

Coolshannagh Roundabout Active Travel Scheme

FAQ's

What is the Project?

As part of the CycleConnects strategy within the country, the NTA has developed a cycle plan for the country and each individual county, which it is intended to form a comprehensive cycle network for all cycle user types across Ireland. This includes existing cycle networks such as urban cycle routes, greenways, and interurban routes.

Within Monaghan County, specifically the Urban Cycle Network contained within the CycleConnects Strategy, a number of active travels projects are currently being developed. Additionally, the plan has also identified possible potential junction upgrades, with the Coolshannagh Roundabout identified as one of these junctions.

The roundabout is the connectivity point between, the Ulster Greenway, which passes through the roundabout, and other Urban Active Travel projects. The project will focus on the connectivity between the active travel schemes and the interaction between the schemes with the road traffic at the junction. The project will seek to provide both long and short-distance recreational users and commuters with safe, convenient opportunities to travel between areas along the route.

How will this project be progressed?

The project will be progressing in accordance with TII Project Manager's Manual for Minor National Road PE-PMG-02043 (PMG). The project is currently in Phase 2: Options Selection Stage.

Please see Project Phases board for detail of the process.

Who funds the project?

The project is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

What is the purpose of this Public Consultation Event?

The purpose of this first Public Consultation event is to invite feedback on the identified options, which will help the project team assess these options and in identifying a preferred option for the scheme.

How can the public participate in the project?

The project team would like to consider any inputs from members of the public, including submissions received through the public consultation process. We would value any feedback which you believe should be reviewed to help inform the development of the project. Please refer to the Monaghan County Council Website for the information of first Public Consultation Events.

How many options are identified at this stage?

At this stage, nine potential options have been identified. These do not represent the final layout but show what additional facilities could be feasibly provided and how improvements could be made to the roundabout.

Your feedback is important to help the project team evaluate each option and ensure the final scheme best meets the needs of the local community.

When will this project be completed?

It is currently not feasible to provide an accurate estimated timeline for the construction stage, as this is subject to planning conditions and the progress of other nearby active travel schemes. However, the timeline will be reviewed as the project progresses, and efforts will be made to minimise any potential impacts wherever possible.

How will the options be selected?

The project scheme has progressed from **Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility**, which involved investigating the feasibility of the Project scheme

The project scheme is currently in **Phase 2: Options Selection** which is a three-stage process. Phase 2 involves the assessment of identified options for the roundabout to determine a preferred option.

Following consultation, all identified options for the roundabout will be assessed by an Options Assessment process to generate a short-list of suitable options.

After considering the assessment results and public feedback, a preferred option will be selected. The project will then move into **Phase 3: Design and Environmental Evaluation**. In this phase, we will:

- Identify the land required for the project
- Assess potential environmental and community impacts
- Develop measures to reduce or manage these impacts

This stage will prepare the project to move forward through the necessary approval processes.

What does this project aim to achieve?

The Coolshannagh Roundabout Active Travel Scheme aims to provide a safe and convenient environment, which connects with other planned active travel schemes in the area by establishing high quality active travel infrastructure for vulnerable road users and others.

How will the scheme deal with the high volume of heavy good vehicles (HGVs) for vulnerable / non-motorised users (VNM users)?

The project team acknowledges that interaction between motorised vehicles with active travel modes presents a significant design challenge in urban areas, particularly those with a high volume of HGVs trips.

As part of the main objectives of the scheme, it is intended to minimise the impacts on the current capacity of the roundabout while enhancing safety for Vulnerable Non Motorised users. All options under consideration aim to separate existing HGV traffic from VNMs to maximise public safety.

However, the project team seeks your valuable feedback to develop facilities that can accommodate these needs with the minimal impacts.