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Public Consultation

The extent of the proposed study area was initially identified in mid 2014 and advertised in July 2014 on the project website www.foyneslimerick.ie. The purpose of this first public consultation is to inform the public of the route corridor options under consideration and invite written submissions regarding any aspects of the proposals. A comment sheet is included with this information leaflet to assist you in making comments. All comments will be recorded and considered during the next stage of the studies, which includes comparison of these route corridor options and the selection of a preferred route corridor.

Route Selection

The route selection has involved the development of numerous feasible route corridor options for a road between Foynes and Limerick. The 300m wide route corridor options presented here are the result of this development and refinement. In addition to the options presented, multiple route corridor options were developed which were considered less preferable comparative to those presented here based on environmental impacts, engineering complexity and economic performance.

The Planning Process

In addition to your comments the route corridor options will be subjected to further detailed assessment under the Department of Finance's Common Appraisal Framework, leading to the selection of a preferred route corridor, which will be the subject of further public consultation.

Following design development of the selected preferred route, an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared. The Statutory Orders and Environmental Impact Statement will be published and a Public Hearing into the proposal will be conducted by An Bord Pleanála.

Stage
Public Consultation for Route Corridor Options
Public Display of Preferred Route Corridor
Design and Environmental Assessment
The Statutory Process

Contact Information

If you have any observations or submissions to make in relation to the route corridor options as shown please forward them to the following address by **Friday 10th April 2015**:

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For further information regarding this scheme please visit the project website www.foyneslimerick.ie

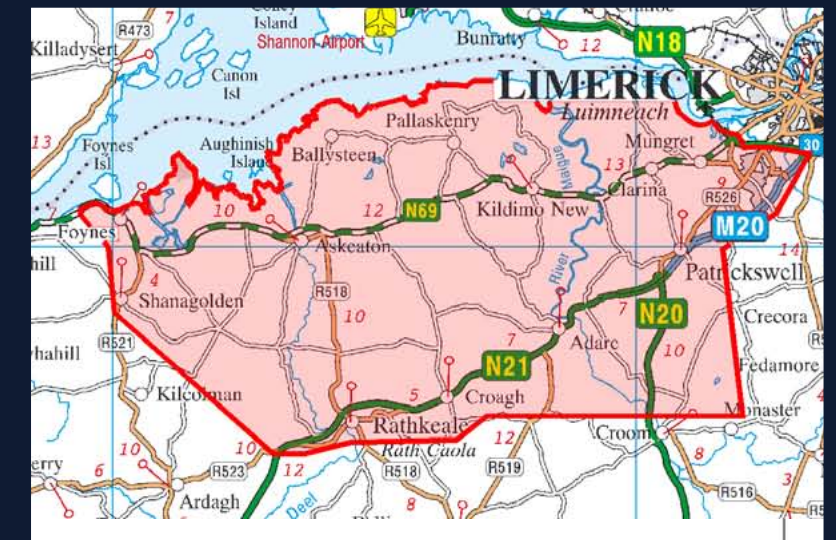
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Limerick City and County Council has commenced the planning and design of the Foynes to Limerick Road Improvement Scheme. The scheme will provide a high quality road connection between the port of Foynes and Limerick, leading to reduced journey times, improved journey time reliability and improved safety between Foynes and Limerick for all road users.

Shannon-Foynes has been designated a Core Port under EU legislation (Trans European Network TEN-T) which requires a high quality road to be provided between the port of Foynes and the Core transport network in Limerick.

A study area was developed drawing on the findings of initial studies and previously proposed road schemes. The study area extends from Foynes to Limerick City. The northern boundary of the study area borders the Shannon Estuary and the southern boundary extends to south of Rathkeale and Adare incorporating sections of the existing N69, N21, N20 and M20.

