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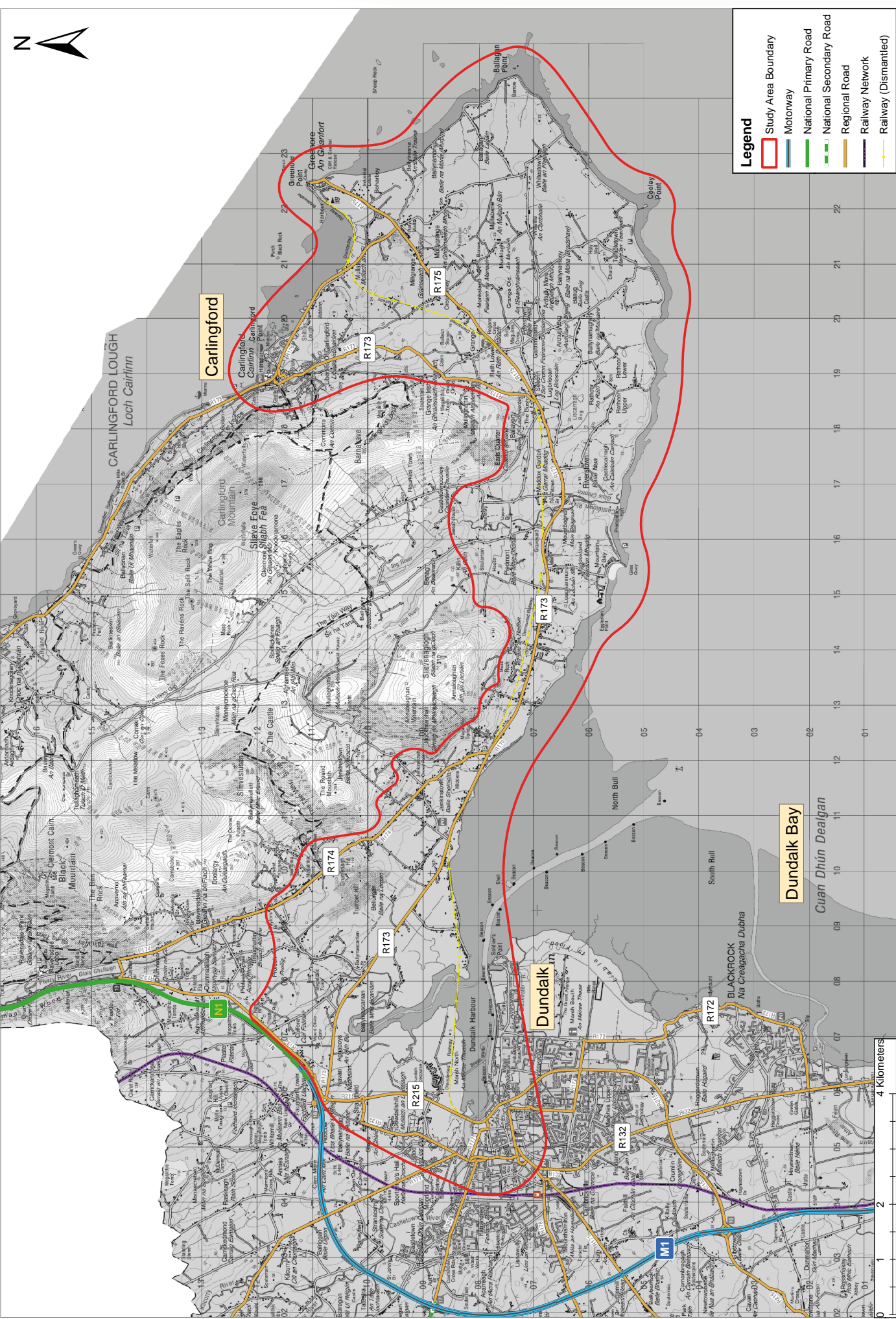
The study area for the proposed greenway project encompasses the Regional Centre of Dundalk and the Coastal Town of Carlingford, along with the interconnecting road network. The R173 Regional Road is the main route connecting Dundalk with Carlingford. The R173, along with other regional and local roads in the study area have no provision for pedestrians and cyclists. High vehicle speeds, narrow road widths and lack of segregated facilities make the road network unattractive for pedestrians and cyclists.

