

Report on	Consultation on Environmental Statement Addendum to A5 Western Transport Addendum and other Documentation
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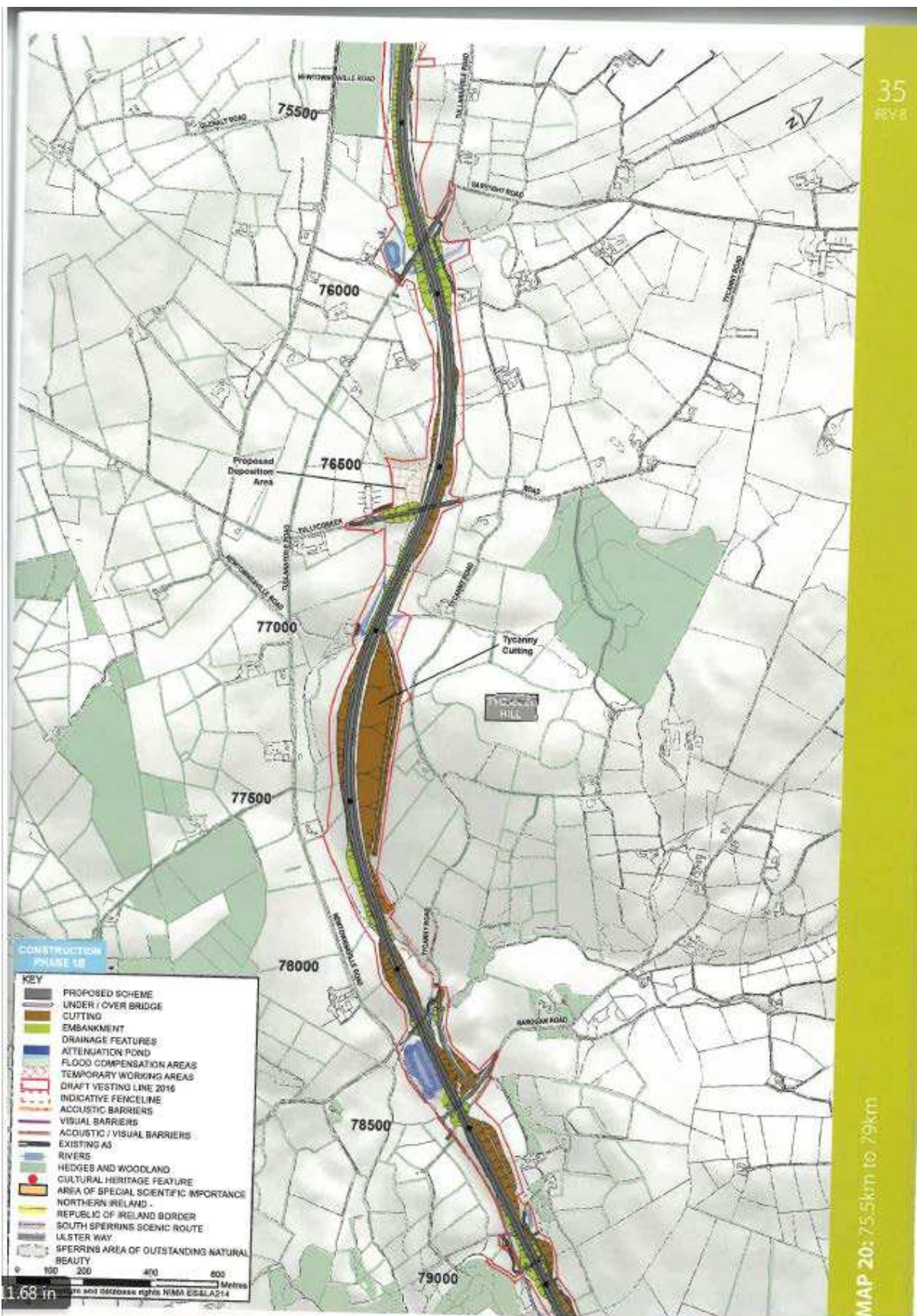
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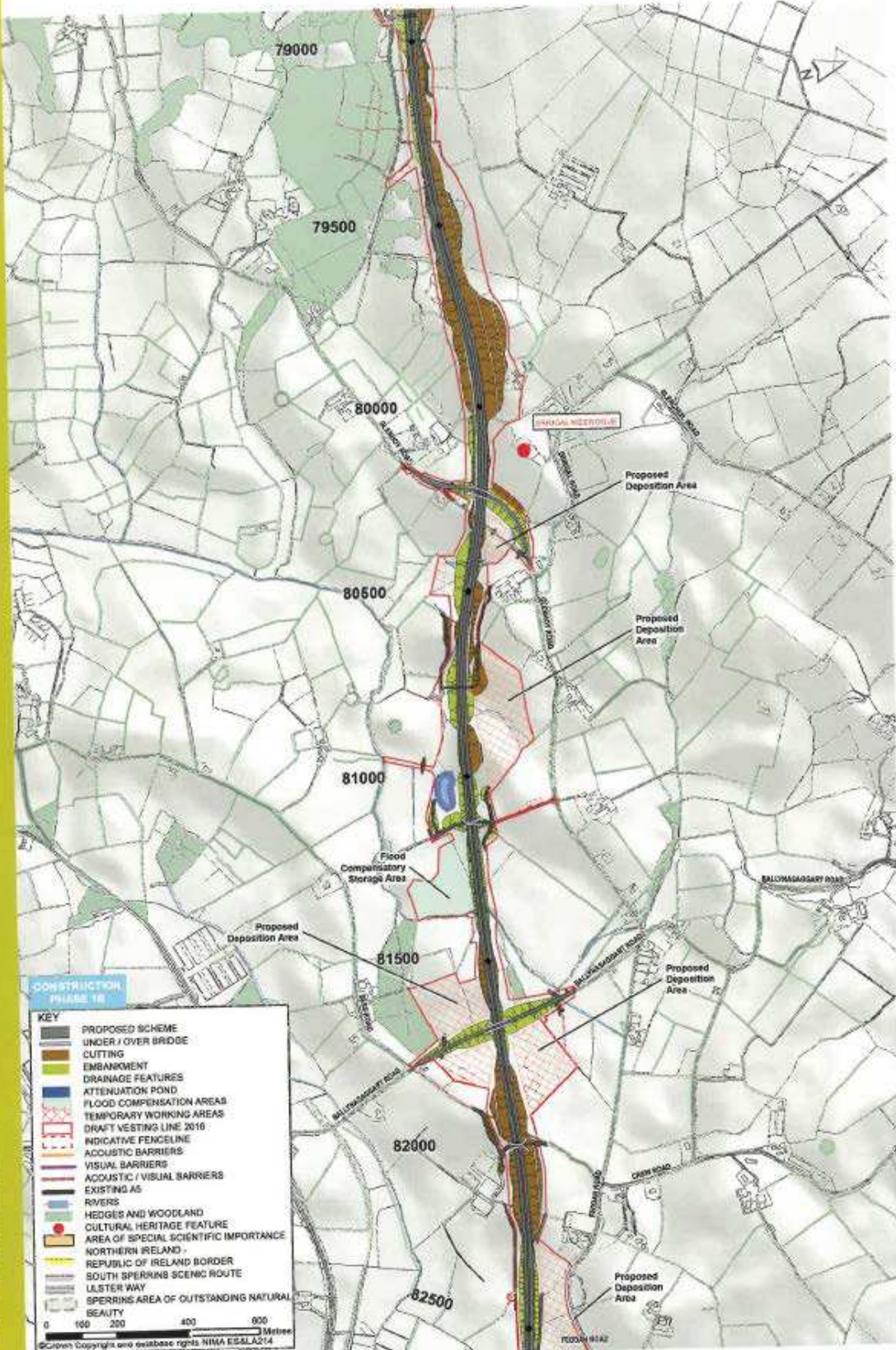
1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To draw members attention to the Department for Infrastructure Consultation on the Addendum to the Environmental Statement for the A5 Western Transport Corridor and Draft Reports to inform the Appropriate Assessment for a new road scheme.
2.0	Background
2.1	The Department for Infrastructure consultation period commenced on 26 th March 2019 and finished on 17 th May 2019. The purpose of the consultation was to allow the public to see and comment on the addendum to the Environmental Statement for the A5 Western Transport Corridor and it was available to view in the Council Offices in Dungannon.
2.2	The A5 Western Transport Corridor is for the construction of approx. 85km of new road and associated infrastructure between Newbuildings and the Tyrone/Monaghan Border at Aughnacloy. The entire scheme will involve 1.2km of 2+1 carriageway at Newbuildings and 1.2km of single carriageway south of Aughnacloy with the remaining length of new road comprised of two-lane dual carriageway.