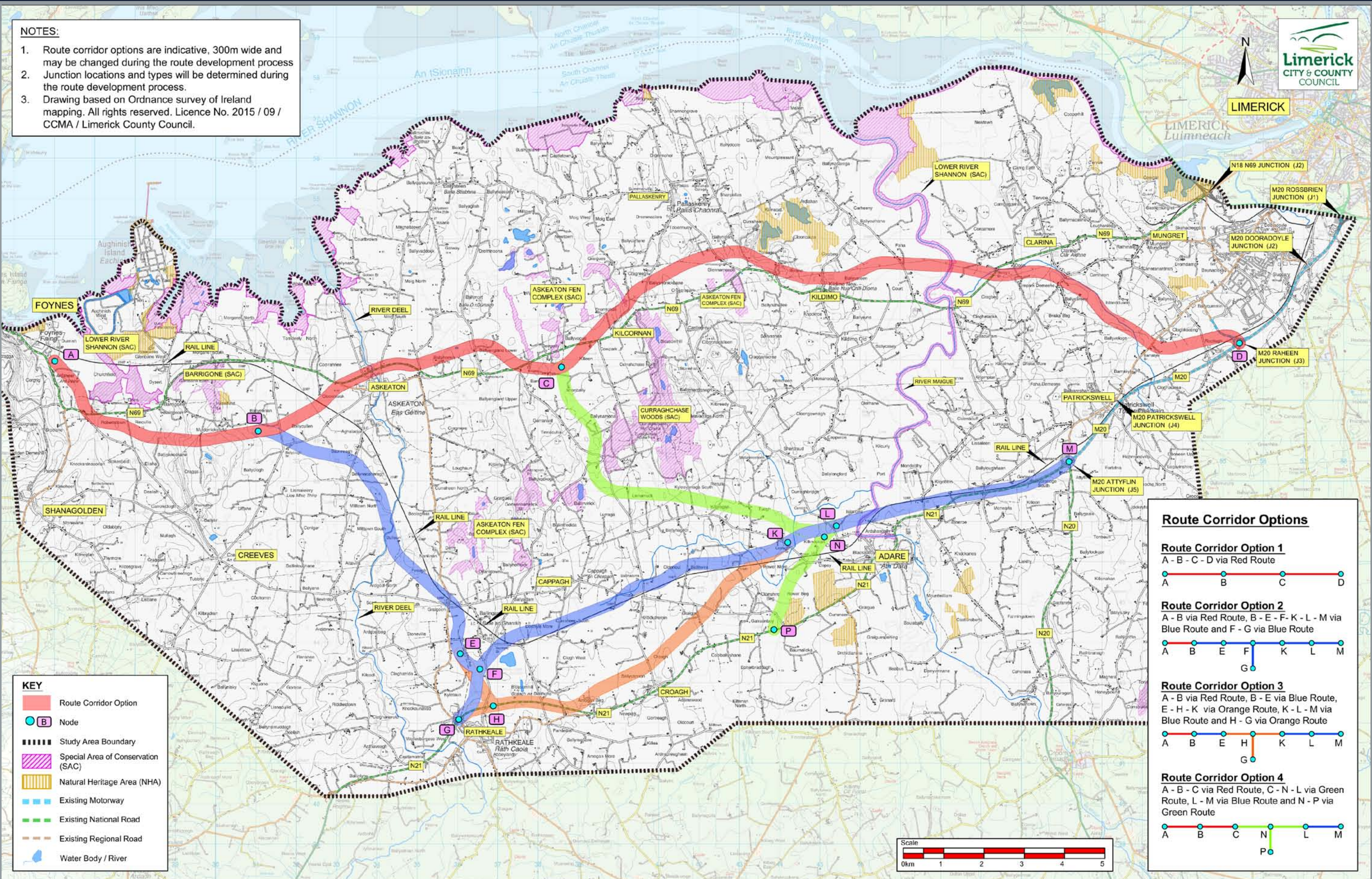
It is proposed that the Foynes to Limerick Road Improvement Scheme will extend from the Port of Foynes to tie in with the core road network in the vicinity of Limerick. Following the identification of the known constraints within the study area, a number of route corridor options for a road between Foynes and Limerick were developed for assessment. The four route corridor options shown on the following drawing are now presented for public consultation.



Route Corridor Options - Foynes to Limerick Road Improvement Scheme

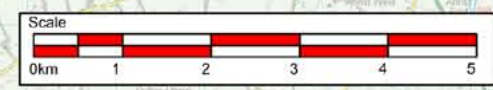
NOTES:

1. Route corridor options are indicative, 300m wide and may be changed during the route development process
2. Junction locations and types will be determined during the route development process.
3. Drawing based on Ordnance survey of Ireland mapping. All rights reserved. Licence No. 2015 / 09 / CCMA / Limerick County Council.



KEY

- Route Corridor Option
- Node
- Study Area Boundary
- Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
- Natural Heritage Area (NHA)
- Existing Motorway
- Existing National Road
- Existing Regional Road
- Water Body / River



Route Corridor Options

Route Corridor Option 1
A - B - C - D via Red Route

Route Corridor Option 2
A - B via Red Route, B - E - F - K - L - M via Blue Route and F - G via Blue Route

Route Corridor Option 3
A - B via Red Route, B - E via Blue Route, E - H - K via Orange Route, K - L - M via Blue Route and H - G via Orange Route

Route Corridor Option 4
A - B - C via Red Route, C - N - L via Green Route, L - M via Blue Route and N - P via Green Route