The proposed greenway will seek to connect with the existing Carlingford Lough Greenway, facilitating a continuous cross-border greenway from Dundalk in Co. Louth to Newry in County Down. The proposed greenway provides the local population and tourists to the area with an attractive recreational facility and a potential active travel alternative for routine trips.

The project is currently in the initial Concept & Feasibility Stage (Phase 1), which involves the identification of a Project Study Area and the key constraints and opportunities located therein.

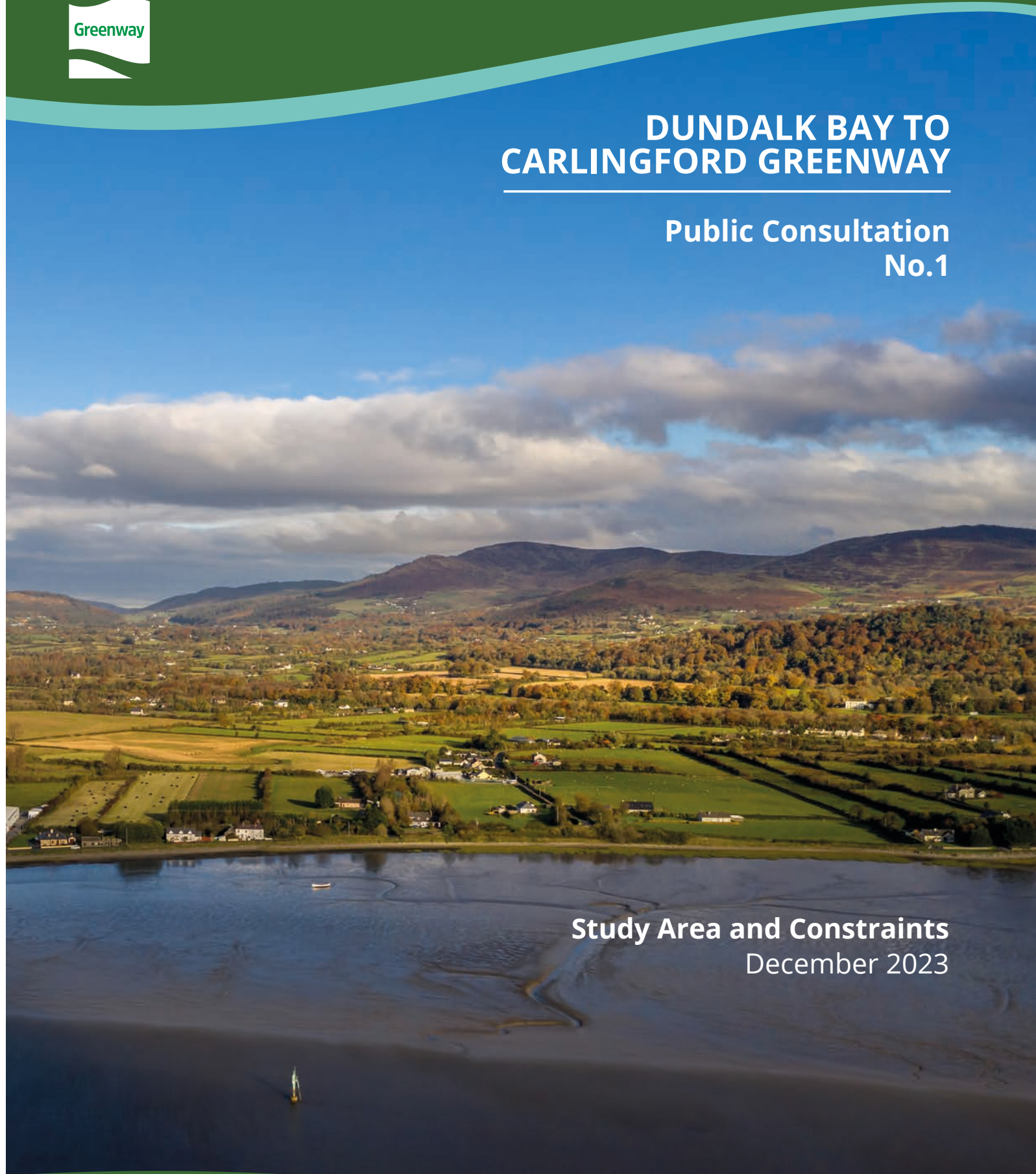
The objectives for the proposed greenway have been developed in accordance with the seven appraisal headings identified in the Department of Transport’s “Transport Appraisal Framework (TAF) (June 2023)”:

