Introduction

The Department for Infrastructure (DfI) is currently developing options to provide a new strategic road link between the A1 Dublin Road dual carriageway and the A2 Warrenpoint Road dual carriageway.

The Scheme

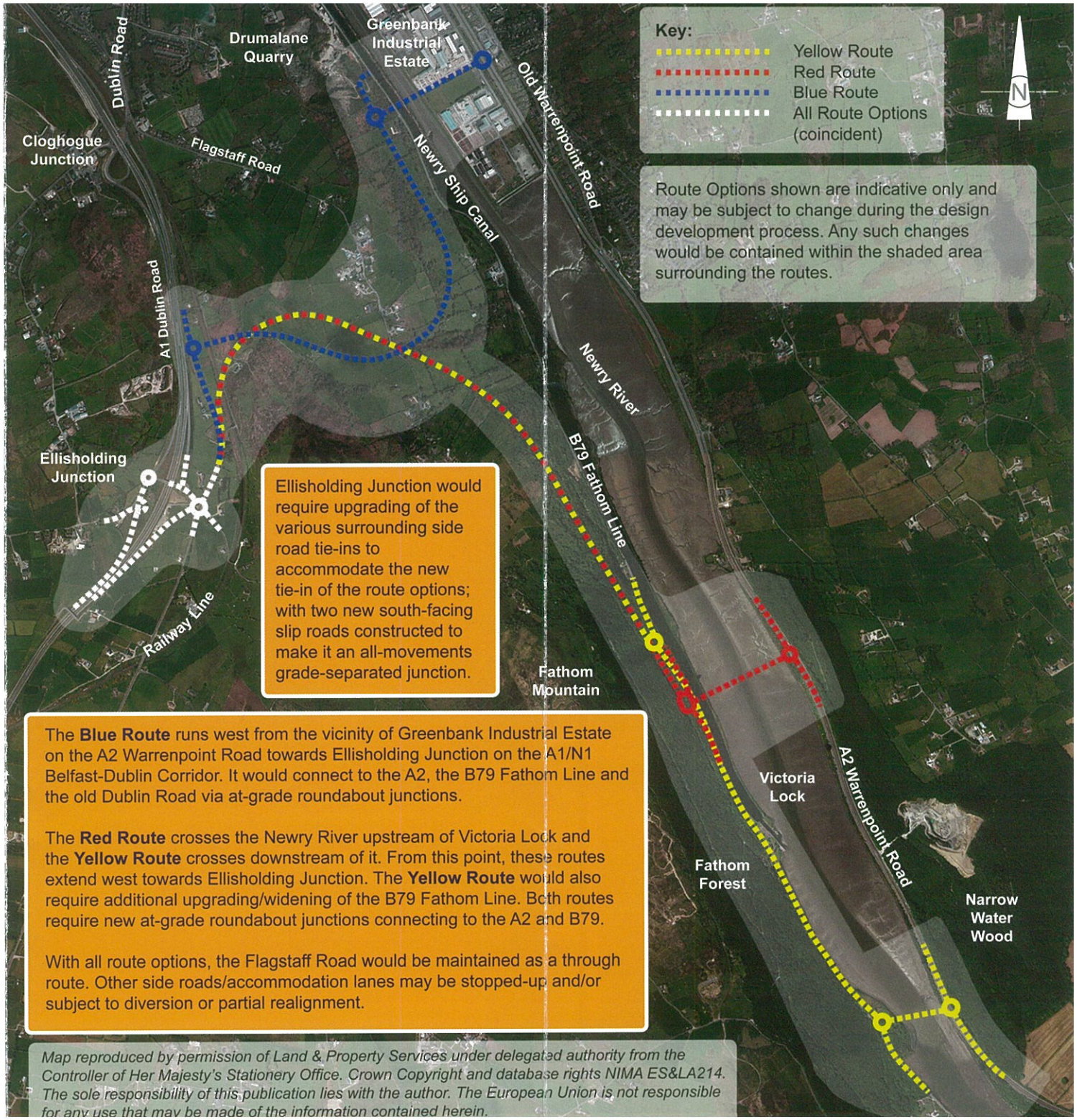
Three route options for the Newry Southern Relief Road (NSRR) Scheme have been developed and published for further consultation. These options are shown on the adjacent aerial map.

Scheme Objectives

Strategic traffic travelling between the A1 and the A2, including Heavy Goods Vehicles between Belfast/ Dublin and Warrenpoint Harbour, is required to pass through Newry city centre. The high volume of traffic leads to significant congestion in the city centre during periods of peak demand, resulting in increased journey times and poor journey time reliability. The conflict between strategic and local traffic contributes to the congestion.

Transport objectives of the scheme are to:

- **Reduce journey times for strategic traffic between the A1 Belfast / Dublin Key Transport Corridor and the A2 Warrenpoint Road;**
- **Improve journey time reliability for strategic traffic;**
- **Reduce conflict between strategic and local traffic movements;**
- **Contribute positively to transport economic efficiency;**
- **Contribute positively to road safety;**
- **Minimise impact on the environment;**
- **Achieve value for money; and**
- **Maintain navigation of the Newry Ship Canal.**



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Purpose of Community Consultation

The purpose of this consultation is to inform the local community of the emerging proposals for Newry Southern Relief Road (NSRR) and to seek comments to help inform design development.

Consultation will consist of a variety of avenues including interactive community consultation events, unstaffed exhibition displays, the DfI website, as well as via email and telephone exchange. Questionnaires will be available at all venues.

This community consultation process offers an opportunity to engage directly with representatives of DfI as well as members of the Project Team.

What Happens Next?

Following this consultation, DfI will continue to identify environmental, engineering, economic and traffic advantages, disadvantages and constraints associated with the three route options. Public feedback on the options will be taken into consideration by DfI when identifying the Preferred Option.This will be published in the Preferred Options Report.

Following selection of the Preferred Option, DfI will further refine the design in liaison with the local community and key stakeholders. Detailed environmental, engineering, economic and traffic assessments of the Preferred Option will be completed, and the following documents published:

- **the draft Direction Order;**
- **the draft Vesting Order; and**
- **the Environmental Statement.**

Following publication of these documents, the public and key stakeholders will have the opportunity to formally comment on the Preferred Option. Depending on the responses received, DfI may decide to hold a Public Inquiry into the proposed scheme.

Community Consultation

Sean Hollywood Arts Centre, Newry
Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th November 2017
from 10am to 9pm.

Unstaffed Exhibition Displays

Unstaffed exhibition displays will be located at the following venues from 6th to 24th November 2017

- **Newry City Library,** 79 Hill Street, BT34 1DG
- **Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Offices,** Monaghan Row, Newry, BT35 8DJ
- **Warrenpoint Town Hall**, Church Street, BT34 3HN

The exhibitions will be available for viewing during the normal opening hours of each venue.

Further Information

Should you have any queries, comments, or require this leaflet in an accessible format, please submit via any of the following:

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All project information is available at:

www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/newry-southern-relief-road-overview

It is important to note that any comments made during the consultation process do not affect your statutory rights to make further comment upon publication of the draft Direction Order, the draft Vesting Order or the Environmental Statement.

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