

Emerging Preferred Route Corridor

27th February to 10th April 2025

Public Consultation Information Document



Cork City Council, in collaboration with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and the Department of Transport, is advancing the development of the Cork Northern Distributor Multi Modal Route (CNDMR)

Purpose of the Scheme

- To provide improved access for existing and future communities along the route and the wider city.
- To facilitate the sustainable development of the area.
- To provide a safe and sustainable route that includes dedicated spaces for pedestrians, cyclists, buses and traffic

How was the Route Chosen?

The design team explored various potential routes for the scheme. Each route was evaluated based on multiple criteria, and the highest-performing route was selected. This chosen route, now referred to as the 'Emerging Preferred Route' is being presented for public consultation.



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What is the Scheme?

The CNDMR is a 14 kilometre road that stretches from Carrigrohane Road on the western side of the city to Glanmire on the eastern side, travelling around the northern part of Cork City.

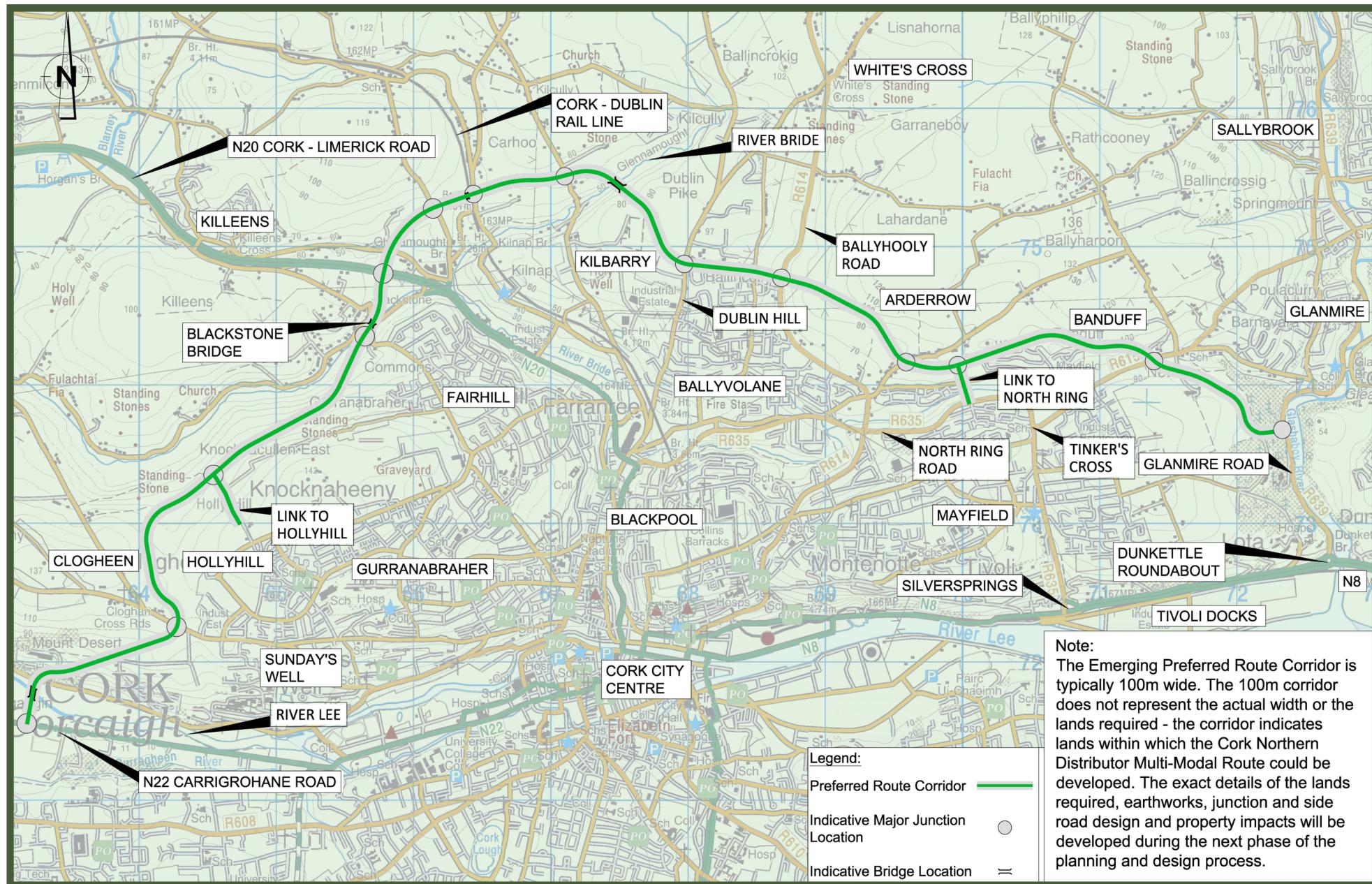
What are the benefits?

