

THE ROLE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN PLANNING

GREENWAYS



South East Region





smarter travel >>>
GoDungarvan





MAIN OBJECTIVE

- **SHIFT TRAVEL MODES** FROM THE PRIVATE CAR TO WALKING, CYCLING, PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND CAR SHARING;
- IMPROVE THE **HEALTH AND WELL-BEING** OF RESIDENTS OF DUNGARVAN;
- BENEFITS TO THE **ENVIRONMENT**
- **LEAD BY EXAMPLE** FOR TOWNS THROUGHOUT IRELAND AND ACT AS AN INTERNATIONAL **MODEL OF GOOD PRACTICE**

How

- DELIVERY OF BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE
- INTRODUCE INFRASTRUCTURAL CHANGE

Dungarvan was awarded €7.2m by the DTTAS under the Smarter Travel Areas Programme 2012 - 2016

SOFT MEASURES

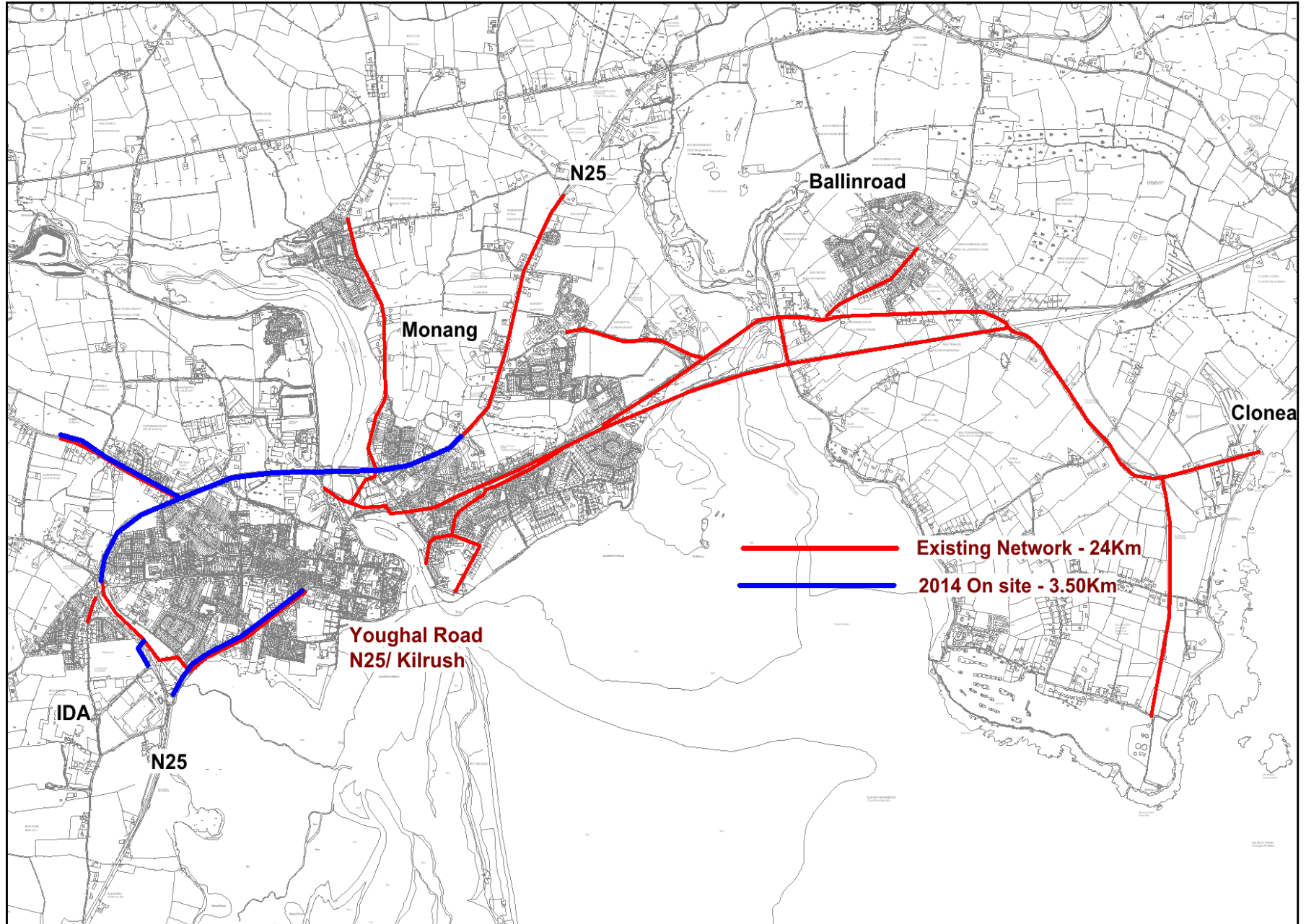
EDUCATION/ INFORMATION & MARKETING



MAIN MEASURES INCLUDE:

