

9 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The preliminary assessment completed as part of this study, as reported in the Stage 1 Report and Stage 1 Addendum, has been taken undertaken in four distinct sections:

- Engineering Assessment
- Traffic and Economic Assessment
- Environmental Assessment
- Comparative Assessment

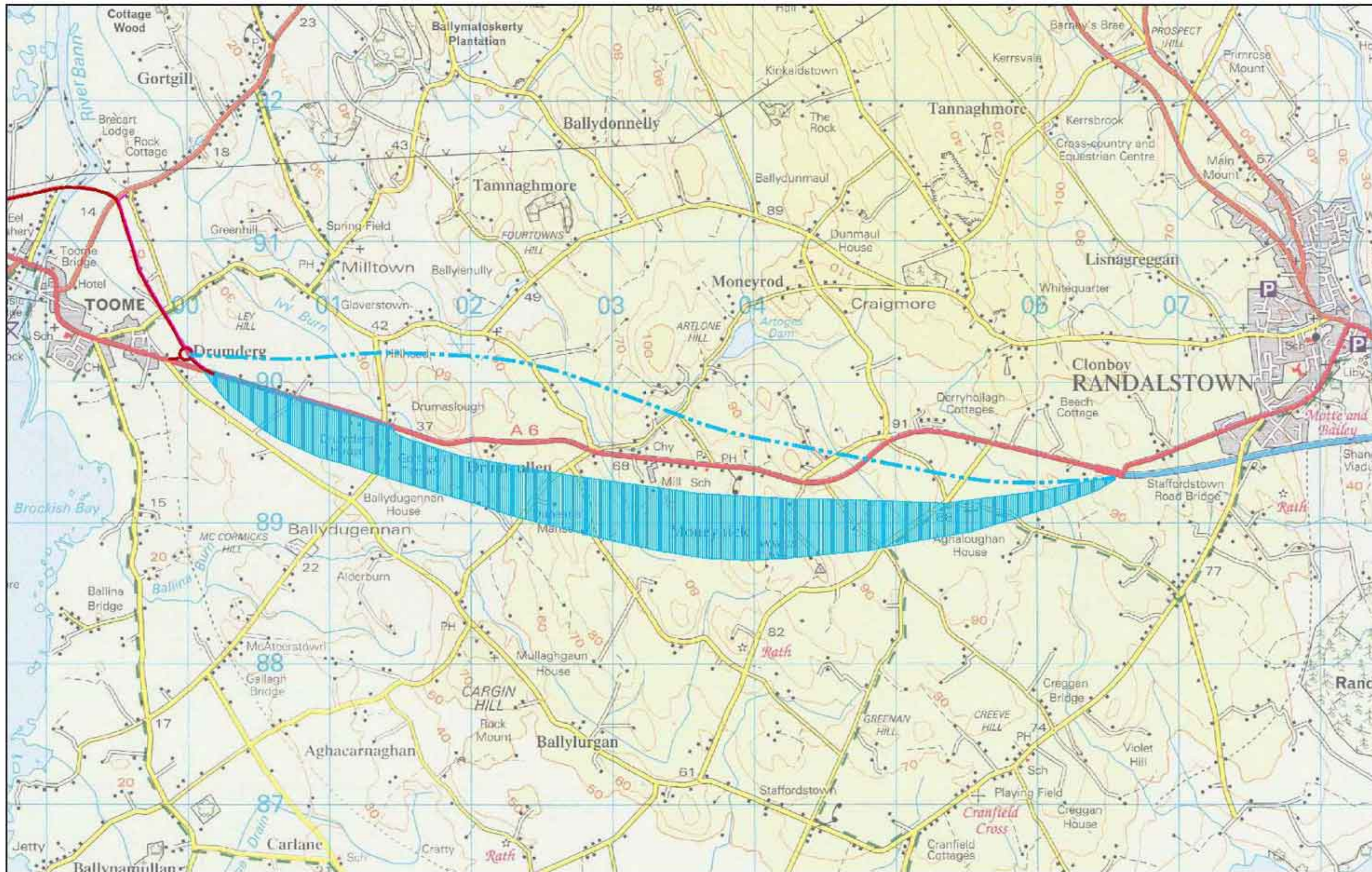
The Stage 1 Report recommended that a south corridor should be taken forward to the Preferred Route Option Stage.

Assessment of the two further options indicates that Option 10 does not perform well, coming last in three of the four comparison models. However, Route Option 9 performs well, ranking as the second best performing option in two comparison models, and third and fifth best in the two remaining models.

The route corridor assessment carried out as part of this Addendum Report indicates that the south corridor performs best, ranking top in all four comparison models.

All of the south corridor options and Route Option 9 are largely off-line options and would allow the existing A6 to act as a local road, providing access to properties adjacent to the A6.

This addendum report recommends that the south corridor and a corridor based around Route Option 9, as shown on Figure 9.1, be taken forward to the Preferred Route Option Stage for further detailed assessment.



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Figure 9.1



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