- It will improve connectivity for communities in the area (both existing and future).
- It will improve access to areas of employment.
- It will provide safe, dedicated infrastructure for bus services and general traffic.
- It will provide safe, dedicated infrastructure for cycling and walking.
- It will reduce traffic congestion along existing routes and within the City Centre.
- It will improve journey times.
- It is a 'critical enabler' for the sustainable development of Cork City.
- It will be delivered using best practice in sustainable and environmental principles.
- It will provide new and attractive landscaped public spaces.





Emerging Preferred Route Corridor Map





How was the Emerging Preferred Route selected?

The Option Selection Process examined the route options against the scheme objectives and defined criteria through a three stage approach.

The stages of the Option Selection Process were carried out in accordance with the Department of Transport - Transport Appraisal Framework.

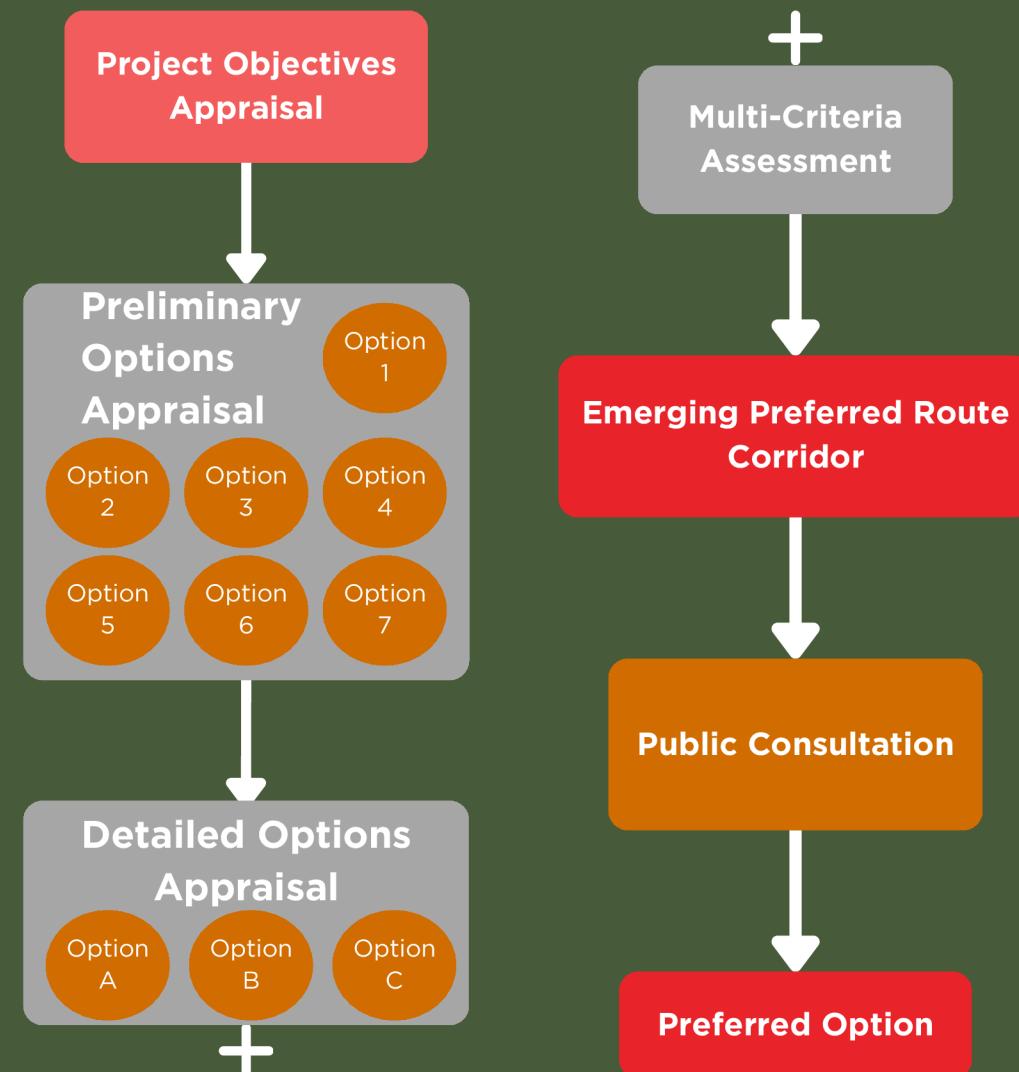
Stage 1: Preliminary Options Appraisal – Seven feasible options were developed and comparatively assessed using key performance indicators developed for each of the Project Objectives. In developing these initial options, the Project Team took due regard to the constraints within the Study Area, as defined in a Constraints Study that was carried out for the scheme.

