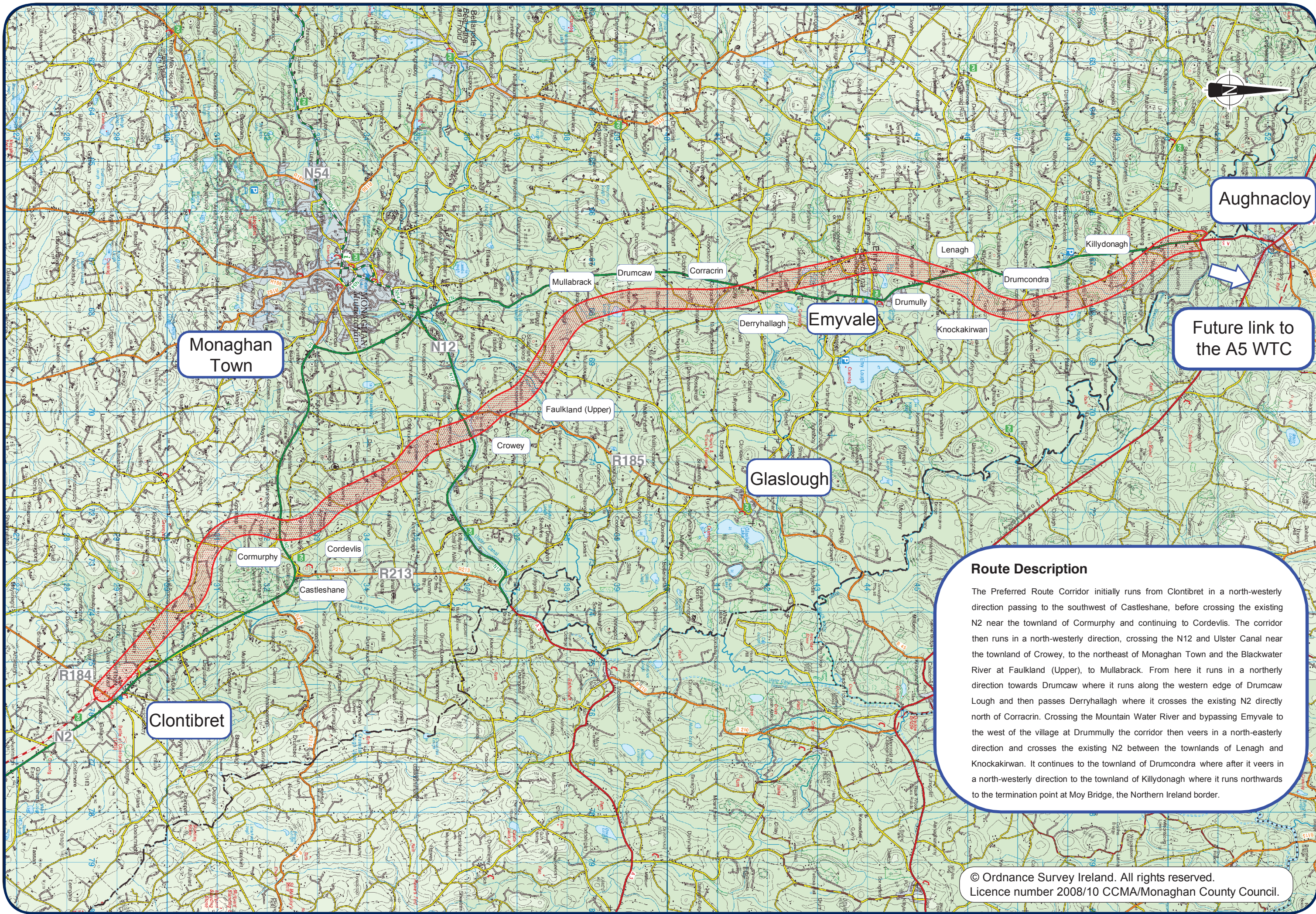
**Route Selection Process**

The appraisal of route corridor options forms part of a 3-stage route selection process as outlined by the National Roads Authority (NRA) Project Management Guidelines (2010):

- Stage 1 – Preliminary Options Assessment
- Stage 2 – Project Appraisal of Route Options
- Stage 3 – Selection of Preferred Route Corridor

A shortlisting was carried out between stages 1 and 2 that resulted in three corridors being comparatively appraised in relation to environment, economy, safety, accessibility and integration. The preferred corridor emerged as the best performing option in terms of these common appraisal criteria. The route of the preferred corridor is described overleaf.





Monaghan Town

Glaslough

Emyvale

Aughnacloy

Future link to the A5 WTC

### Route Description

The Preferred Route Corridor initially runs from Clontibret in a north-westerly direction passing to the southwest of Castleshane, before crossing the existing N2 near the townland of Cormurphy and continuing to Cordevlis. The corridor then runs in a north-westerly direction, crossing the N12 and Ulster Canal near the townland of Crowey, to the northeast of Monaghan Town and the Blackwater River at Faulkland (Upper), to Mullabrack. From here it runs in a northerly direction towards Drumcaw where it runs along the western edge of Drumcaw Lough and then passes Derryhallagh where it crosses the existing N2 directly north of Corracrin. Crossing the Mountain Water River and bypassing Emyvale to the west of the village at Drummully the corridor then veers in a north-easterly direction and crosses the existing N2 between the townlands of Lenagh and Knockakiwan. It continues to the townland of Drumcondra where after it veers in a north-westerly direction to the townland of Killydonagh where it runs northwards to the termination point at Moy Bridge, the Northern Ireland border.