



# *Glasbheal Iarthar Chorcaí* West Cork Greenway - Bandon Sections

## Public Consultation No. 2 Route Corridor Options

22nd April - 2nd June 2025







## Introduction



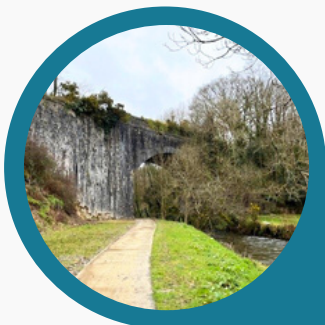
Cork County Council are in the early stages of developing a Greenway between Crossbarry, Bandon and Clonakilty with a link to Timoleague. This project, which is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), will provide a Greenway servicing the Bandon, Clonakilty and Timoleague hinterlands. RPS have completed the Concept and Feasibility phase of the project, where the project study area and feasible route corridor options were identified and are now providing multi-disciplinary consultancy service to progress the project through the Options Selection phase, with the objective to establish an emerging preferred route corridor.

## Key Information

Public Consultation No. 2 on the route corridor options will take place between 22nd April and 2nd June 2025. This consultation is being held online through the project website and three in-person public consultation days:

- **Wednesday 7th May 2025, 2pm-8pm, Riverview Shopping Centre, Bandon**
- **Wednesday 14th May 2025, 2pm-8pm, O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty**
- **Wednesday 21st May 2025, 2pm-8pm, Ballinascarthy Community Hall, Ballinascarthy**

Please see the last page for more information.



## Project Benefits



This Greenway will facilitate sustainable growth within the local communities in the Bandon and Clonakilty environs, through improved connectivity, increased tourism potential and providing a modal shift away from car trips to active travel usage.



Increased  
Tourism



Increase in Active  
Travel



Reduced Carbon  
Emissions

## Project Opportunities



The development of Greenways creates an excellent opportunity to reduce car dependency, increasing business possibilities and provides a wonderful experience for visitors and locals. The region between Crossbarry, Bandon, Clonakilty and Timoleague is predominantly rural, but provides local employment opportunities in the towns and surrounding areas and has strong potential for a modal shift from car to active travel modes and for future tourist enterprises. A Greenway also presents a good opportunity to enhance the natural beauty and local heritage features within the region.



## What is Happening Now?



The project is currently at Phase 2 Options Selection. The purpose of Phase 2 is to assess and evaluate route corridor options and identify an emerging preferred route corridor.

**Public Consultation No. 2 on the route corridor options will take place between 22nd April and 2nd June 2025. Please see page 7 for more details on the public consultation.**

Public Consultation No. 1 was held between 13th May and 14th June 2024 on the study area and we thank everyone for their feedback during this consultation period. Public Consultation No. 2 is now being held online through the project website with three in-person public consultation days within the route corridors. All the information displayed at the in-person public consultation events and online feedback forms are available on the project website, which also includes maps of the route corridor options.



Bandon



Clonakilty



Timoleague





# Project Timeline



## Phase 1

### Concept and Feasibility

Concept and Feasibility

Public Consultation No. 1  
Study Area

Have your say on the proposed study area and where the Greenway should go.

Q2  
2024

Completed

## Phase 2

### Options Selection

Options Selection

Public Consultation No.2  
Route Corridor Options

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

Multi-Criteria Analysis of  
Route Corridor Options

Preferred Option

Public Consultation No.3  
Preferred Route Corridor

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

Landowner Engagement

Q2  
2025



We are here

Q4  
2025

## Phase 3

### Design & Environmental Evaluation

Design

Environmental  
Evaluation

We will develop the design of the preferred solution to a sufficient level of detail to establish land take requirements and undertake environmental evaluation so as to identify and mitigate impacts.

Landowner Engagement

2026-  
2027

## Phase 4

### Statutory Processes

Planning Application

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.

Decision

2027-  
2028

## Phase 5 & 6

### Enabling & Procurement

### Construction & Implementation

Enabling & Procurement

Construction & Implementation

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

TBC



## Route Corridor Options

Cork County Council has identified a number of route corridor options within the study area, where it is considered a Greenway could be developed. These are generally 400m wide but vary in certain areas due to natural environmental and topographical features. The corridors were established based on initial engineering and environmental assessments, which considered natural and artificial characteristics within the study area. They were also informed from feedback received from the first public consultation.

**The map of the route corridors options can be found on the next page. Please use the route option descriptions below in conjunction with the map to further understand the route corridor options for the project.**

### Section 1: Crossbarry to Bandon

**Pink Corridor** - Broadly follows the alignment of the former Cork, Bandon and South Coast railway line from Crossbarry to Bandon. Between Brinny, Upton and Innishannon, the corridor is widened beyond the railway alignment to ensure a sufficient area is assessed in terms of linkages between Innishannon and Brinny. The corridor takes into consideration the Clare O'Leary Walkway.

