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# Just Transition Fund: MRTT 88

## Boardwalk on Lough Ree at Ballyleague Co Roscommon

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# MRTT 88: Lough Ree Boardwalk, Ballyleague – Project Specifics

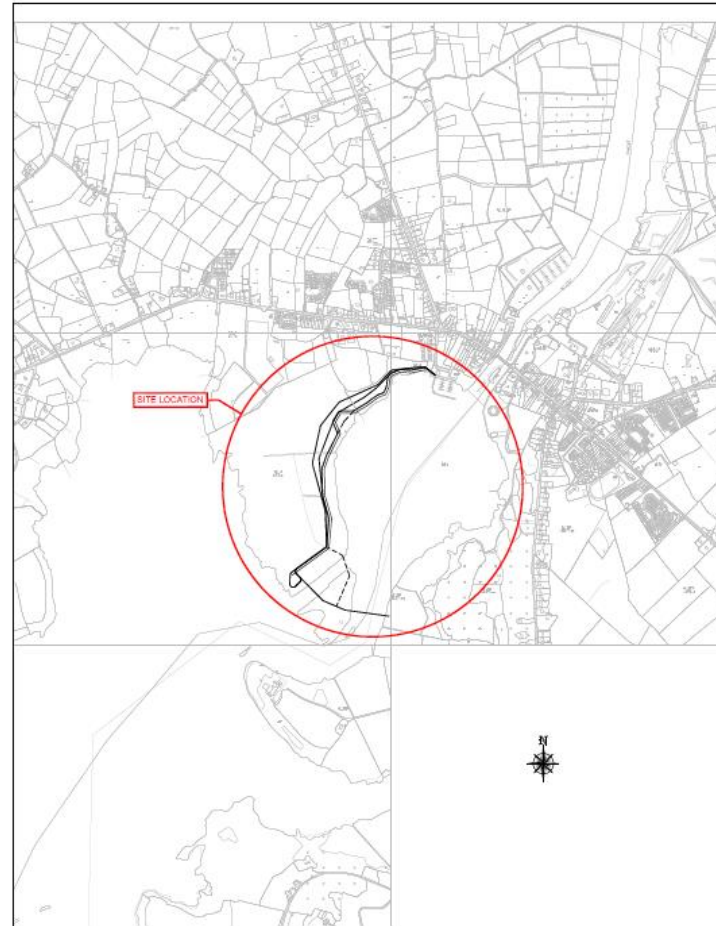
- Cessation of BNM operations in 2020
- RCC seeking to replace revenues and jobs
- Tourism & Outdoor Recreation seen as key economic opportunity
- RCC applied to JTF for Feasibility Study, committing matching funding
- Strand 1 feasibility funding of €90k provided comprising:
  - €76.5k from JTF (85%)
  - €13.5k from RCC (15%)
- Procurement process for Feasibility Study complete
- Feasibility Study Commission Awarded in Q3 2021
- Feasibility Study with input from Key Stakeholders & Community Groups has indicated that the proposed Boardwalk project is viable & should be progressed further
- Proposed project high level cost estimate of circa €3.75m poses significant funding challenge
- Project Risks include Funding, Environmental & Lands Acquisition

# MRTT 89 Lough Ree Boardwalk Ballyleague – Overview & Aims:

- The Lough Ree Bay Boardwalk at Ballyleague aims to create a stunning and quite unique access pathway to Lough Ree Bay, and shoreline. The proposed boardwalk follows the shoreline along wetlands in County Roscommon. The Boardwalk would run for approximately 1.5-2km. This route would provide access to, but not disturbing a natural wetland area which is home to a wide variety of birds and wildlife. The natural beauty of the lake stretching southwards will make a stunning backdrop to the proposed boardwalk.
- Development of local tourism potential to attract visitors to County Roscommon
- Mitigation of negative economic impact of peat fired power stations closure by creating tourism aimed business opportunities
- Provision of amenity promoting active outdoor recreation making Ballyleague a better place to visit, work and live