These seven options went through a preliminary appraisal process and were reduced to three feasible options to bring forward to Detailed Options Appraisal.

Stage 2: Detailed Options Appraisal – The three shortlisted options were subject to a more detailed assessment process, against the following six standard criteria: Accessibility; Social Impact; Land Use; Safety; Climate Change and Local Environment.

The Emerging Preferred Route Corridor is the option (or combination of options) that has been assessed as providing the optimum balance of benefits vs. impacts with regard to the above six criteria.

Preferred Option – This stage of the Option Selection Process will be undertaken after the current public consultation process. Feedback will be taken into consideration in finalising the Emerging Preferred Route Corridor. The Preferred Route will then be taken forward to Design Stage and Planning.





Why is this the Emerging Preferred Route Corridor?

The Emerging Preferred Route Corridor is the best performing Option identified in the Option Selection Process.

The Emerging Preferred Route is typically shown as 100 metres wide – this 100 metre wide corridor indicates the lands within which the scheme could be constructed.

The actual scheme (or road) will be approximately 30 metres wide and will include footpaths, cycle lanes, landscaped areas, bus lanes and general traffic lanes.

However, the width of the road may increase where the road level has to be raised or lowered.

How Space is Shared on the CNDMR



The CNDMR will consist of:

- ✓ 1.0m street lighting landscaped areas on both sides,
- ✓ 2.50m footpaths on both sides,
- ✓ 3.25m two-way cycle tracks on both sides,
- ✓ 1.50m planting buffer on both sides,
- ✓ 3.25m bus lanes in both directions and
- ✓ 3.0m traffic lanes in both directions.

Please Provide Your Feedback

We welcome your feedback on any issues or information relating to the Emerging Preferred Route Corridor. This round of public consultation is an important part of the decision-making process, as the feedback we receive will inform the final design.

Information on the CNDMR is available on the project website at:
<https://cndmrpublicconsultation.ie>

All project information, including an interactive map of the Emerging Preferred Route Corridor and a consultation questionnaire is available to view and submit online via the project website.

The consultation period will start on Thursday 27th February 2025 and finish on Thursday 10th April 2025. You can visit our virtual consultation room here by scanning the QR code.

Give your feedback online, in person at our open day events, or by post to:
 CNDMR Public Consultation, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council, City Hall, Anglesea Street, Cork, T12 T997.



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Next Steps

Feedback and submissions received through this non-statutory Public Consultation will be evaluated by the Project Team before the Preferred Option is finalised.

The feedback we receive as part of this public consultation process will inform the next stage in the process (confirmation of the route).

The CNDMR is still subject to further design, environmental, transport and other assessments before the design is confirmed.

Any decision to proceed with the scheme will be subject to further public consultation and ultimately to a statutory planning application to An Bord Pleanála.