- QUARTERLY NEWSLETTERS
- REGULAR PRESS RELEASES AND MEDIA CAMPAIGN
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- EDUCATION AND PROMOTION TO 9 LOCAL SCHOOLS AND 12 LOCAL CHILDCARE SERVICE PROVIDERS
- **WORKPLACE SMARTER TRAVEL PLANS**
- PROMOTIONAL AND AWARENESS RAISING INITIATIVES E.G. EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK, ROAD SAFETY WEEK AND WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK.
- BIKE WEEK
- EVENTS AND FESTIVALS
- CYCLE SKILLS TRAINING & BALANCE BIKE PROGRAMMES
- EDUCATIONAL AND AWARENESS RAISING MATERIAL E.G. GO SCHOOL SMART BOOKLET, GO DUNGARVAN LOCAL GUIDE
- **E-BOOK PILOT PROJECT**
- CHAMPIONS INITIATIVE
- GO SPORT SMART
- GP EXERCISE REFERRAL
- PROMOTION OF E-WORKING

Cycle Network

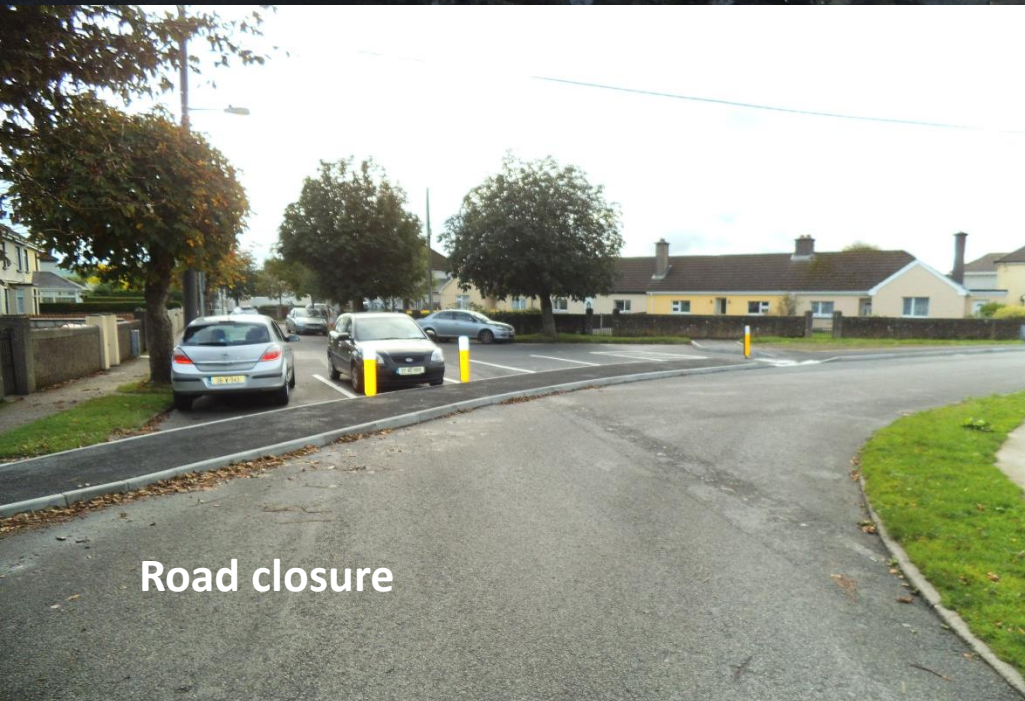






Changing facilities

Bike parking



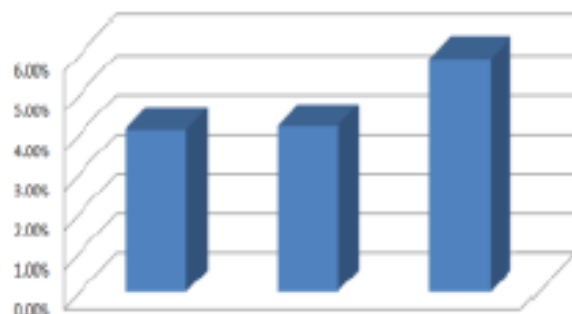
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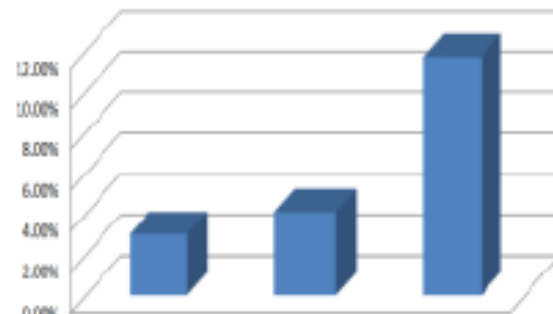
Traffic calming measures