# MRTT 89 Lough Ree Boardwalk Ballyleague – Site Location:



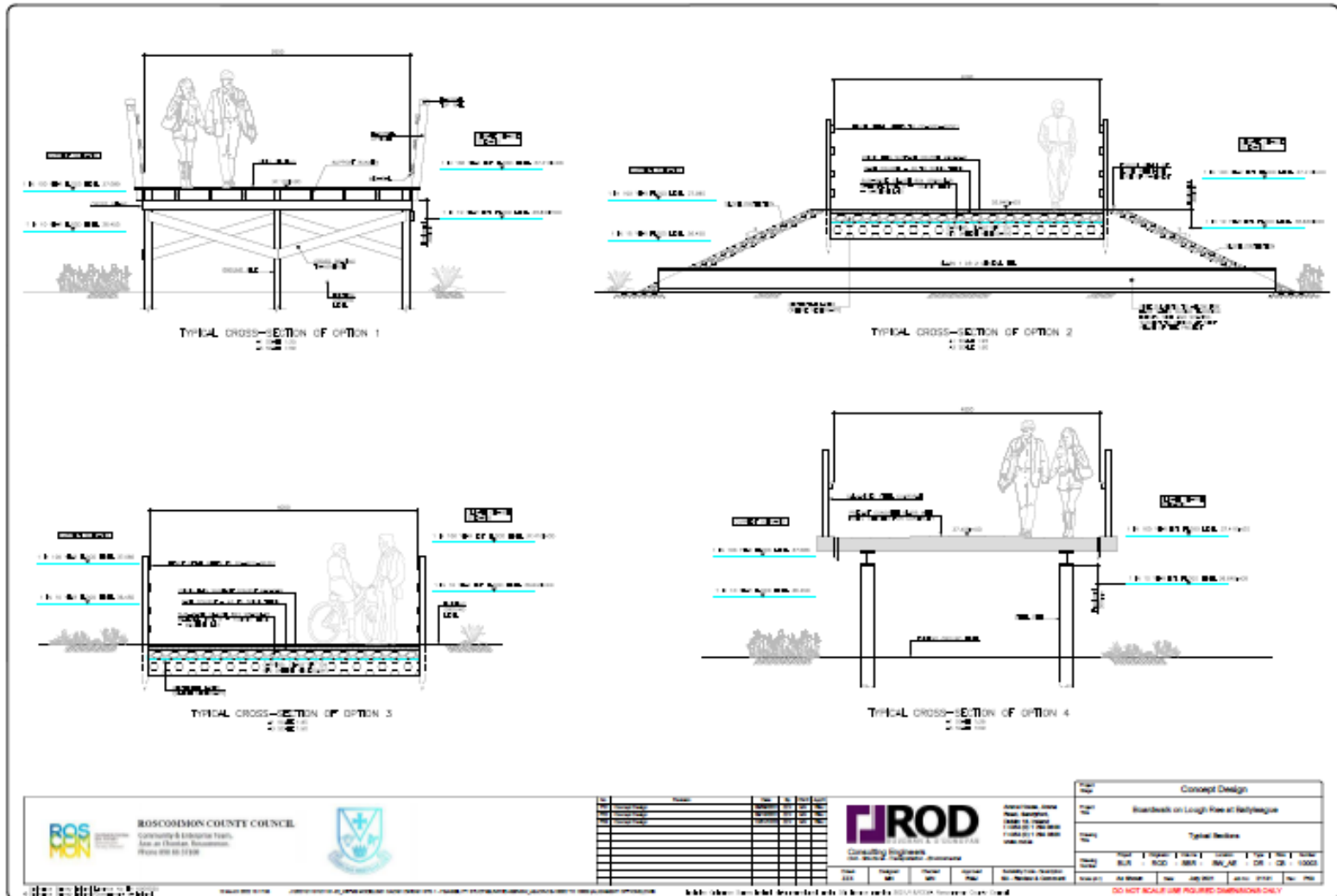