2.3	The scheme has been submitted for determination twice before, in 2010 and 2016 and in both cases an Environmental Statement was prepared, consulted on and considered at Public Enquiry. Decision on the scheme were taken in 2012 and 2017 respectively with the Department publishing a Notice of Intention to proceed in November 2017. These were subject of legal challenges and taking account of High Court Decisions and the publication of legislation NI (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Act 2018, the Department did not defend the challenge and the Orders were quashed on 16 October 2016.
2.4	This scheme is the same as that proposed and assessed under the Environmental Statement A5WTC ES 2016. An Addendum to the Environmental Statement has been produced to take into account

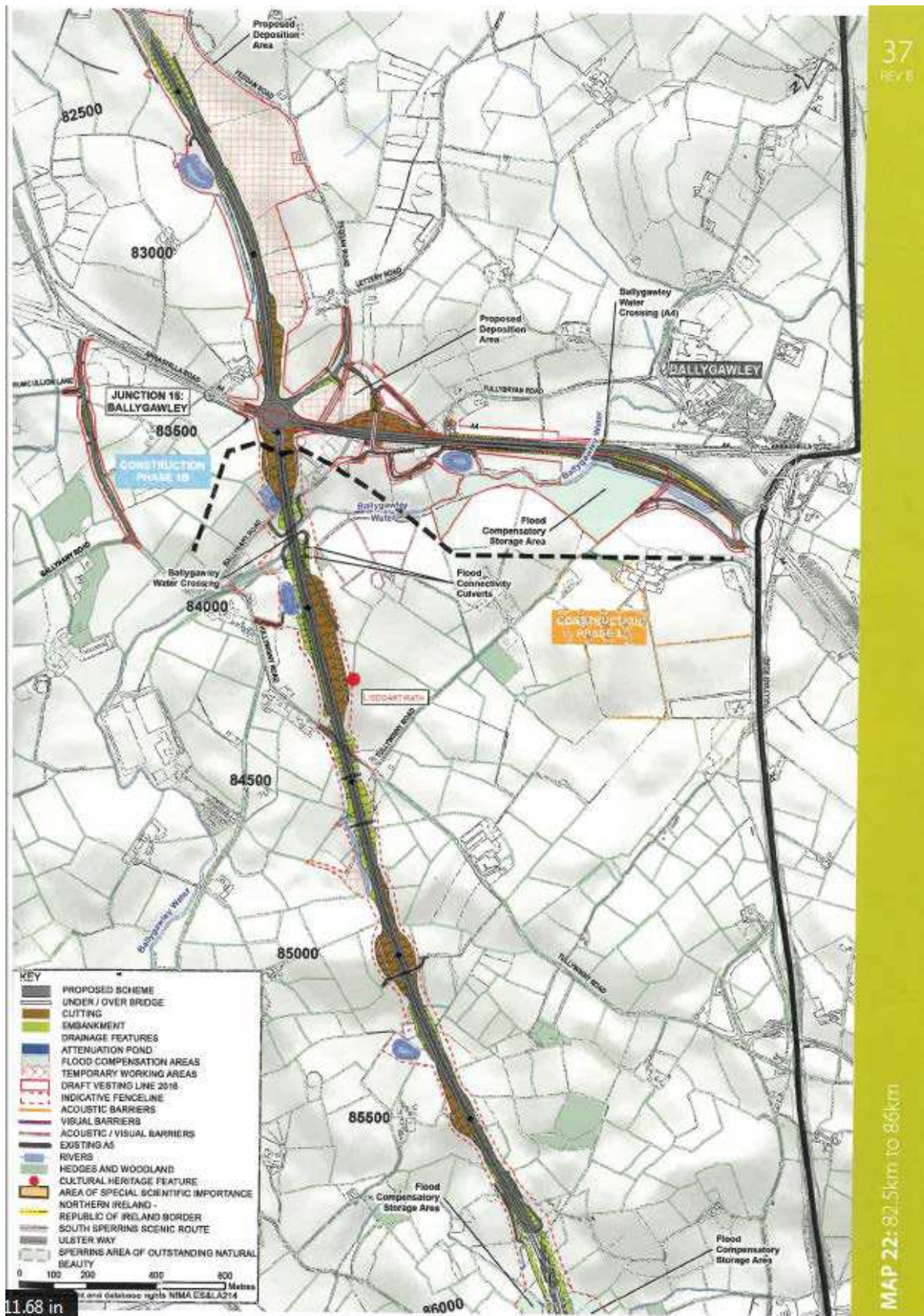
2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -material changes in the design or timing of the Proposed Scheme(ie changes to the Proposed Scheme construction phase) - New and revised standards guidelines and legislative requirements and - changes to baseline conditions (including Impacts of unauthorised quarrying in Urbalreagh) - a more detailed assessment of the interactions and cumulative effects <p>Within the Mid Ulster District Council Area it is proposed to construct approx.. 16km of two-lane dual carriageway and 1.2km of single carriageway with a roundabout at the major intersection with the A4 to the west of Ballygawley, grade separated junction to the NW of Aughnacloy with Tullyvar Road, a roundabout at the junction with Caledon Road to the east of Aughnacloy and new T-junction where the existing Monaghan Road joins the new road south of Aughnacloy. The proposal will involve the construction of 22 bridges over and under the road to accommodate existing and new roads, lanes and watercourses.</p>
