



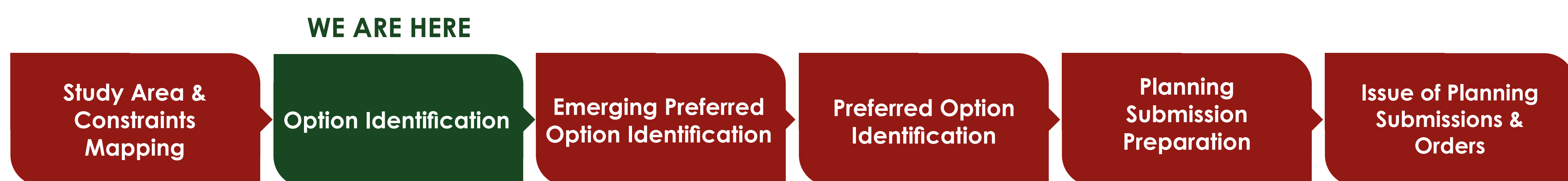
Introduction

The Bridgend Local Area Plan 2018-2024 identifies as a critical action the need for a detailed study of the N13 corridor through the village to examine and recommend appropriate solutions to provide a more attractive and pedestrian-friendly village centre environment whilst minimising any impact on the operational effectiveness of the route and, equally, of the established businesses served off the road.

Subsequently, Donegal County Council, in conjunction with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) appointed ROD-AECOM Consulting Engineers as technical advisors to progress this project from consideration of Options (which may include looking at both on-line and off-line options), selection of a Preferred Improvement Option, and to take the project through the Statutory Processes before developing a Detailed Design.

Following the identification of various constraints within an initial study area covering the environs of Bridgend. Public Consultation 1 was held at An Grianán Hotel in late March 2022 informing members of the public and other interested parties of the constraints identified that could affect the development of future options (including environmental issues, safety, local development needs, pedestrian and cyclists needs, and co-ordination with the A2 Buncrana Road project currently being developed by the Department for Infrastructure in Northern Ireland, and the North West Greenway Network). The consultation period lasted about 4 weeks. Following feedback to Public Consultation 1, the Study Area was developed to accommodate potential options further west of Bridgend.

Since Public Consultation 1 the project has moved into the Options Identification Stage. As part of this stage, ROD-AECOM developed potential improvement options for assessment in accordance with TII's Project Management Guidelines.



TII PMG Project Roadmap

As part of this stage, Donegal County Council now invites the residents of the local area, members of the public and other interested parties to offer comments and views on the developed options. This second non-statutory public consultation will run from 6th September – 4th October 2022 with an exhibition being held at An Grianán Hotel on the 6th September 2022.

We would like to receive your views on the options being taken forward to the Stage 2 Project Appraisal Matrix. Your feedback is important and will help inform this assessment.