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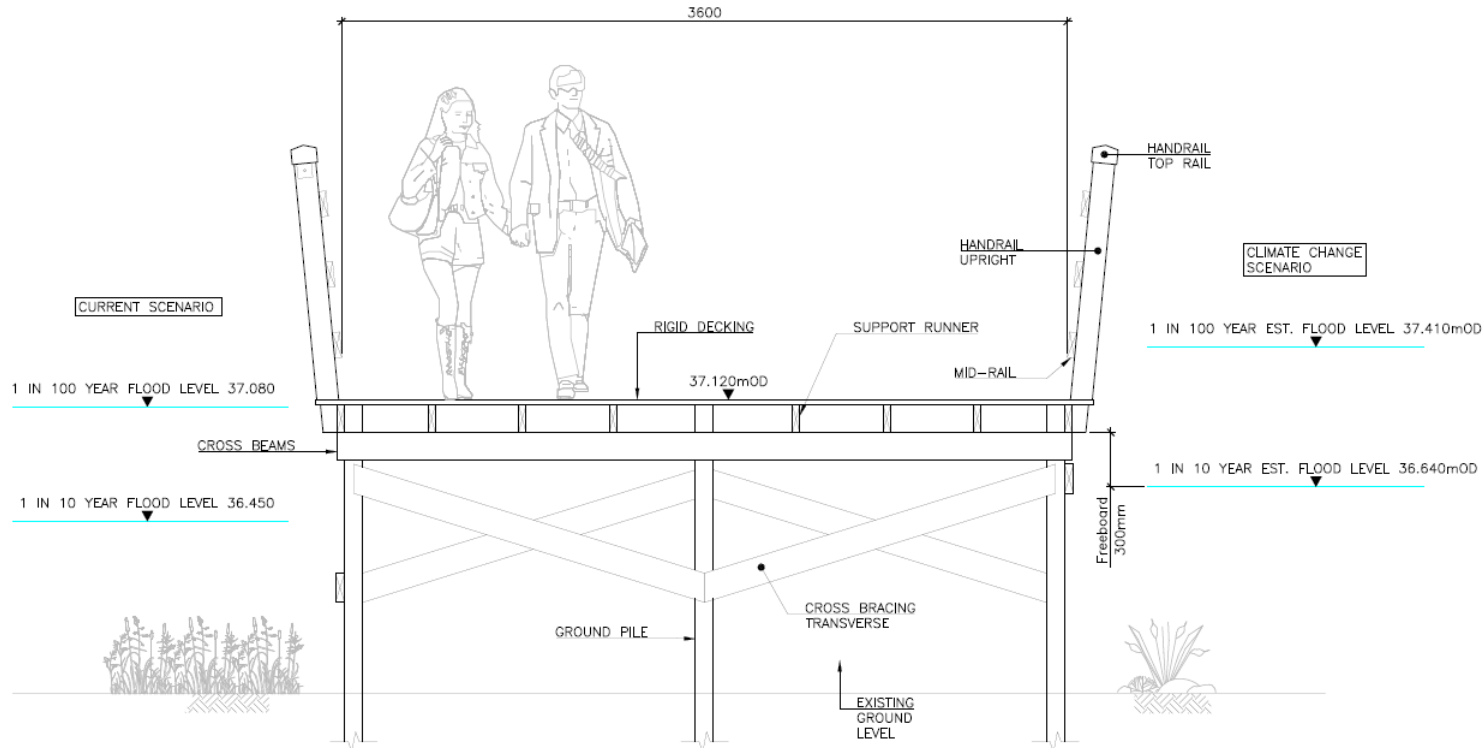
# MRTT 89 Lough Ree Boardwalk Ballyleague – Site Photos:



