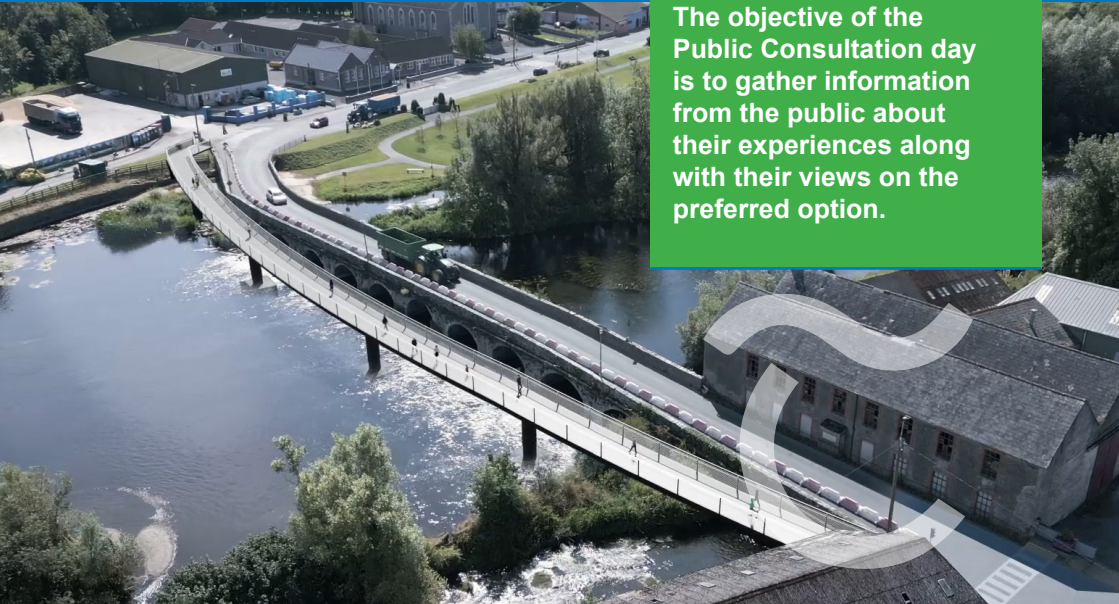


Public Consultation

ARDFINNAN PEDESTRIAN & CYCLE BRIDGE

Phase 3 - Preliminary Design



The objective of the Public Consultation day is to gather information from the public about their experiences along with their views on the preferred option.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Ardfinnan Bridge Project Phase 3 is to assess and develop a designated crossing facility for pedestrians and cyclists over the River Suir and to allow for the commercial and housing premises in the north of the village, to connect with the village amenities in the south.

The project is to provide a safe and accessible pedestrian and cycle facility for all users across the River Suir at Ardfinnan, with minimal impact on the visual status and heritage values of the existing bridge and historic surroundings. The location of the proposed bridge gives the opportunity for new sightlines of the historic Ardfinnan Castle and mills to be created and allows for a high level of connectivity between north and south of the river.



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BACKGROUND

Arup have been appointed by Tipperary County Council to provide multi-disciplinary engineering and other specialist consultancy services for the Preliminary Design Stage, i.e. **Phase 3** of the project in accordance with the National Transport Agency Project Approval Guidelines 2024. Government funding via the NTA, has been allocated for the delivery and completion of Phase 3, however currently there is no financial commitment to the future progression of the project.

The National Transport Authority provides grant allocations to local authorities for active travel projects on an annual basis. This level of funding is not sufficient to progress all schemes through planning, design and construction. Accordingly, the progression of projects must be phased in line with available funding and additional funding opportunities will have to be explored for subsequent phases of the project.

The proposed bridge is located within the Lower River Suir Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and the existing masonry bridge is listed in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH).

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

In the previous phase, **Phase 2**, an optioneering assessment was carried out. The emerging preferred option from this phase was an Independent Footbridge. The project team has developed the preliminary design of the emerging preferred option. The proposed Ardfinnan Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge is to be located adjacent to the eastern side of the existing Ardfinnan Bridge, connecting into Barrack Street on the north bank and Main St on the south.

The main aim of **Phase 3** is to develop the Preliminary Business Case to ensure that the emerging preferred option meets current national standards and to put forward a robust preliminary design so that planning approval can be achieved in **Phase 4** (funding dependent).

Baseline Ecological and Archaeological Surveys have been completed which will input into the EIA and AA Screening however, it is anticipated that Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Assessment (NiS) will be required with statutory approval obtained through An Bórd Pleanála (ABP)

DESIGN

The emerging preferred option is a shared use pedestrian and cycle bridge. It will contain functional lighting for the user's safety. The proposed bridge will be curved in plan and is to have a maximum offset of 7.0m from the eastern apron of the existing bridge.

The alignment of the bridge will allow for enhanced views of Ardfinnan bridge and the surrounding watercourse.

