

# South East Greenway

## WHAT

The South East Greenway (incorporating the Kilkenny Greenway) will be a state-of-the-art off-road 24km cycling and walking route linking New Ross, County Wexford with Ferrybank, County Waterford through South Kilkenny. The Greenway will be constructed on the disused railway line between Waterford and New Ross and is being jointly developed by Kilkenny County Council (KCC), Wexford County Council and Waterford City & County Council. Construction has commenced on the Greenway with the lifting of sleepers and rail tracks and it is hoped works will be completed and the Greenway will be open by the summer of 2022.

**For more information on the progress in constructing the Greenway please see:**  
<http://southeastgreenway.net/stories-of-the-greenway/>

## BACKGROUND

- » KCC is obligated to provide public car parks along the route in strategic locations to allow people access the Greenway. Ferrybank is considered a strategic location as it is situated on the rural to urban transition of the Greenway. (It is close to Waterford City, schools and amenity areas.)
- » Concerns were raised during local resident meetings regarding the initial car park option in Ferrybank. These concerns are being taken into consideration and further site options are being explored.
- » KCC is now carrying out a community consultation in Ferrybank during the month of Nov-Jan with a view to identifying the best location for this car park to progress to part 8 planning.
- » In light of the COVID-19 restrictions KCC is running a survey during the month of Nov/Dec. So have your say – take part in our survey.

- » In December, following the survey, an online session will be held to assist in identifying the location of the car park in Ferrybank and discuss any other ideas and concerns you may have about the greenway. For those who cannot access the online session for whatever reason we will find a way of reaching you via other means (i.e. using the postal system & representative resident groups, etc.).

## NEXT

- » A report will be produced at the end of this consultation period and this will be made publicly available.
- » During the Part 8 planning process, the local community will again have a further opportunity to give their views on the preferred location.

**We value the insights of the local community, as experts in your area and we are interested in what you have to say about the car park and Greenway as a whole. We aim to conduct a thorough and transparent process that will incorporate the hopes and address the concerns of the local population insofar as possible. Where insights cannot be incorporated in the project we will give an explanation as to why this is the case.**

## TIMELINE

- » The survey deadline is the 10th December, 2020
- » The date of the online session is in the 2nd week of December TBC (you can help us decide the date and time via the survey)
- » The submission for planning is aimed to be in the first quarter of 2021

We value **your** views.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- **Survey:** Access the survey online at <https://form.jotform.com/203093686363056>
- **Print:** Hard copies are available . If you wish to collect a hard copy of the survey from the KCC Ferrybank Area Office, you may do so by calling 051 831379 to make an appointment to collect. Please note that due to current Govt restrictions, it is essential that you call the Office in advance to make an appointment.
- **Queries:** If you have any queries please email [info@southeastgreenway.net](mailto:info@southeastgreenway.net)
- **QR Code:**



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## MAP OF THE ROUTE



*"Greenways are for everyone"* Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways

Experience of Greenways developed in other parts of the country has demonstrated that they have many benefits. In particular, they contribute positively to:

- » **Health & Wellbeing** - Greenways encourage physical activity and provide safe scenic routes for all to enjoy thereby contributing to a healthier society
- » **Economic Growth** - Greenways are significant economic drivers, bringing increased visitors to the area and creating opportunities for existing and new businesses and job creation. Greenways are also an amenity that make an area more attractive to potential buyers
- » **Environment & Sustainability** - Greenways provide safe walking and cycling options for commuters and protect and promote wildlife
- » **Culture & History** - Greenways promote unique and valued aspects of the local area linking places of interest, recreation and leisure with things to see and do

*Greenways "are catalyst projects that have been shown to rejuvenate communities and offer genuine high-value experiences."* Brian Quinn, Client Services Manager, Failte Ireland