# MRTT 89 Lough Ree Boardwalk Ballyleague – Boardwalk Options Considered



# MRTT 89 Lough Ree Boardwalk Ballyleague – Recommended Technical Option



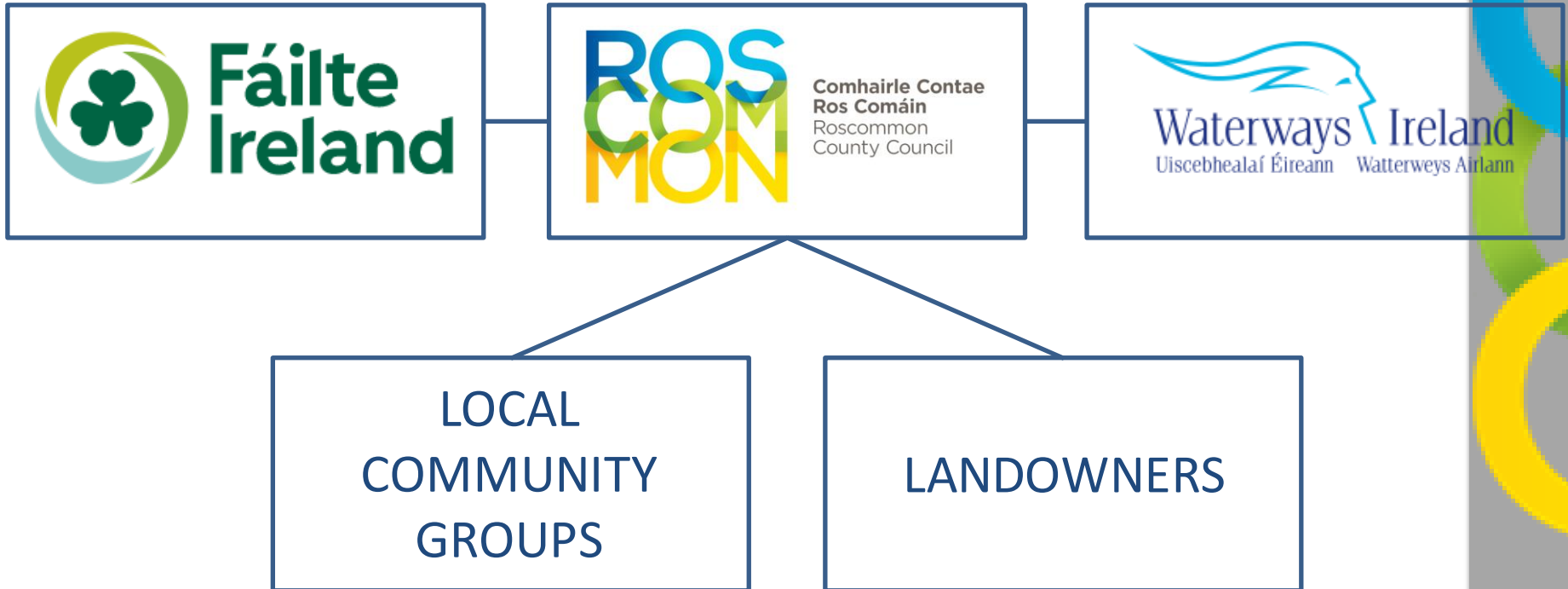
TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION OF OPTION 1

A1 SCALE 1:25  
A3 SCALE 1:50



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# MRTT 89 Lough Ree Boardwalk Ballyleague – Key Stakeholders







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## MRTT 89 Lough Ree Boardwalk Ballyleague – Next Steps

- Seek funding
- Partnership agreement
- Ongoing consultation with local community groups and landowners
- Development of preliminary design for the preferred option
- Environmental surveys, screening & reports
- Planning process
- Detailed design
- Procurement of construction contract
- Construction
- Operation and maintenance





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# MRTT 89 Lough Ree Boardwalk Ballyleague – How Project Success Will Be Measured

- Project will form major element of Roscommon Tourism Strategy, Shannon Masterplan & Irelands Hidden Heartlands Tourism Strategies
- Supporting Emerging Tourism Trends for Activity Based Outdoor Leisure Activities & Experiences
- Support Creation of Tourism Hub on North of Lough Ree surrounded by cluster of activities & attractions
- Significant Increase in Visitor Numbers to Ballyleague/Lanesborough.
- Support & Enhance Existing Tourism activities & attractions
- Be a catalyst for sustainable private sector tourism investment in the region to take advantage of increased tourism numbers





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