

# **N25 ROSSLARE HARBOUR ACCESS ROAD**

The National Development Plan for the period 2000-2006 proposes major improvements to the Western and the North/South Strategic Corridors which link Dublin, Cork and Limerick to Rosslare Harbour. The existing N25 from Wexford to Rosslare Harbour forms part of these strategic corridors.

Wexford County Council have identified the need to upgrade the section of the N25 leading into Rosslare Europort. Babbie Pettit consultants have been appointed to define a study area, generate route corridors and identify a preferred route for the scheme. Tramore House Regional Design Office are the Project Managers for the scheme.

A first public information day, showing the study area for the scheme, was held in December 2000 in Hotel Rosslare. Over 200 people attended this information day, and written submissions were received from approximately 55 parties.

The Constraints Study is currently being compiled for the study area. This Constraints Study will identify all issues that may effect the development of route corridors within the Study Area. This study includes an examination of the following:

- Available Mapping
- Land Registry Search
- Planning Search
- Fisheries requirements
- Agriculture and Land Use
- Archaeology
- Aesthetics
- Geology
- Ecology
- Drainage
- Access Constraints
- Traffic History
- Accident Data
- Future Development
- Existing Road Condition
- Local Economy/Business/Tourism
- Public Utilities
- Irish and EU Legislation

The results of the Constraints Study will lead to the development of route corridors.

A second Public Information Day showing the route corridors under consideration will be held in Spring 2001. Following this, the proposals will be further developed to take into account views of the public and affected landowners. A Preferred Route for the scheme will then be identified and put on display and further comment invited from the public. These comments will be taken into account and a Route Selection Report will be finalised. The Preferred Route will form the basis for the publication of a Compulsory Purchase Order, which may lead to the need for an Oral

Hearing in Autumn 2002. The current programmed date for the opening of the new road to traffic is Autumn of 2006.

The programmed dates for progression of the scheme are as follows:

Public Consultation II (Constraints and Corridors)	Spring 2001
Public Consultation III (Preferred Route)	Summer 2001
Finalise Route Selection Report	Autumn 2001
Publish Environmental Impact Statement (if required)	Summer 2002
Publish Compulsory Purchase Order	Summer 2002
Oral Hearing (if required)	Autumn 2002
Road Open	Autumn 2006

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