**Brown Corridor** - Commences at Crossbarry and broadly follows the R589 through Brinny and onwards towards Bandon. On approach to Bandon the corridor turns south from the R589 to connect with the Pink Corridor approaching Bandon.

**Green Corridor** - Commences at Crossbarry and broadly follows the L-2234 and L-3224 south of the village as far as the N71. The corridor goes along the N71 and goes through Innishannon.

### Section 2: Bandon to Clonakilty

**Dark Purple Corridor** - Broadly follows the alignment of the former Cork, Bandon and South Coast railway line from Bandon to Clonakilty. The corridor broadens to include the village of Shannonvale to ensure that there is a link between Shannonvale and the West Cork Business and Technology Park.

**Light Blue Corridor** - Travels west along the Bandon River Valley, before turning south and following the L-2019 and L-6037 as far as the N71 at Gaggan. Going south the corridor travels broadly in line with the N71 as far as the Joe Walsh Walkway.

**Yellow Corridor** - Follows a route north of Bandon (along the potential alignment for the northern relief road) and along sections of the R586 parallel to the River Bandon. It turns sharply to the east of Baxter's Bridge and goes along the L-2018 and joins the Pink and Light Blue Corridors at Gaggan.

**Light Green Corridor** - Travels along the eastern side of the study area. It travels directly south from the N71 through undulating open country and through state owned lands (Skeaf Wood, Monteen Wood) where it rejoins the route corridors going from Ballinascarthy to Timoleague.

### Section 2: Link to Enniskeane

**Light Purple Corridor** - Broadly follows the alignment of the former Cork, Bandon, South Coast railway line from Gaggan to Enniskeane and also traverses the River Bandon.

**Red Corridor** - Broadly follows the direction of the L-2014 from the N71, goes over Pikes Cross and lands adjacent to the local road. It runs to the south of the River Bandon and traverses it on approach to Enniskeane.

### Section 3: Ballinascarthy to Timoleague / Clonakilty to Timoleague

**Cyan Corridor** - Broadly follows the alignment of the former Ballinascarthy to Timoleague branch of the Cork, Bandon and South Coast railway line. The corridor goes through woodland and alongside the Argideen River at Inchy Bridge.

**Orange Corridor** - Broadly goes along the L-8090 to the east of West Cork Business and Technology Park and across the existing local road network (past the Michael Collins Centre) to Timoleague.

**Dark Blue Corridor** - Broadly follows the R600 to Timoleague. It travels to the north of the Clonakilty Agricultural College

### Link from Clonakilty to Inchydoney Island

**Light Orange corridor** - This wide area broadly follows the northeastern section of the Inchydoney Peninsula from Clonakilty towards the road from Inchydoney Beach. Individual route corridors haven't yet been identified due to environmental and topographical constraints but that assessment is ongoing and will continue during Phase 2 to narrow the route option.





**Legend**

- Phase 2 Study Area Boundary
- Phase 1 Study Area Boundary
- Towns / Villages (Nodal Point)
- Potential Route Transfer Points

**Section 2 – Link to Enniskeane**

- Section 2 Purple
- Section 2 Red

**Section 1 – Crossbarry to Bandon**

- Section 1 Green
- Section 1 Brown
- Section 1 Pink

**Section 2 – Bandon to Clonakilty**

- Section 2 Light Blue
- Section 2 Light Green
- Section 2 Dark Purple
- Section 2 Yellow