Cycling to School

Total Students Cycling in St. Augustine's 2013-2015



Total Students Cycling in Scoil Mhuire 2013-2015



Cycling in St. Joseph's 2013-2015

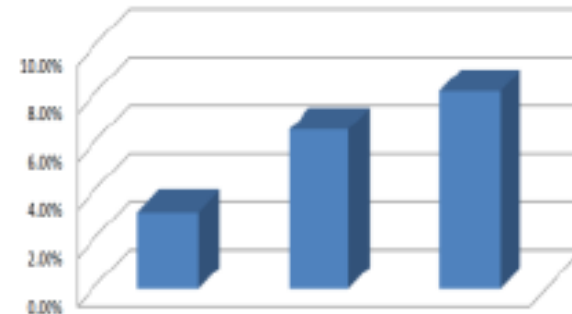
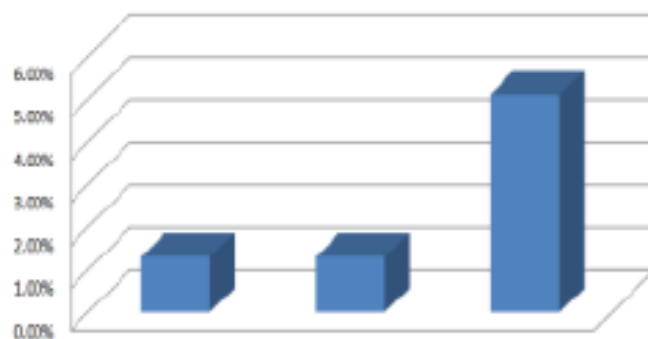
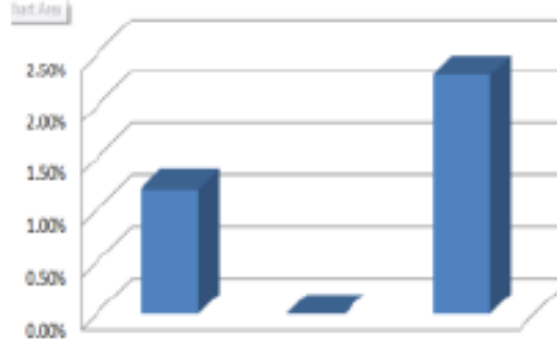


Figure 6.4: Positive Trends in the number of students cycling to school

Girls Cycling in Scoil Mhuire 2013-2015



Girls Cycling in St. Augustine's 2013-2015



Girls Cycling in Scoil Gharbhain 2013-2015

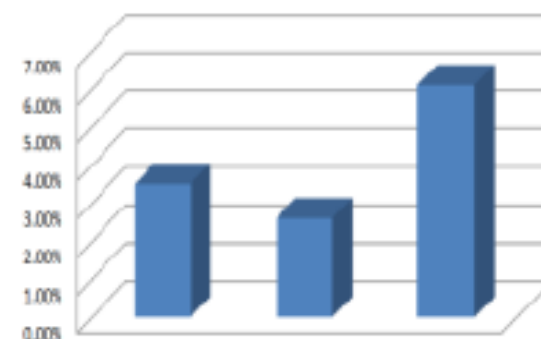
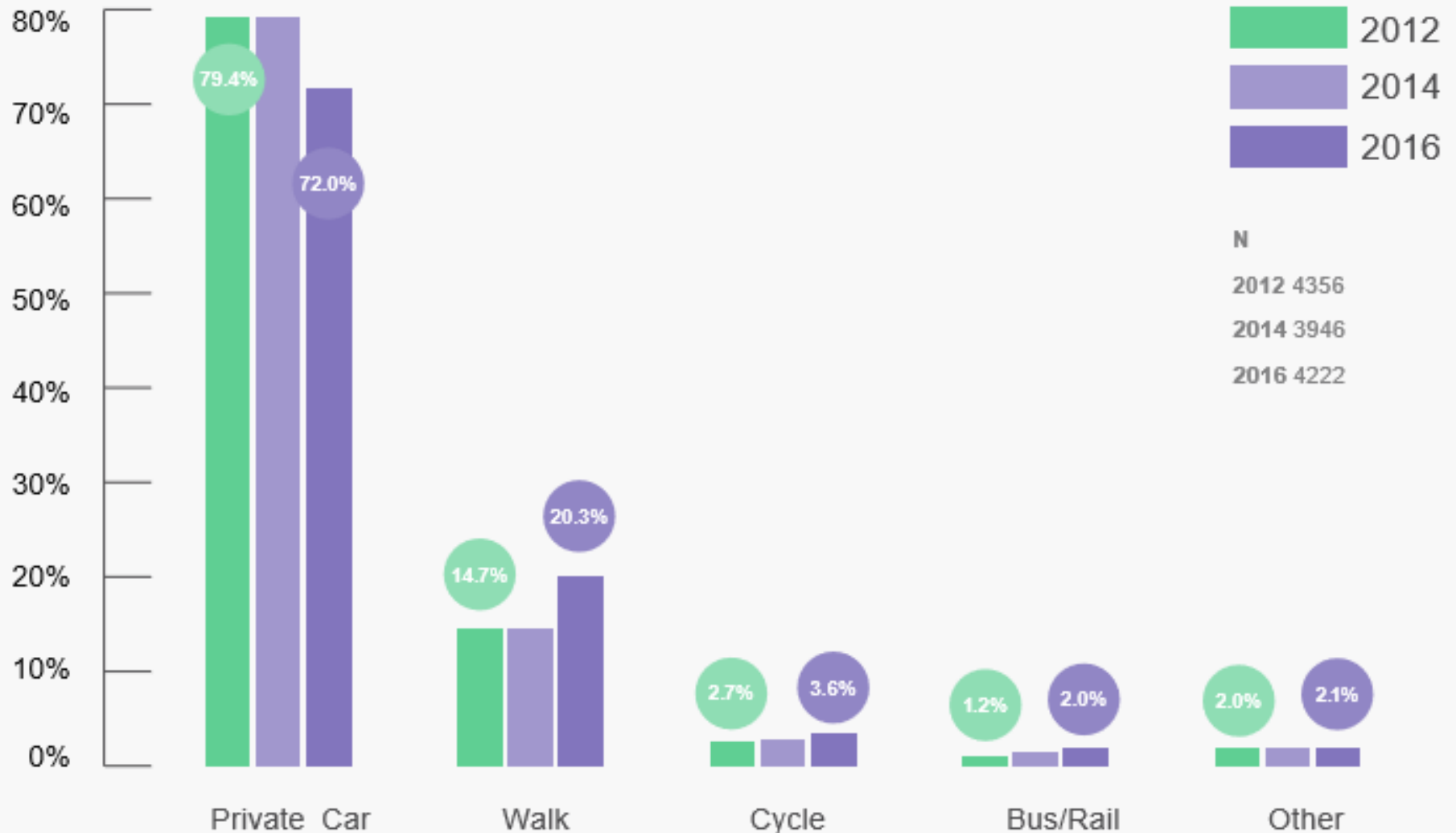