-  Transport User Benefits and Other Economic Impacts
-  Accessibility Impacts
-  Social Impacts
-  Land Use Impacts
-  Safety Impacts
-  Climate Change Impacts
-  Local Environmental Impacts



DUNDALK BAY TO CARLINGFORD GREENWAY

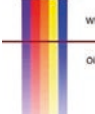
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Study Area and Constraints December 2023



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Greenway Guide to Process



Public Consultation

Louth County Council (LCC), with the support of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), has recently commissioned a technical engineering consulting team, Roughan and O'Donovan – AECOM Alliance (RODA), to assist in progressing the Planning and Design of the Dundalk Bay to Carlingford Greenway project.

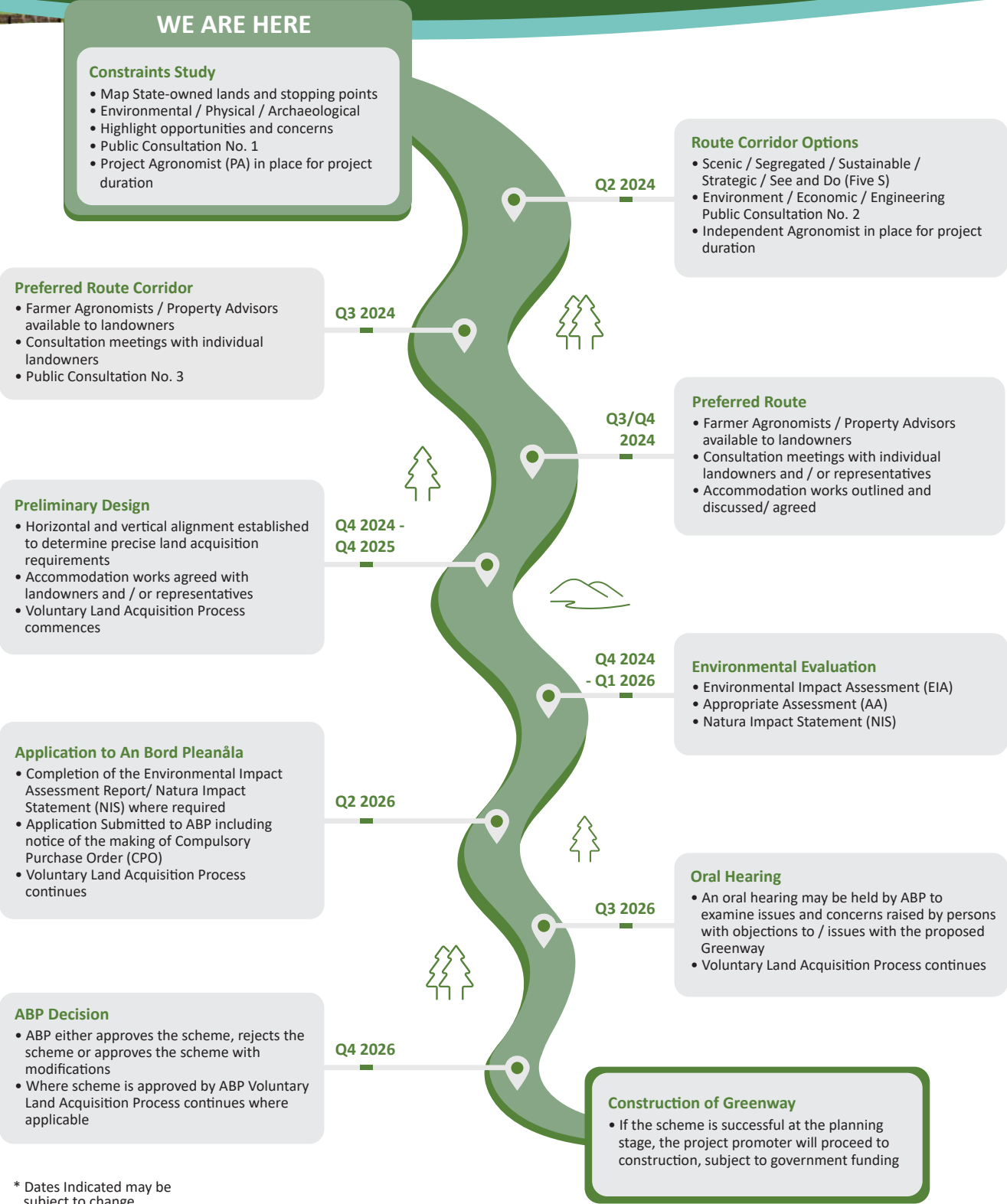
Public Consultation is an integral element of the planning and design process, and as such, the Project Team would like to invite interested parties, property/landowners of Dundalk, Carlingford, and the surrounding areas, members of the public and other stakeholders to participate in this first non-statutory public consultation for the proposed Dundalk Bay to Carlingford Greenway project.

