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Dear Sir/Madam

## **N24 Waterford to Cahir Project – ‘Constraints’ Public Consultation No. 1**

This letter of introduction has been prepared to inform you of our position on the above project, the status of the project and to invite you to make a submission in relation to it at the constraints study stage.

Kilkenny County Council, in partnership with Tipperary County Council, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and the Department of Transport (DoT) are developing the N24 Waterford to Cahir Project. The project has been identified for progression through pre-appraisal and early planning under the National Development Plan 2018-2027.

Arup is appointed to provide multi-disciplinary engineering consultancy services for delivery of Phases 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the TII Project Management Guidelines (TII PMG) for this project.

The N24 national primary road is a strategic corridor linking the cities of Limerick and Waterford, traversing through the counties of Limerick, Tipperary and Kilkenny, with a total length of approximately 116km. The route also forms part of the strategic link between Shannon Foynes Port and the Port of Waterford and Rosslare Europort. The N24 is recognised as being of importance in enhancing regional connectivity and increasing accessibility to key towns it passes through, including Tipperary Town, Cahir, Clonmel, Carrick-on-Suir, Mooncoin and other rural hinterland.

The section of the N24 being considered by this project is approximately 60km in length. It extends from the M8 Junction 10 Cahir North Roundabout, north of Cahir in Co. Tipperary to the southern terminal of the M9 Dublin to Waterford motorway at the Quarry Roundabout, north of Waterford City in Co. Kilkenny.

The aim of the project is to resolve the transport issues identified on the N24 within the study area and thereafter determine an appropriate sustainable solution which meets the project objectives. Initial work has focused on data collection and an examination of the existing problems on the transportation network in order to inform the development of appropriate and effective solutions.

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National Road projects are progressed through Phases 0 to 7 in line with TII's Project Management Guidelines. Phase 1 - Concept and Feasibility for the project was completed in March 2021. The project is currently at Phase 2 - Options Selection, which is scheduled to take 24 months. The purpose of this phase is to firstly identify constraints to the development of the project, including via public consultation. The development of feasible solutions will follow, and these shall be examined and compared in order to determine a preferred solution for the project. A further public consultation will be held once appropriate solutions are developed and the public will be invited to give their feedback on the solutions.

The current programme includes the following milestones that may be of particular interest:

- 04 May 2021 to 01 June 2021 – Public Consultation No. 1 - Constraints
- Q4 2021 – Public Consultation No. 2 - Options
- Q3 2022 – Display of Emerging Preferred Solution

Please note that the dates for Public Consultation No. 2 and the display of the emerging preferred solution are subject to change. It is our intention to consult with you again during the subsequent phases/stages of the project.

The first non-statutory public consultation on 'Constraints' is taking place between 04 May 2021 and 01 June 2021. The purpose of the Constraints Study is to identify the nature and extent of known and potential key constraints within the study area which must be considered as part of the development of an appropriate solution for the project. The consultation will inform the public of the study area for the project, the key constraints identified to date and the programme for advancement of the project. Consultation forms an important part of advancing the design process towards the development of solutions for the project and facilitates the involvement of the public and key stakeholders in identifying key constraints.

Due to COVID-19, Kilkenny County Council is unable to hold the public consultation event in-person. Instead, an online public consultation platform is available on the project website (<https://www.n24waterford2cahir.ie/>) from 12 noon on 04 May 2021 until 01 June 2021 and will contain all the information that would normally be displayed at a formal in-person public consultation. This online public consultation platform provides a virtual public consultation room and interactive maps with all the key constraints identified to date, a brochure, and an online feedback form for submission of comments or queries. Alternatively, please call Kilkenny County Council on 056 -779 4000 and we will issue a brochure and feedback form to you by post.

Should you have any queries or concerns in relation to the N24 Waterford to Cahir Project, please contact Kilkenny County Council on 056-779 4000 or email [N24waterford2cahir@kilkennycoco.ie](mailto:N24waterford2cahir@kilkennycoco.ie).

We thank you for taking the time to read this letter and facilitating our work to date.

Yours faithfully

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