2.6	<p>It is proposed to construct the road in 4 phases, depending on funding availability, with Phase 1B Omagh South Section (Omagh to Ballygawley) timetabled for 2020 – 2023 and Phase 3 Ballygawley – Aughnacloy timetabled for 2026 – 2028.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Due to the timing of the consultation and the elections, this is the first opportunity to present this matter to the Planning Committee.</p>
3.2	<p>The preferred road line enters Mid Ulster District Council Area to the south on Newtownsaville at Tullynafoile Road, it skirts the lower south facing slopes of Tycanny Hill which requires a deep cutting. It then descends the scarp slope of the Brougher Ridge and passes west of and below Errigal Kerrogue Churchyard, a State Care Monument. It then enters the Clogher Valley and follows an easterly alignment to a new roundabout where the proposed Scheme and existing A4 Annaghilla Road cross, approx. 1.5km west of Ballygawley. The A4 between the new junction and the existing roundabout at Ballygawley will be upgraded to dual carriageway and will involve the construction of a new open span bridge over the Ballygawley Water. A new open span bridge will also be constructed where the new road crosses the Ballygawley Water. South of Ballygawley the road will enter a cutting below Lisdoart Fort and continue to a grade separated junction north of Aughnacloy. The road then sweeps to the east side of Aughnacloy and will tie into the Caledon Road with a new roundabout south east of the town and finishes by tying into the existing A5 Monaghan Road at Moy Bridge, immediately north of the border with ROI.</p>