Figure 6.5: Positive trends in girls cycling to school

AECOM Evaluation Report 2018

FIG 4.5: DUNGARVAN HTS, MODAL SHIFT, ALL TRIPS, 2012-2016



Smarter Travel Legacy

- Waterford Sports Partnership
 - Continue to work with target groups
 - Run training classes with schools
 - Host events to promote walking and cycling
- It acted as a catalyst for the Waterford Greenway Project

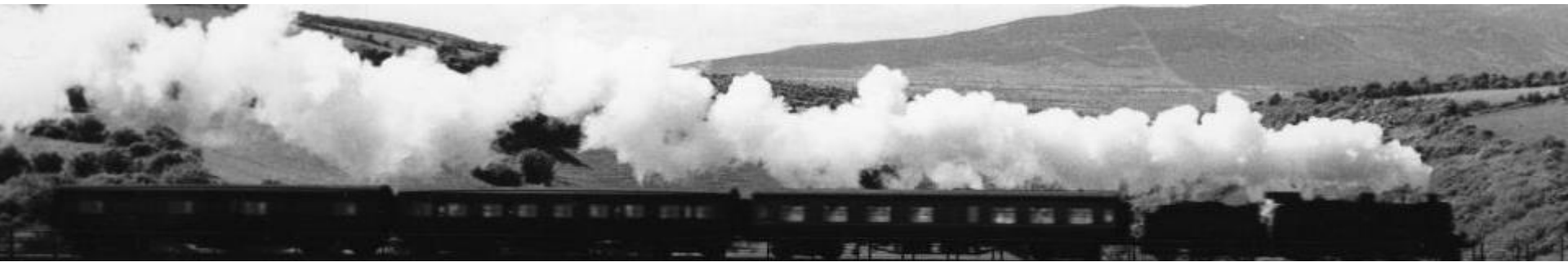


The Waterford Greenway



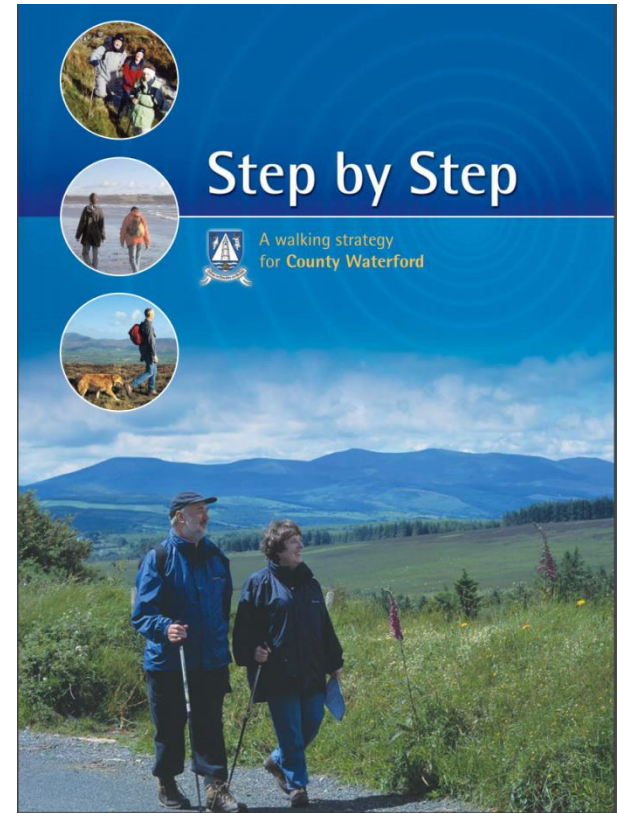
History

- Waterford, Dungarvan & Lismore Railway
- Opened to rail users on 12th August, 1878 .
- On 25th March 1967-Last passenger train travelled the line
- 1982 last goods train servicing the Quigley Magnesite Plant at Ballinacourty
- Railway line abandonment notice published 1995