**Section 3 – Ballinascarthy/Clonakilty to Timoleague**

- Section 3 Cyan
- Section 3 Dark Blue
- Section 3 Orange

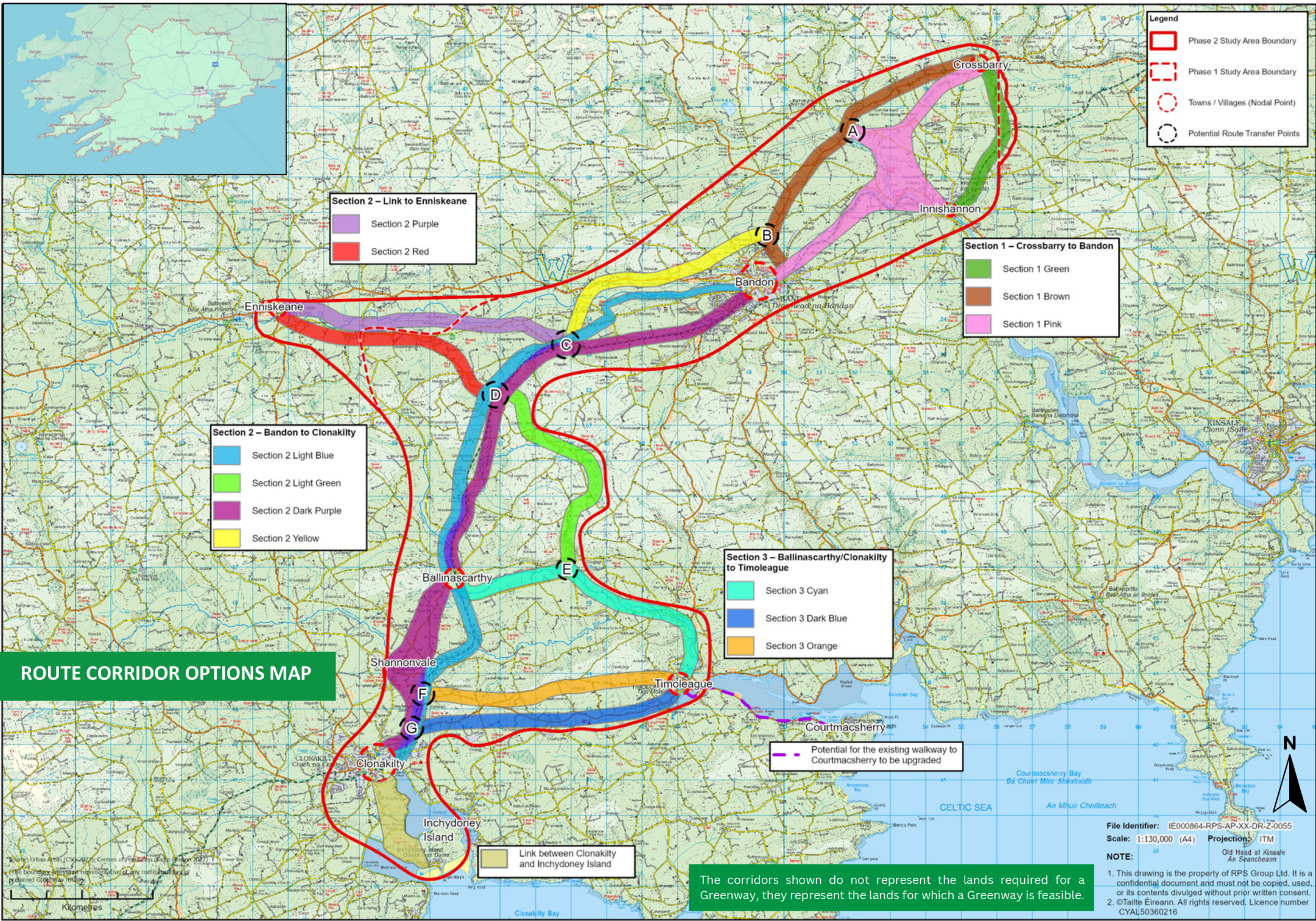
Potential for the existing walkway to Courtmacsherry to be upgraded

Link between Clonakilty and Inchydoney Island

# ROUTE CORRIDOR OPTIONS MAP

The corridors shown do not represent the lands required for a Greenway, they represent the lands for which a Greenway is feasible.

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## Public Consultation - Get Involved



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## Public Consultation Events



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

### Wednesday 7th May 2025 - Bandon

2:00pm - 8:00pm

Riverview Shopping Centre,  
Bandon, Co Cork, P72 NX81

### Wednesday 14th May 2025 - Clonakilty

2:00pm - 8:00pm

O'Donovans Hotel, Pearse Street,  
Clonakilty, Co Cork, P85 V205

### Wednesday 21st May 2025 - Ballinascarthy

2:00pm - 8:00pm

Ballinascarthy Community Hall,  
Ballinascarthy, Co. Cork, P85 PH04

## Local Feedback

Local Feedback is vital to the success of the Project so we welcome your views, ideas and concerns on the route corridor options.

## Make a Submission



Feedback forms are available on the project website [www.wcgbandon.ie](http://www.wcgbandon.ie) and copies will also be available at the in-person Public Consultation events and at Bandon and Clonakilty libraries.

Feedback can be submitted as follows:

**Online:** [www.wcgbandon.ie](http://www.wcgbandon.ie).

**Email:** [info@wcgbandon.ie](mailto:info@wcgbandon.ie).

**Post:** Cork National Roads Office  
Cork County Council, Richmond, Glanmire,  
Cork. T45 WA44.

Scan the QR code  
to access the  
website



**The closing date for submissions to this phase of  
consultation is Monday 2nd June 2025**

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