3.3	<p>The preferred road line will result in changes to the following roads: Tullynafoile Road, Tullycorker Road, Tullycanny Road, Rarogan Road, Glenhoy Road, Ballynasaggart Road, Annaghilla Road, Feddan Road, Ballynanny Road, Drumcullion Lane Tullywinney Road, Lisginny Road, Old Chapel Road, Tullyvar Road, Loughans Road, Glack Lane, Carnteel Road, Rehaghy Road, Caledon Road, Douglas Road and Monaghan Road. It will also impact on the Ulster Way to the east of Aughnacloy.</p>
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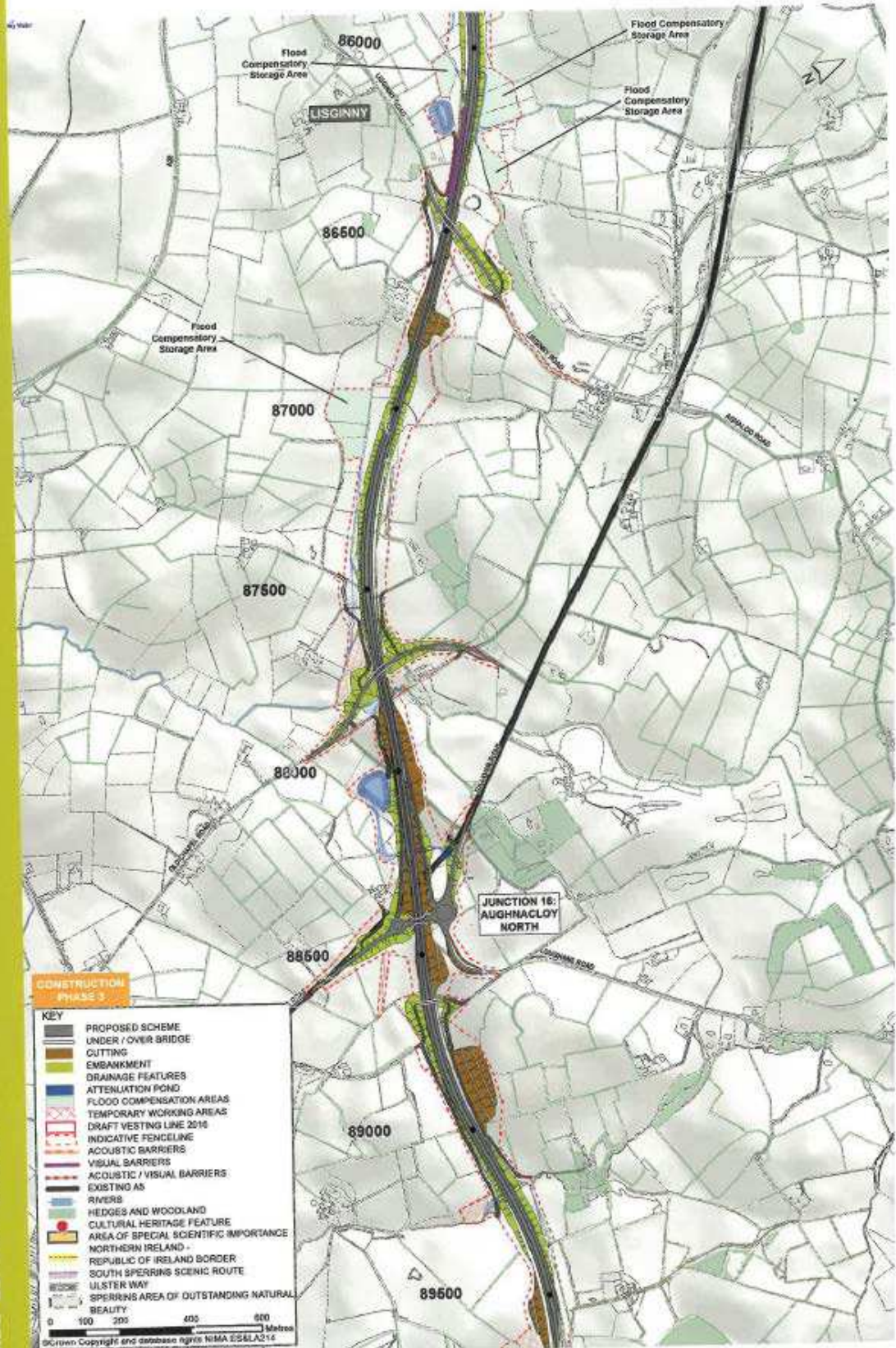
<p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p>	<p>Members are advised this is an update on the considerations that the Department for Infrastructure have taken into account in the preparation of the road line for the improvements to the A5 Western Transport Corridor. The Environmental Statement takes into account the following issues: Air Quality, Cultural Heritage, Landscape Effects, Ecology and Nature Conservation, Geology and Soils, Noise and Vibration, Effects on All Travellers, Community and Private Assets', Road Drainage and the Water Environment, Cumulative Effects and Construction Environmental Management.</p> <p>It is noted in the ES there are likely to be significant effects on air quality, Errigal Kerroque Graveyard, Lisdoart Fort, the landscape at Brogher Ridge, Barn Owls and noise and vibration due to the scheme.</p> <p>The preferred road line, within Mid Ulster District Council Area, has been selected taking into account Errigal Kerroque Graveyard, Lisdoart Fort and the 'Thistle'. The Department intends to bring forward this scheme for construction in line with the revised timetable.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Other Considerations</p>