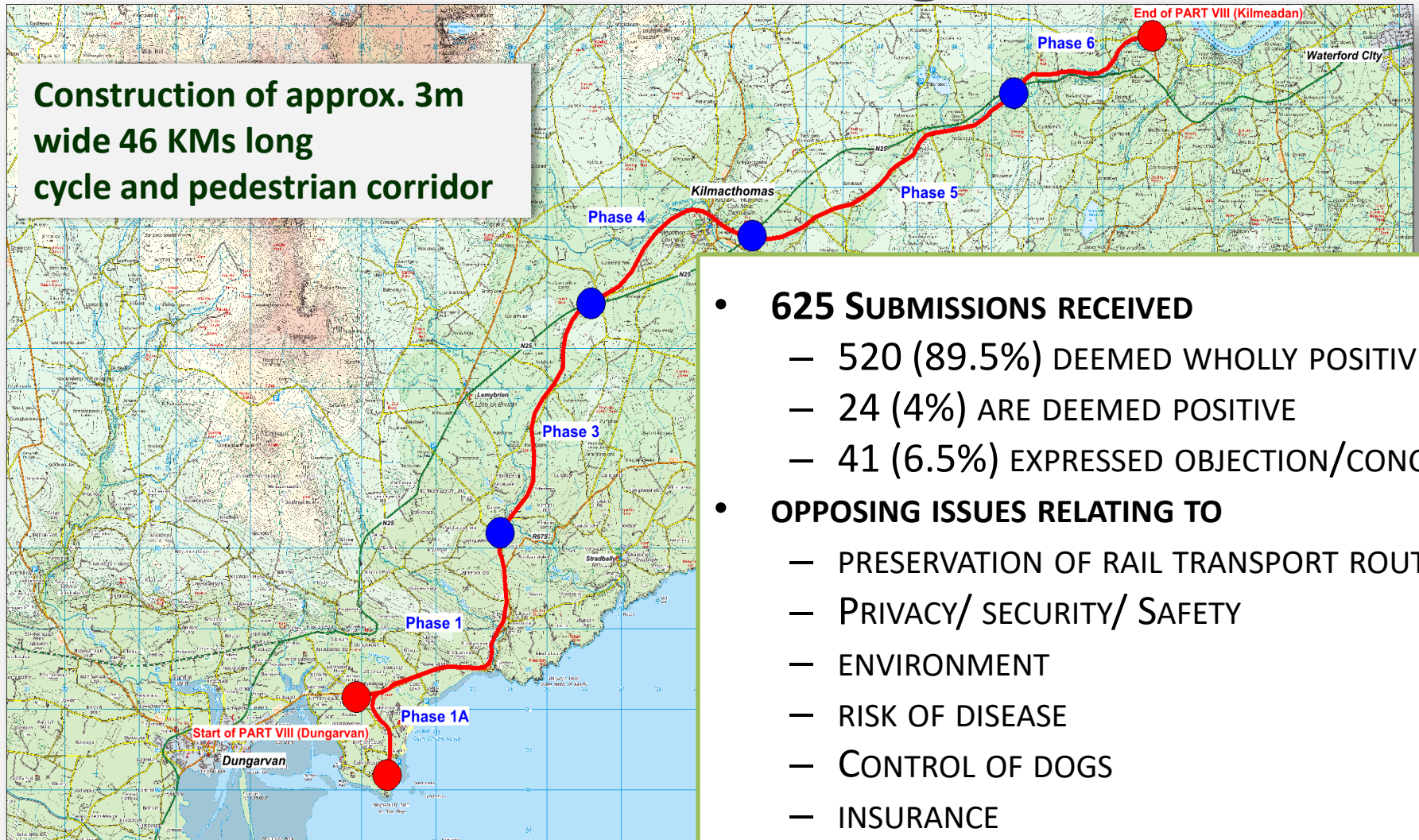
Development Proposal

- Waterford walking strategy prepared in 2006
- Develop a walking route from Dungarvan to Waterford
- Licence agreement from CIE Aug 2006
- Ownership issues with farmers and railway cottage owners
- Claims for Adverse Possession
- Injunction take out by some land owners against Greenway Works
- Opposition from some Councillors
- In 2014 agreement reached with landowners
- Part 8 approved in 2014



Part VIII Planning Process

Construction of approx. 3m wide 46 KMs long cycle and pedestrian corridor



- **625 SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED**
 - 520 (89.5%) DEEMED WHOLLY POSITIVE
 - 24 (4%) ARE DEEMED POSITIVE
 - 41 (6.5%) EXPRESSED OBJECTION/CONCERN
- **OPPOSING ISSUES RELATING TO**
 - PRESERVATION OF RAIL TRANSPORT ROUTE,
 - PRIVACY/ SECURITY/ SAFETY
 - ENVIRONMENT
 - RISK OF DISEASE
 - CONTROL OF DOGS
 - INSURANCE
 - PROTECTION OF EXISTING & ADJOINING USE

Charter for Greenway Accommodation Works

Charter for Greenway Accommodation Works



Waterford County Council

The Charter was developed as a result of the submissions received during the Part 8 process.