Indicative Layout of CNDMR in Rural Areas



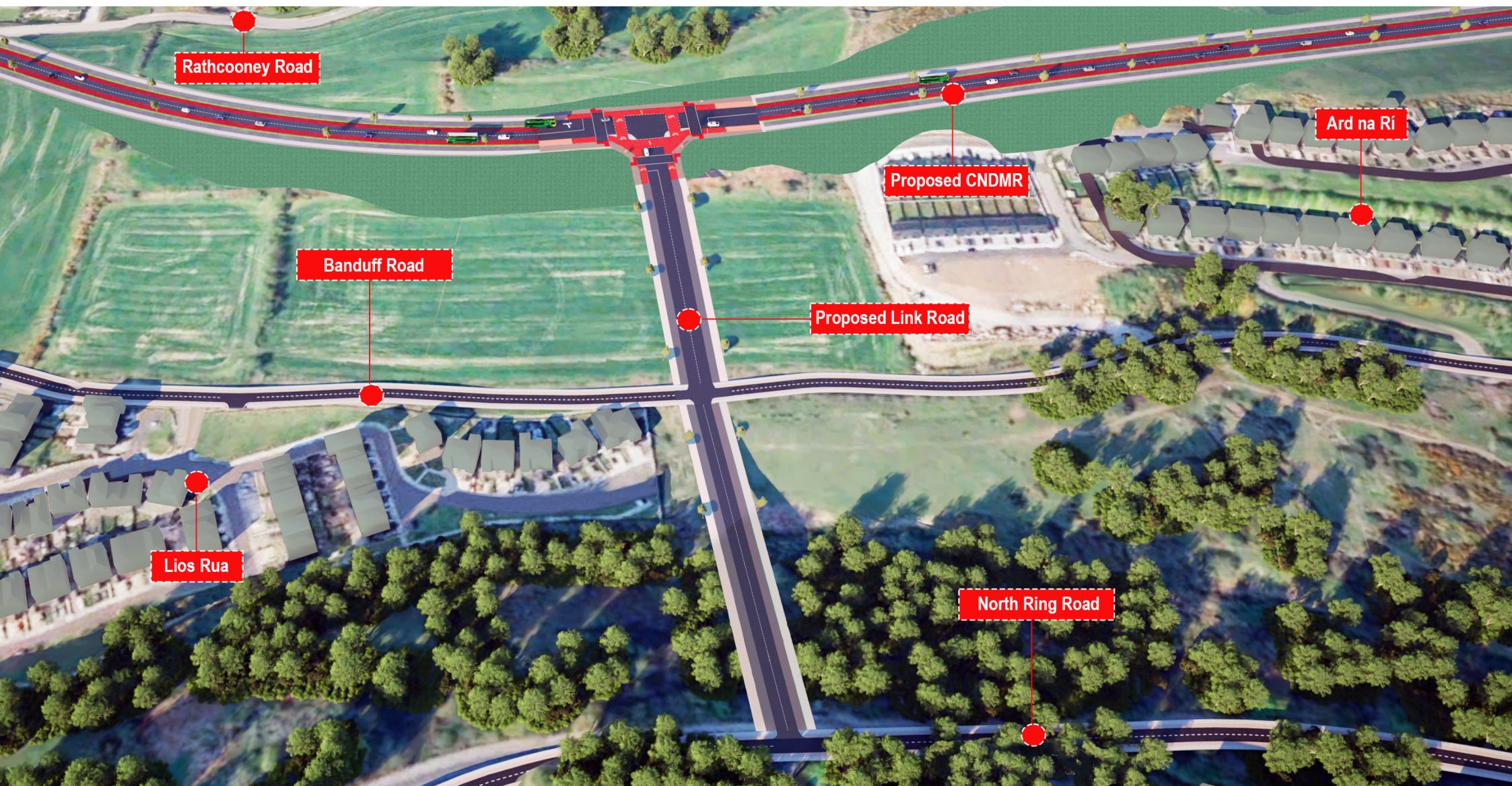
Indicative Layout of CNDMR in Urban Areas



Indicative Layout of CNDMR at Dublin Hill



Indicative Layout of CNDMR at Ballyhooly Road



Indicative Layout of CNDMR at North Ring Road



Indicative Layout of CNDMR at Old Youghal Road