PROJECT PHASING

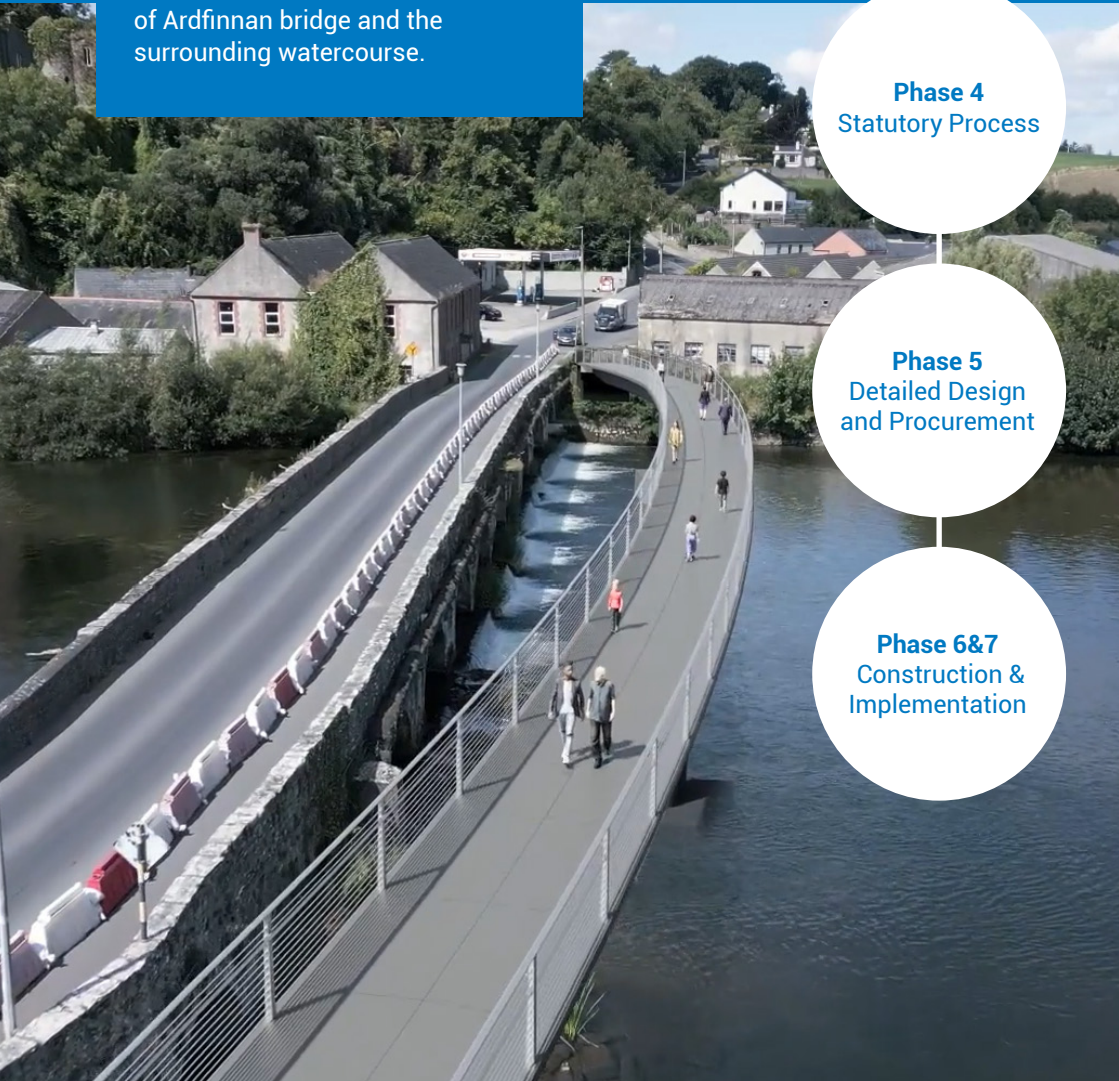


Phase 3
Preliminary
Design

Phase 4
Statutory Process

Phase 5
Detailed Design
and Procurement

Phase 6&7
Construction &
Implementation



WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

The project is currently at **Phase 3 Preliminary Design Stage**. The purpose of Phase 3 is to develop and investigate in further detail the emerging preferred option from Phase 2 and to progress the design. The appraisal work required for the Preliminary Business Case (PBC) brings together relevant details from the Options Selection Phase to form a complete statement documenting the rationale behind, and justification for the project.

Any considerations, information or constraints details are welcome, and any feedback will be assessed by the project team in the further development of the scheme.



The Public Consultation period for the preliminary design stage is planned from 04th December to 31st January 2025. All display documents will be made available online and at the council offices as shown below:

Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District Office
Rosanna Road
Tipperary Town
Co. Tipperary
E34 WD51.

Clonmel Civic Offices
Emmet Street
Clonmel
Co. Tipperary
E91N512.

Documents may be inspected during normal office hours, 9.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday from Wednesday the 04th December 2024 to Friday 31st January 2025 inclusive (excluding weekends and bank Holidays)

IN-PERSON CONSULTATION EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE

Dates
Thursday
19th December 2024

Time
14:00-20:00

Location
Ardfinnan Community Centre,
Ardfinnan Village,
County Tipperary,
E91 TH94

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR VIEWS AND FEEDBACK

(From 04th December 2024 to 31st January 2025 by Post, Email or Complete online)



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