

# BALLINA - CASTLEBAR - WESTPORT INTERURBAN GREENWAY

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

### INTRODUCTION TO THE PROJECT

Mayo County Council, in partnership with Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the Department of Transport, are exploring the feasibility of an Interurban Greenway connecting Ballina, Castlebar and Westport.

The Ballina – Castlebar – Westport Interurban Greenway (BCWIG) Project aims to provide an attractive, safe and sustainable Interurban Greenway between the 3 largest settlements in Co. Mayo in line with governmental policy and will for part of the National Cycle Network.



### WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

The project is progressing in accordance with the TII Project Manager's Manual for Greenway Projects and is currently at Phase 1 (Concept and Feasibility) having already successfully passed through Phase 0 (Scope and Pre-Appraisal) in 2023.

### YOUR INVOLVEMENT

The purpose of Public Consultation 1 is to bring information to the public on the project and to invite feedback on the current study area, the constraints identified and any other opportunities that the project 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.

Phase 0	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6	Phase 7
Scope and Pre-Appraisal	Concept and Feasibility	Option Selection	Design and Environmental Evaluation	Statutory Processes	Enabling and Procurement	Construction and Implementation	Close Out and Review
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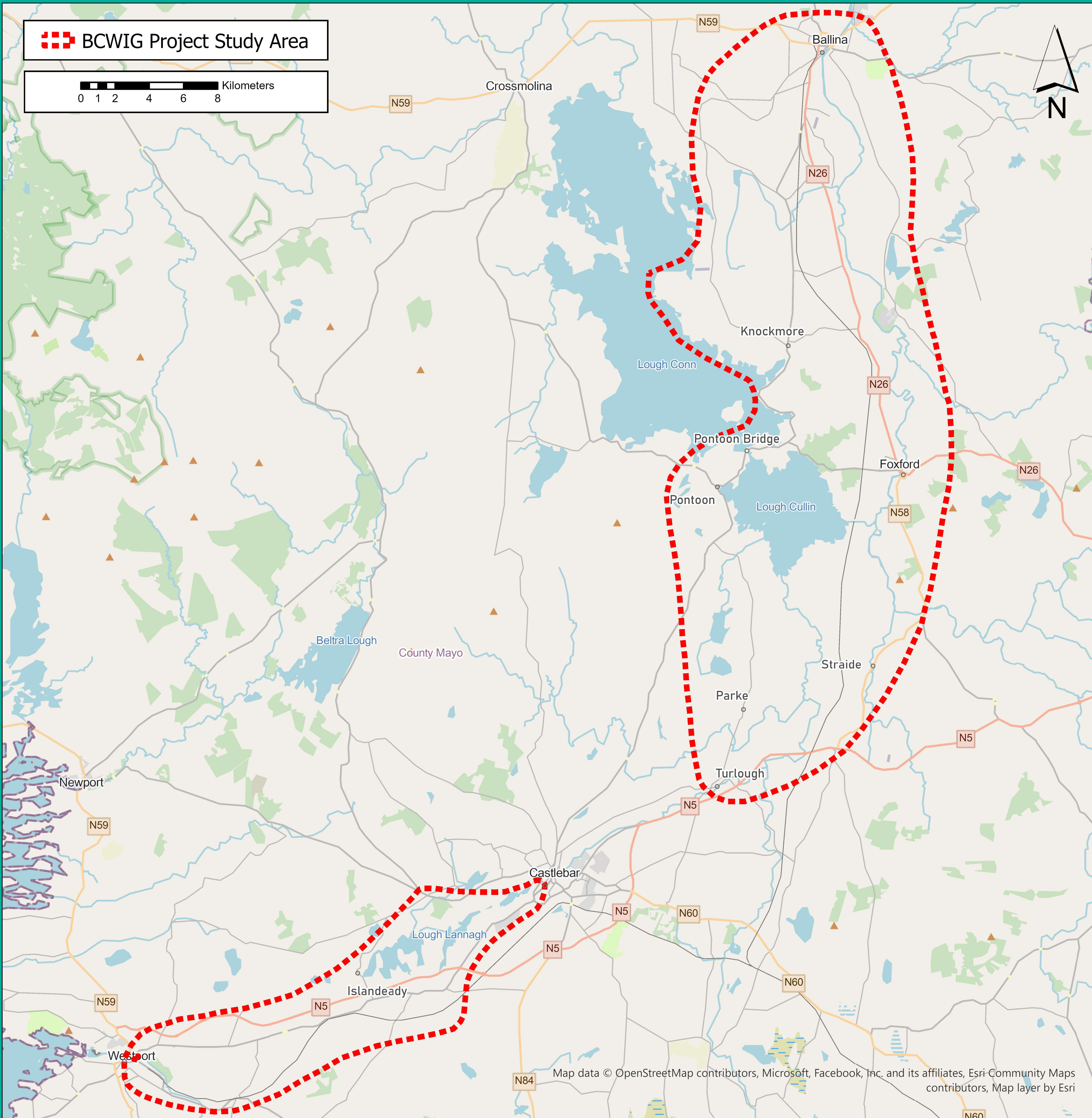


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### STUDY AREA

The Study Area encompasses an area from Ballina to Castlebar to Westport. The total distance is circa. 50km. Existing infrastructure will be incorporated where available such as the Castlebar to Turlough Greenway.



### CONSTRAINTS / OPPORTUNITIES

The Constraints Study is the identifying of all the physical / artificial / engineering / natural elements within the study area which it is expected that options will be developed and examined.

The development of this greenway may present opportunity for new eco-tourism and active travel businesses to capitalise on the growing market, such as the development of bike tours, bike repair/ sales, walking tours and food and beverage retailers.

#### The considerations used to establish the study area are:

- Overall scheme objectives.
- The “Five S” criteria – Scenic, Sustainable, Segregated, Offer Lots to See & Do, Strategic.
- Environmental Impacts.
- Engineering.
- Finance Considerations.

### NEXT STAGES

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 all reasonable options, which will then be subjected to an Options Assessment to identify and determine that there is at least one feasible option. A summary of the Options Assessment and recommended option(s) proposed for advancement to Phase 2 (Options Selection) will be prepared.

In Phase 2, a second period of non-statutory public consultation will be held, where the public will again be invited to make submissions and comment on the Proposed Options prior to a Preferred Option being identified.

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