The charter was drawn up in consultation with local representative groups, landowners, local authority staff and a consultant engineer working on behalf of the landowners involved

-in the interests of neighbourliness and community involvement Waterford County Council proposes a Charter of Accommodation Works for adjoining property owners.....

Sets out Accommodation works for :

- Railway Cottages
- Dairy Farmers
- Farm Crossings
- Private Roads
- Dwellings
- Introduced the dispute resolution mechanism

Key Elements of Greenway Infrastructure

- 15 underpasses
- 2 national road underpasses
- 165m boardwalk and 6 bridges
- 1 new bridge over N25
- 46km of macadam & surface dressing



Accommodation Works

- 130 landowners
- 48,000m of fencing
- 1,420m of boundary walls
- 50 concrete farm crossings
- 11 railway cottages



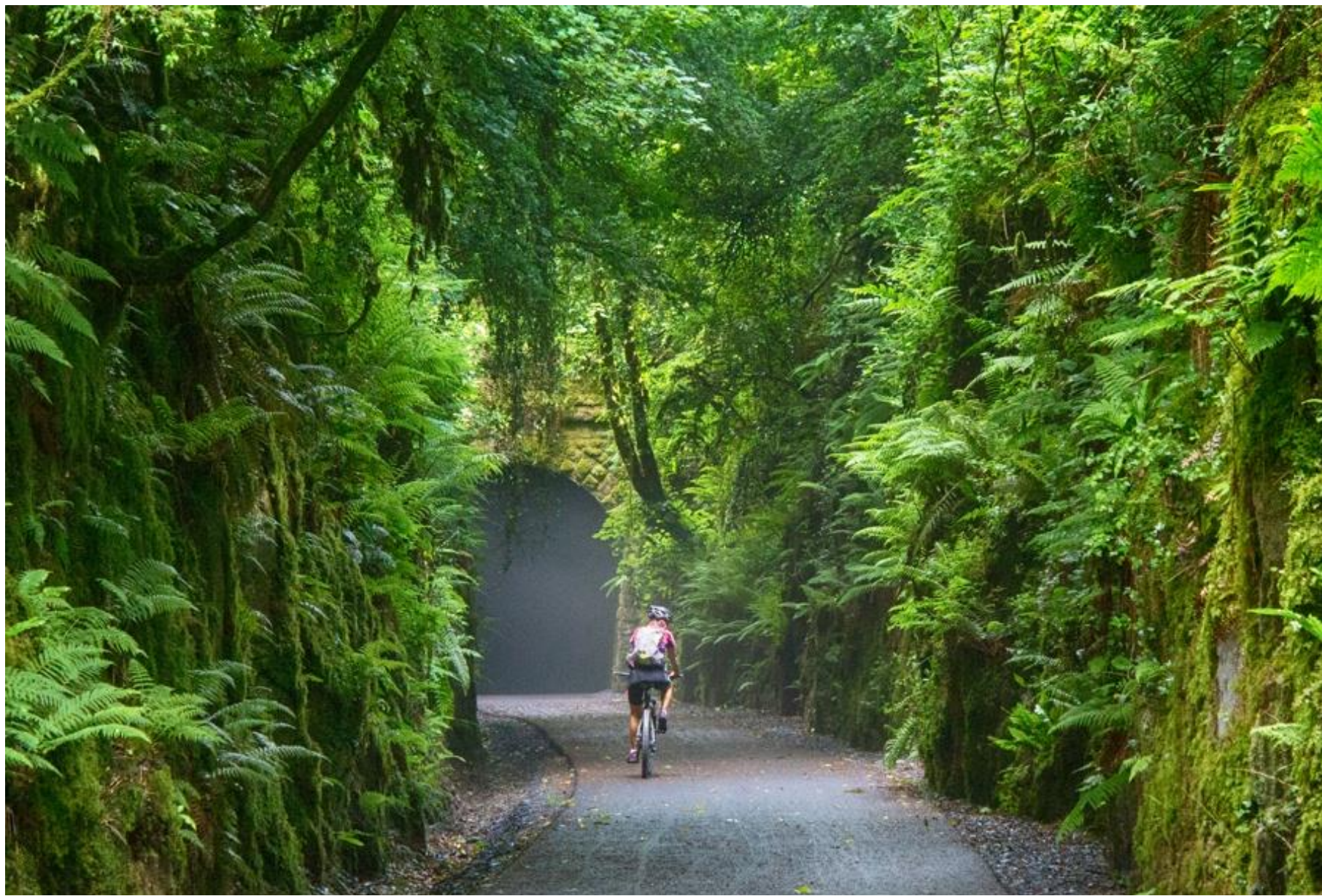
Ancillary Infrastructure

- 7 Greenway car parks
- Interpretative information
- Code of respect signage
- Emergency access plan
- Directional signage

