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Glasbhealach Cluain Dúin go thoir theas **Woodstock to South East Greenway Link**

Public Consultation No. 1 **Study Area**

17th February - 14th March 2025





Introduction



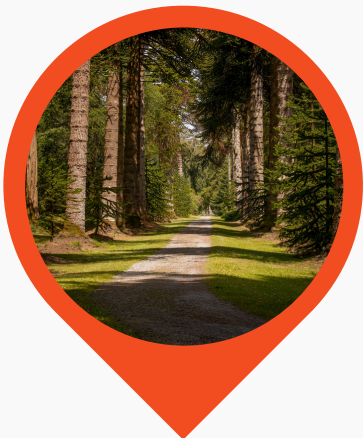
Kilkenny County Council is currently in the early stages of developing a greenway between Woodstock Estate, near Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny, and the South East Greenway at New Ross Co. Wexford. This project is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). RPS have been appointed by Kilkenny County Council to provide multi-disciplinary consultancy services to progress the project through the design and planning stages, following Phases 1-4 of the TII Project Management Guidelines. We are currently in Phase 1 of the development and entering into our first period of public consultation.

Key Information

Public Consultation No.1 on the Study Area will take place between 17th February and 14th March 2025. This consultation is being held online through the project website and via two in-person public consultation days:

- **Tuesday 25th February 2025, 2pm - 7pm**
Rosbercon Community Centre, Y34 TK33
- **Thursday 27th February 2025, 2pm - 7pm**
Cois Abhann, Inistioge, R95 CX52

Please see the last page for more information on the public consultation.



Project Benefits



The proposed Greenway will promote sustainable economic growth within Inistioge, New Ross and surrounding local communities, through improved recreational amenities and connectivity, increased tourism potential, and a shift from car trips to active travel. By creating a safe route for pedestrians, cyclists and other users, the Greenway will encourage active travel and reduce reliance on cars, thereby lowering carbon emissions. Additionally, it will attract visitors to explore the scenic landscapes and serve as a link to existing recreational routes, such as the South East Greenway and Nore Valley Walks, and the numerous tourism attractions in the area. This will enhance Woodstock, Inistioge and New Ross, as key destinations for walking, cycling, and outdoor enthusiasts.



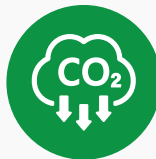
**Sustainable
Economic
Growth**



**Increased
Tourism**



**Increase in
Active Travel**



**Reduced
Carbon
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Project Opportunities



The proposed project aims to enhance the local and regional walking and cycling recreational network, in particular serving as a link to the South East Greenway, Nore Valley Walks, East Kilkenny Cycle Route and the South Leinster Way. The proposed Greenway has the potential to boost tourism in the area, including increased visitor numbers to Woodstock Estate and Inistioge Village and other local attractions.

Project Objectives



The key objectives of this project are to provide a greenway which is sustainable, accessible, safe, and attractive for locals and visitors. In achieving these objectives, the project will facilitate:



Project Timeline



Phase 1

Concept and Feasibility

Have your say on the proposed Study Area and what opportunities should be taken.

Concept and Feasibility

Public Consultation No. 1
Study Area

Q1
2025



Phase 2

Options Selection

Have your say on the route options and the option selection process.

Options Selection

Public Consultation No.2
Proposed Route Corridors

Landowner Engagement*

Q2
2025

Have your say on the preferred route and what factors should be considered in the scheme design.

Preferred Option

Public Consultation No.3
Preferred Route Corridor

Landowner Engagement*

Q4
2025

Phase 3

Design & Environmental Evaluation

We will develop the design of the preferred option to a sufficient level of detail to establish the extent of state owned land and land acquisition requirements and undertake environmental evaluation so as to identify and mitigate impacts.

Design

Environmental
Evaluation

Landowner Engagement*

2026-
2027

Phase 4

Statutory Processes

We will advance the project through the Statutory Processes to ensure that the project is developed in accordance with planning, environmental and other relevant legislation.

Planning Application

Decision

2027-
2028

Phase 5 & 6

Enabling & Procurement Construction & Implementation

Phases 5 & 6 will be subject to planning approval and funding for the project to proceed.

Enabling & Procurement

Construction & Implementation

TBC

*Landowner Engagement will be undertaken in accordance with the Code of Best Practice National and Regional Greenways.

What is Happening Now?



The project is currently at Phase 1 Concept and Feasibility. The purpose of Phase 1 is to develop and investigate in further detail, the feasibility of the project and to identify a suitable Study Area for the examination of preliminary options.

