



Option Selection

The project is currently in **Phase 2: Options Selection**, which is a 3-stage process. The three stages to select the preferred option are outlined below.

Phase 2 option selection	Stage 1 - Preliminary options assessment
	Stage 2 - project appraisal matrix
	Stage 3 - Preferred option

During the initial phase of the Stage 1 Preliminary Options Assessment, we identified feasible Route Corridor Options within the developed study area whilst taking account of the constraints (Stage 0) and the feedback received from the first non-statutory public consultation (held in March 2022).

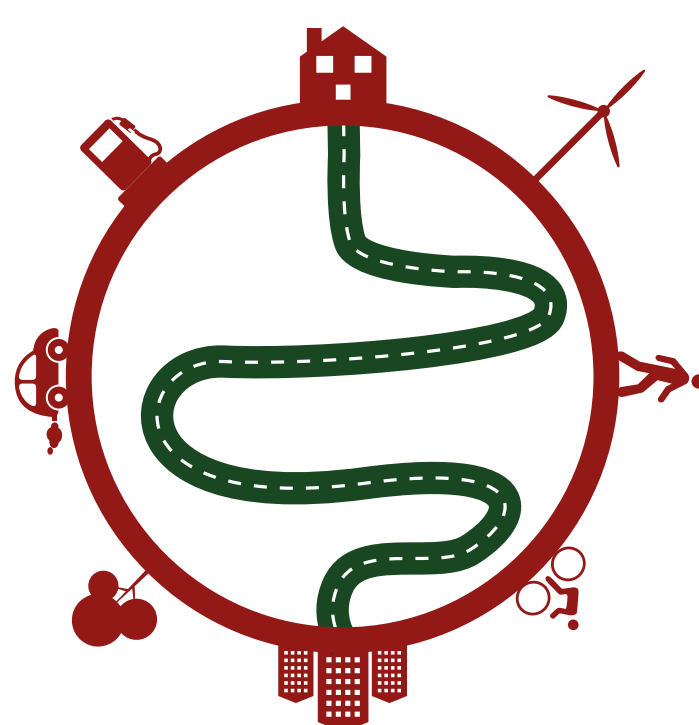
Initially 21 options were developed covering a range of potential scenarios, excluding the do-minimum scenario (total 22). The Do-Minimum provides for the maintenance of existing facilities and services in the study corridor and region.

This number was refined to 14 feasible options (excluding the Do-Minimum). These 14 options were subjected to the Stage 1 Preliminary Options Assessment in accordance with the TII Project Management Guidelines and Project Appraisal Guidelines under the headings of:

Engineering



Environment



Economy



The Stage 1 Preliminary Options Assessment has now been completed and has resulted in 4 improvement options and the Do-Minimum being taken forward to the Stage 2 Project Appraisal Matrix.

These options are shown as 200m wide corridors. These corridors do not represent the actual width of the proposed road development or the lands to be acquired. The corridors simply indicate the lands within which a road alignment could feasibly be developed.

Note, there is also facility for the public to view the options in more detail in the virtual public consultation room and subsequently on the project website.