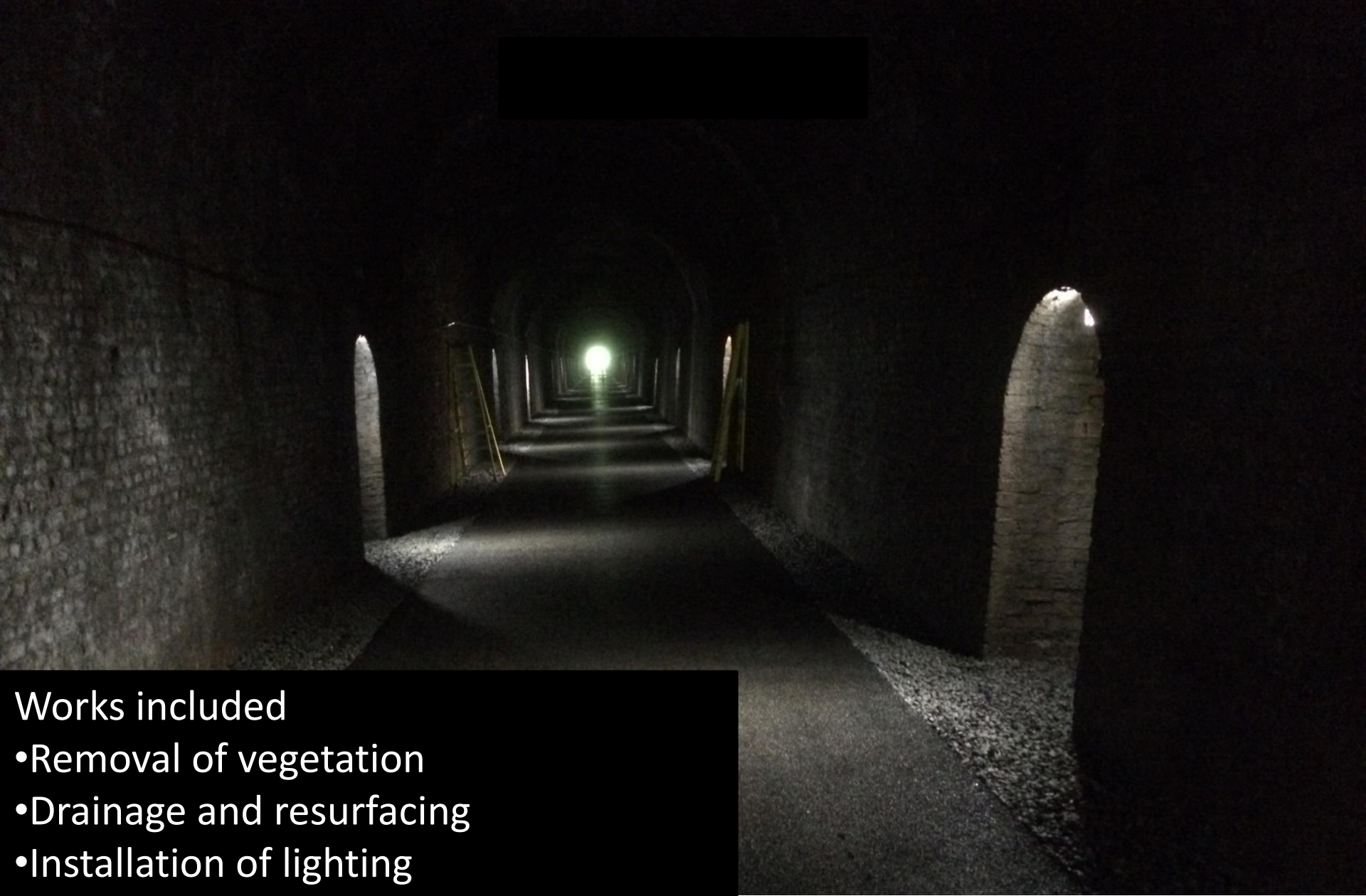




Greenway adjacent to Waterford Suir Valley Railway



Ballyvoyle Tunnel



Works included

- Removal of vegetation
- Drainage and resurfacing
- Installation of lighting

Ballyvoyle Tunnel

Works on Kilmacthomas Viaduct included

- Removal of vegetation
- Drainage and Pavement works.
- Increasing parapet heights, safety fencing on approach lengths



Viaduct at Kilmacthomas



Repairing handrail, resurfacing the platform and adding mesh

Ballyvoyle Viaduct



N25 Underpass



Bridge over N25-Kilmacthomas



Dungarvan Bay

Waterford Greenway

	2017	2018	2019
Total Unique Estimated Visitor Trips	248,000	283,500	284,014



Key Priorities

Promotion and marketing

- Website & Social media
- Brochures
- Trade shows and events
- Promotion Programme