The purpose of this public consultation is to inform the public of the project and to invite feedback on the Study Area, the constraints identified and any other features/opportunities that the Design Team should consider.

Your participation in this consultation is important and we would value any feedback which you think should be reviewed by the project team to help inform the development of the project.

What is a Greenway?

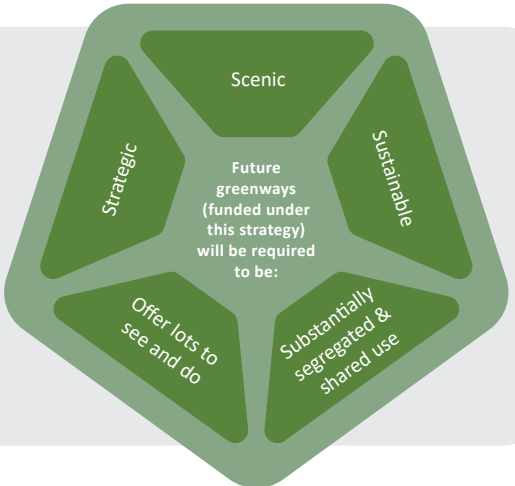
According to the Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways (DTTAS, 2018), a greenway can be described as “a recreational or pedestrian corridor for non-motorised journeys, developed in an integrated manner which enhances both the environment and quality of life of the surrounding area”.



Next Steps

The feedback and submissions received through this public consultation will be considered by the project team as part of Phase 1 (Concept and Feasibility) and will help to inform the development of the project.

The next step of the process involves the development of reasonable route options, developed in line with the ‘Five S’ Criteria outlined in the Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways (DTTAS, July 2018).



What’s Happening Now?

During **Phase 1** (Concept and Feasibility), the project team have defined the study area and are currently identifying potential constraints that may impact the development of a feasible Greenway. They are also looking into key features and opportunities to create a more attractive user experience.

Have Your Say!

We would ask you to review the information provided at the public consultation event and submit your comments on the Study Area, the constraints identified and any other features/opportunities that the project team should consider using the feedback form provided.

We specifically would like to hear your views on the following:

- Demand for the project;
- Locations, attractions, or facilities in your locality that could benefit the greenway and / or be attractive to Greenway users;
- Constraints or barriers to a Greenway in your area; and
- Any concerns or issues you may have at this stage.

The feedback form will provide you with an opportunity to have your say and to provide feedback to the project team. Alternatively, you can download or submit the form at www.dundalkcarlingfordgreenway.ie.

Closing date for submissions is **Friday 19th January 2024**. For project information, please visit www.dundalkcarlingfordgreenway.ie.

Options for submitting the feedback form are as follows:



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www.dundalkcarlingfordgreenway.ie/contactus



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