<p>4.1</p>	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial:</p> <p>This is a major road scheme which will assist in movement of traffic within and through the District improving links with the NW and the South. These improved links and reduced journey times should strengthen the economic potential for the west part of the District.</p> <p>The scheme will result in the loss of farm land and disruption to farms. Traffic will face disruption during the construction phase which will result in increased journey times.</p> <p>Human:</p> <p>The proposed road will result in reduced journey times and increased safety as it will increase the capacity of the A5, reduce accidents as overtaking opportunities are greatly increased and traffic crossing the A5 is facilitated by bridges and underpasses. Improved traffic flows will result in reduced emissions on the existing A5 road.</p> <p>The scheme will cause disruption during the construction phase with noise, dust and disruption caused to residents. The proposed road has the potential to increase noise and emissions for some residents.</p> <p>Risk Management:</p> <p>Reduced risk to life as the dual carriageway will greatly improve the movement of traffic with potential for accidents greatly reduced as overtaking is not limited and traffic crossing the road is accommodated. The existing A5 will also have less traffic that will improve the safety of it.</p>

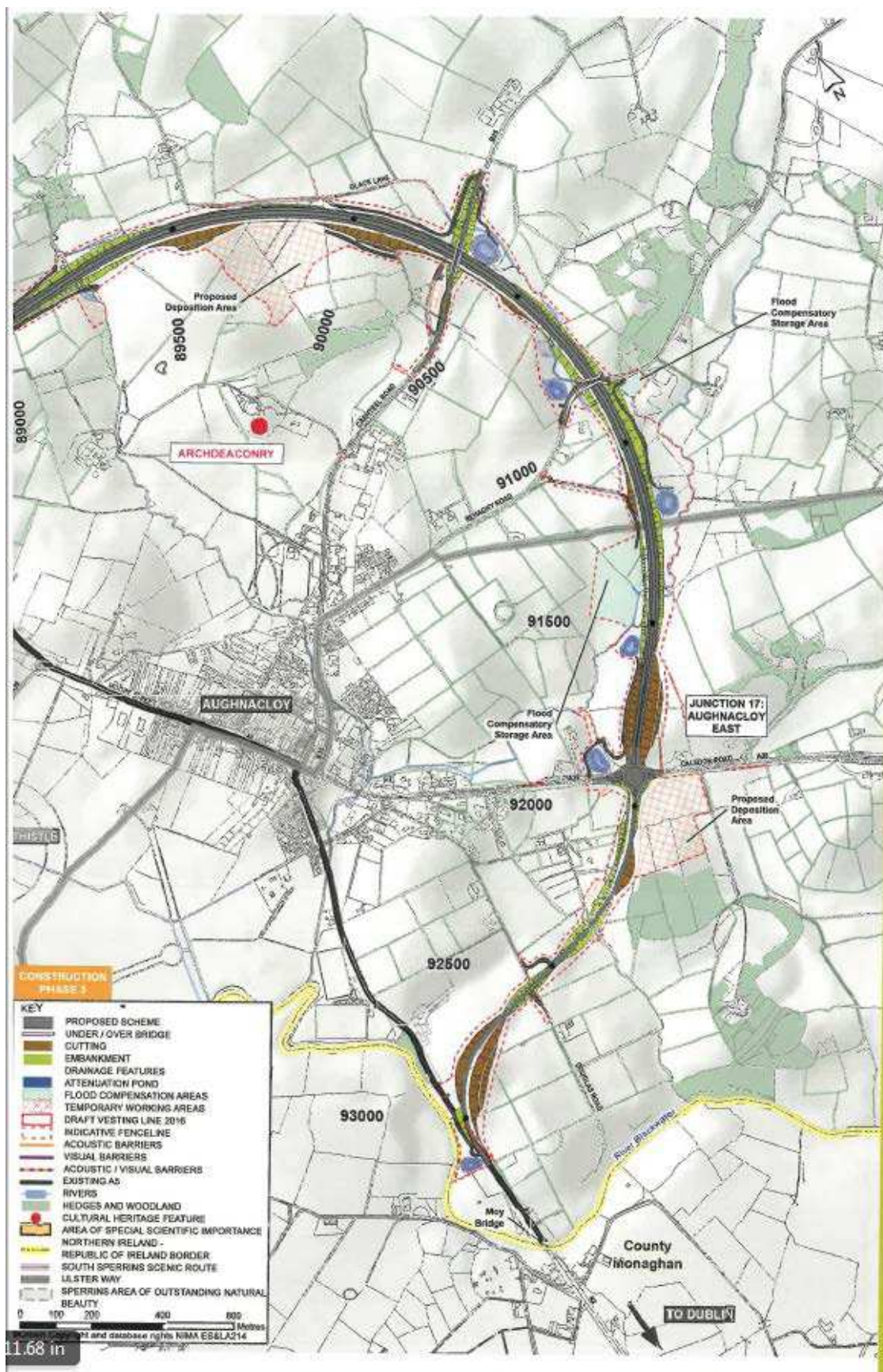
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: This is a matter for the Department for Infrastructure.