Product Development

- Quality experience
- New attractions
- New business opportunities
- Animation & events



The Greenway Impact

1 New Hostel

8 New B&Bs

Greatest Airbnb increased demand in Ireland

8 new restaurants

5 new bike hire firms

At least 139 new jobs

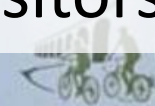
Significant increase in shoulder season visitors



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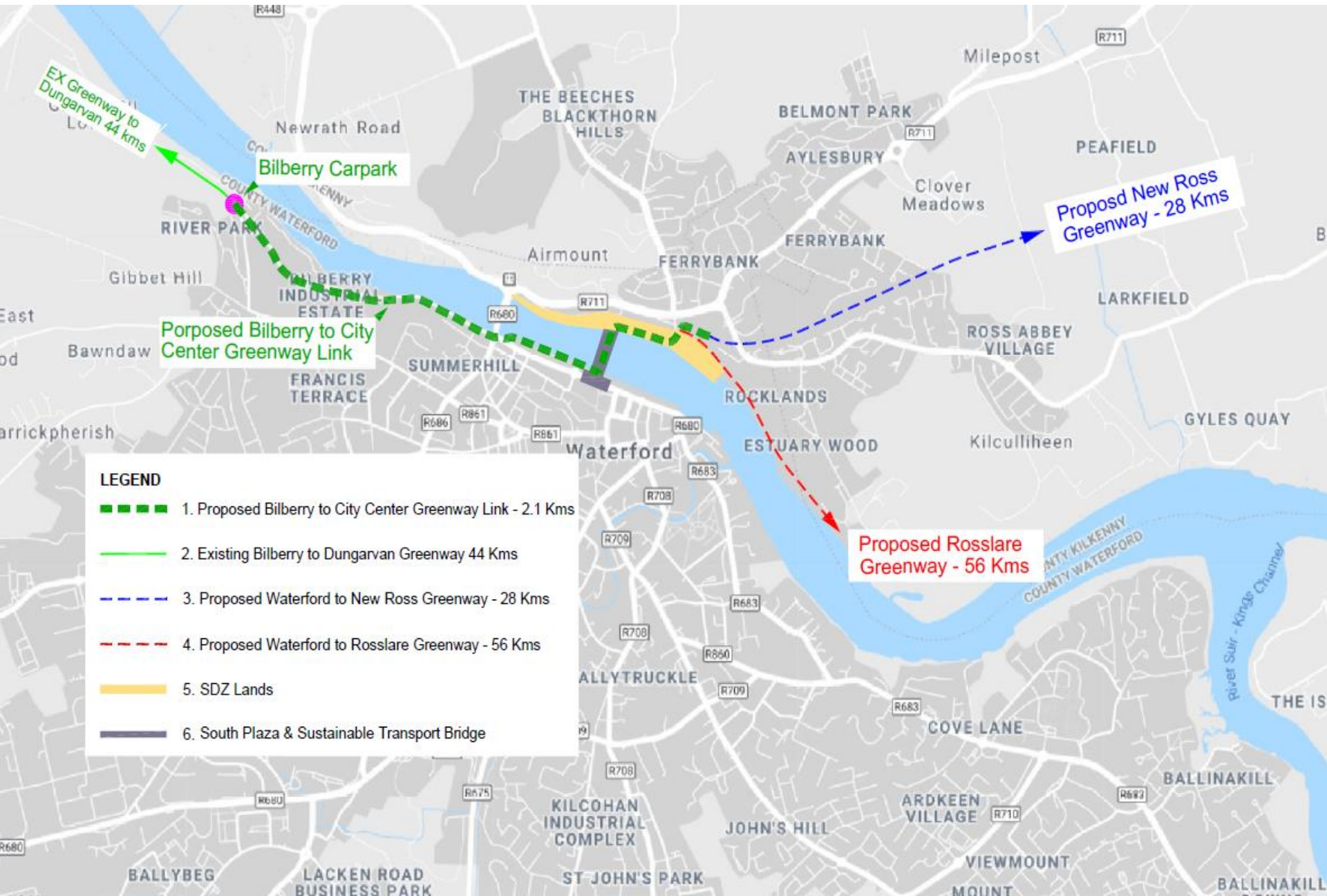


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South East Greenways



Bilberry to City Centre Waterford City Greenway Extension



Planned North Quays Development and sustainable transport bridge connecting to the South Quays



Waterford to New Ross 28kms



Construction started September 2020



Red Bridge New Ross



Route substantially intact



650m Tunnel at Mount Elliott

Other Greenways Under Consideration

Feasibility Commenced

- New Ross to St Mullins – Carlow / Kilkenny / Wexford
- Waterford to Tramore – Waterford
- Dungarvan, Lismore, Fermoy and Mitchelstown – Waterford/Cork
- Wexford Town to Rosslare - Wexford

Potential Routes Identified

- New Ross to Inistioge – Kilkenny
- Clonmel Connection – Tipperary
- Slieverue/Glenmore to South East Greenway – Kilkenny
- East Leinster Greyway

THANK YOU!

