

The Need for the Scheme

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) (formerly the National Roads Authority (NRA)), are promoting a scheme to provide Online Motorway Service Areas (MSA) at specific locations across the Irish Motorway Network.

TII is charged with providing a safe and efficient network of national roads. It is increasingly accepted that a safe road network includes the provision of sufficient parking areas to allow drivers to stop and rest. TII propose to meet the needs of road users through providing On-line Type 1 Service Areas at strategic locations along the motorway network. An On-line Type 1 Service Area is 'a large scale service area providing an amenity building (including a convenience shop, restaurant, washrooms and tourist information), fuel facilities, parking and picnic area'.

Study Area

The M18 MSA is being developed in line with the TII's National Policy as outlined in Service Area Policy document dated August 2014 available for download at the website address:

<http://www.tii.ie/tii-library/policies/>

As outlined in the policy document, a service area is proposed for the section of the M18 between Junction 7 (Hurler's Cross Sixmilebridge) and Junction 12 (Ennis) (The Study Area).



Site Options

As part of the site selection process to identify potential site options within this study area, the project team have been carrying out studies to identify the key engineering and environmental constraints.

A total of two sites are being assessed where a MSA could be developed. Refer to the map at the back of this brochure for the locations of the

potential sites. It is proposed to develop a MSA on one side of the motorway which would be accessible in either direction from a new grade separated junction on the M18 Motorway.

Following a review of the information gathered at this public consultation, together with a review of all ongoing environmental, engineering and economic assessments, the site selection study will then be finalised and a preferred site will be chosen.



What happens then?

A preliminary design will then be prepared. This will involve further detailed surveys and investigations in order to finalise the site layout and proposed grade separated junction providing access to the development. This will enable the extent of the land required for the proposed development to be determined.

An Environmental Impact Statement and Compulsory Purchase Order will then be prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanála. Future advancement of the scheme is subject to ongoing approvals and funding.

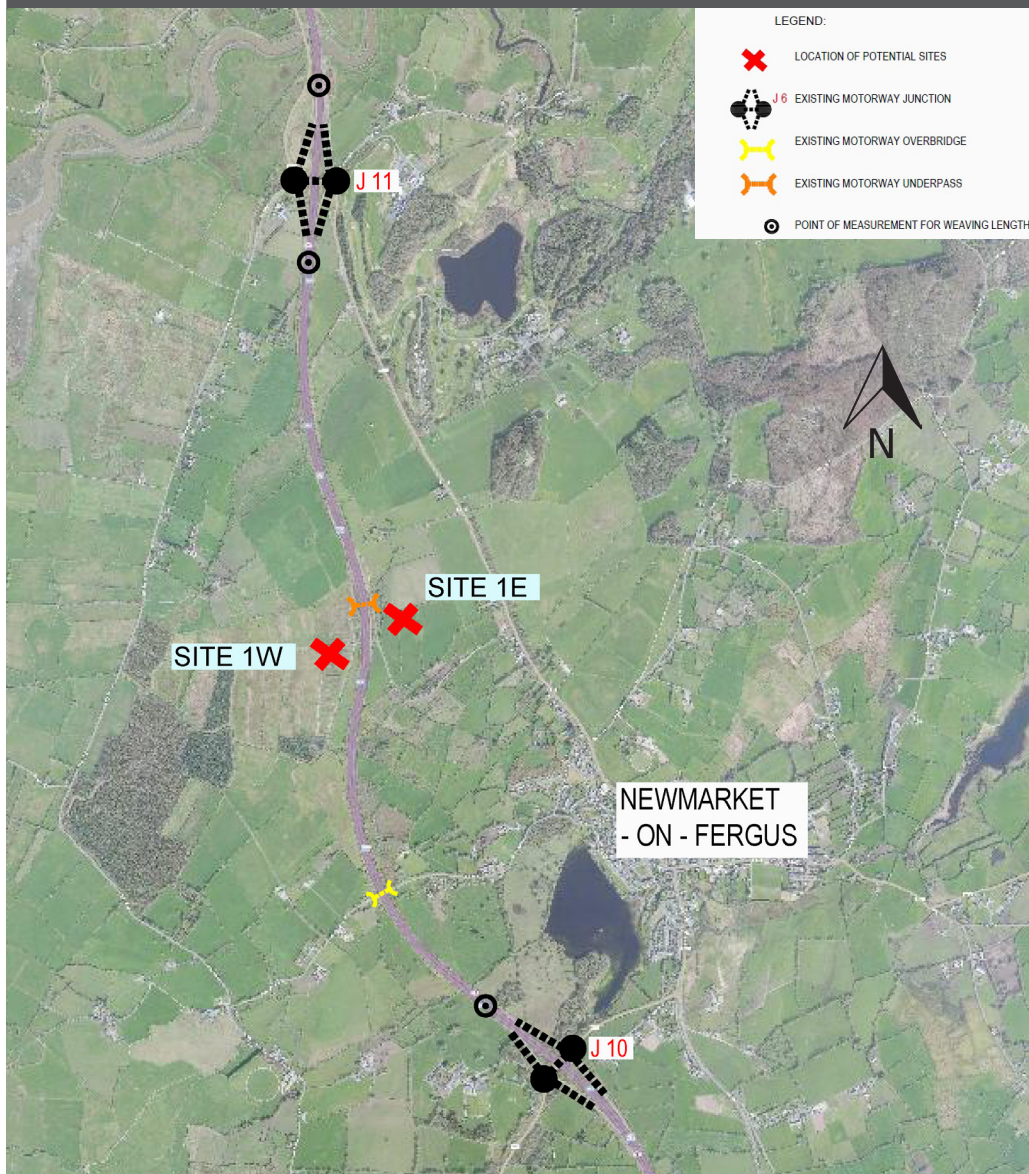


Your Involvement

Now that you have studied the proposal, please tell us your opinions on the feedback form provided. If you do not have time to complete it here please take it away with you and return by post to Halcrow Barry at the address overleaf within two weeks.

Your views and comments will be taken into consideration during the Site Selection Process.

Thank you for your assistance.



Location of Potential Sites for M18 MSA

Proposed M18 Motorway Service Area



Public Consultation Meeting

19th November 2015

The Inn at Dromoland 4.00pm to 8.00pm

Further Information

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