	Rural Needs Implications: This is a matter for the Department for Infrastructure.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members note the consultation has ended. Members may wish to make representations on their own behalf.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Further information is available to view on the project website www.a5wtc.com Maps 21 – 24 showing the road line within Mid Ulster District Council Area Junctions 15, 16 and 17

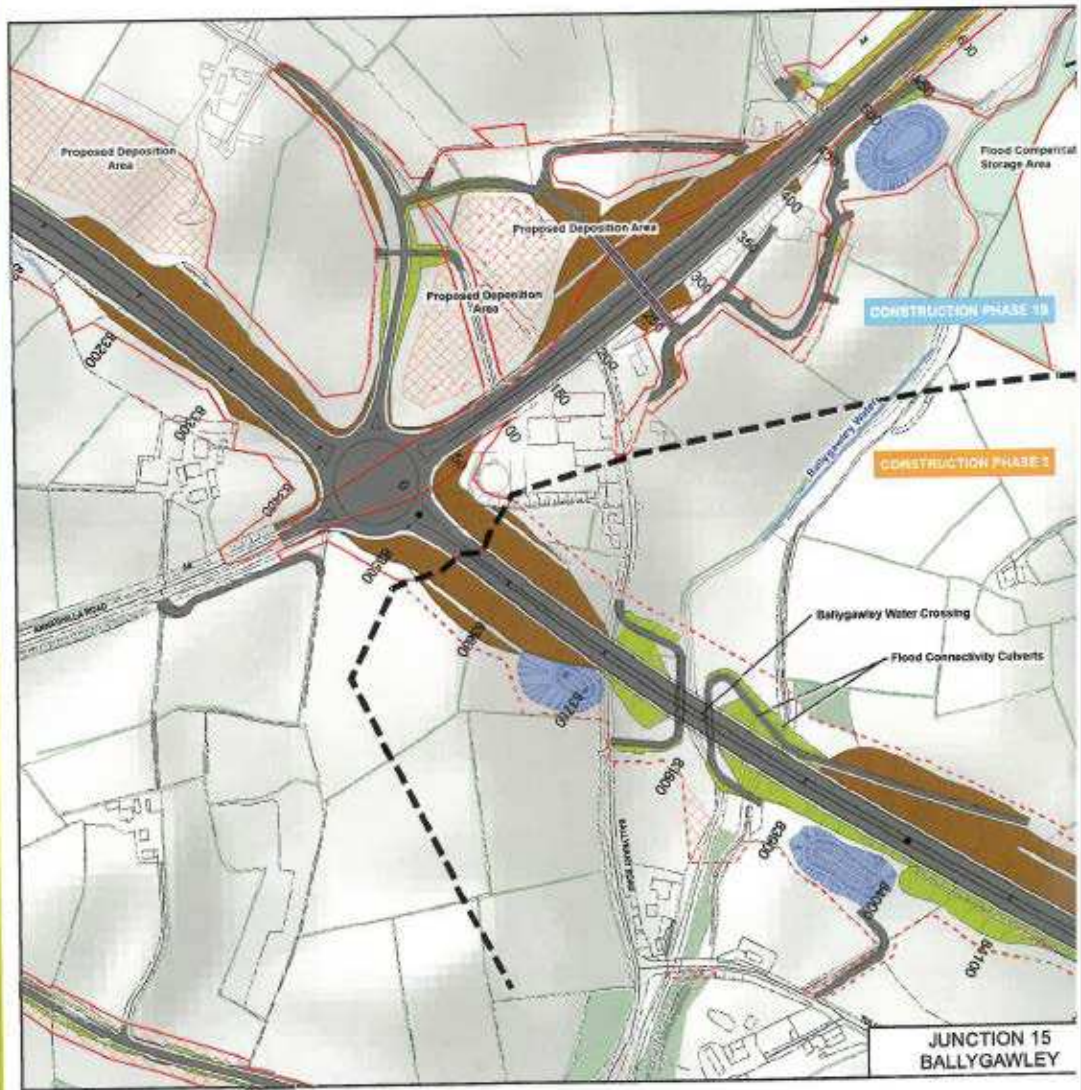












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