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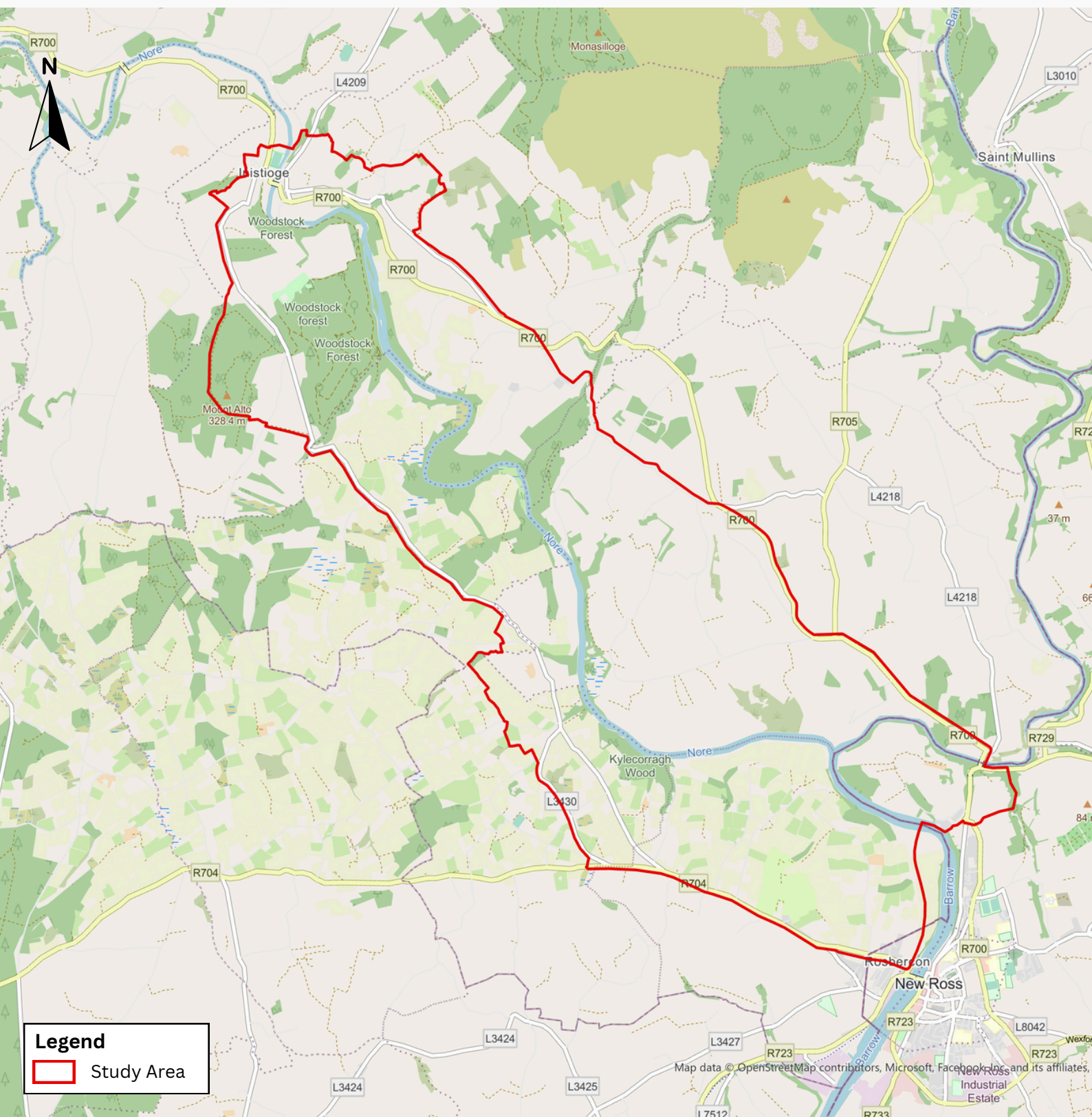
We will continue to carry out technical and environmental assessments while incorporating stakeholder feedback from the first public consultation. This will enable the project to progress to Phase 2, which involves Options Selection. A second public consultation on the project's Proposed Route Corridors will be held later in 2025 as part of Phase 2.



Study Area



Kilkenny County Council has identified a broad Study Area to enable appropriate route options for the Greenway to be developed and assessed. It can be viewed below. The Study Area map can also be viewed in the Publications and Mapping section of the project website.



Please visit the project website for a larger scale map



Public Consultation - Get Involved

Public Consultation No.1 on the Study Area will take place between 17th February and 14th March 2025. This consultation is being held online through the project website and via two in-person public consultation days. An online feedback form is available on the project website, which also includes a map of the Study Area.

Public Consultation Events

Meet the project team and view the maps and documents related to the project at the following locations and times:



Tuesday 25th February 2025

2:00pm - 7:00pm

Rosbercon Community Centre Y34 TK33



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Make a Submission

Feedback forms are available on the project website www.woodstocktosegreenway.ie and copies will also be available at the in-person Public Consultation events.

Feedback can be submitted as follows:

Online: www.woodstocktosegreenway.ie

Email: WoodstocktoSEGLink@kilkennycoco.ie

Post: Kilkenny County Council, County Hall,
John Street, Kilkenny R95 A39T

Local Feedback

Local feedback is vital to the success of the project. We welcome your views, ideas and concerns on the following:

- Potential routes that could be considered.
- Locations, attractions, or facilities in your locality that could be attractive to, or benefit from a greenway.
- Scenic and / or heritage features in your area.
- Environmental / biodiversity features you wish to highlight to the project.

Scan the QR code
to access the
website



**The closing date for submissions to this phase of
consultation is 14th March 2025**