



## SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

### Project Case Study: North West Greenway Network: Strabane - Lifford

**THEME:**

Sustainable Transport

**FUNDING (ERDF+MATCH):**

€14,861,187.90

**MATCH FUNDERS:**

Department of Infrastructure, and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport

**LEAD PARTNER:**

Derry City & Strabane District Council

**PROJECT PARTNERS:**

Donegal County Council, Department for Infrastructure and Sustrans NI

**PROJECT CONTACT:**

ronangallagher@donegalcoco.ie

**Start Date:** 01/01/2017

**End Date:** 31/12/2021



<http://www.nwgreenway.com>



@nwgreenway



@nwGreenway

Led by Derry City & Strabane District Council, together with project partners Donegal County Council; Department for Infrastructure; and Sustrans, the project will construct 46.5km of Greenway infrastructure along three key border crossings in the North West of Ireland.

Once complete, these routes will offer safe and segregated infrastructure to encourage cross-border cycling and walking, while delivering modal shift and sustainable travel to reduce the carbon footprint of the North West Region.

**Strabane - Lifford**

In January 2020, Derry City and Strabane District Council’s Planning Committee approved plans to develop a £1m cycling and walking route in Strabane. The development will see a 3.5km route constructed in the town, connecting the A5, Derry Road, Canal Basin, River Mourne Flood Wall and Strabane Retail Park.

Proposals also include amendments to existing road kerb alignments; new road markings and signage; drainage; hard and soft landscaping; new path lighting; and adjustments to existing road lighting and boundary treatments.

The work forms part of the Council’s Strategic Growth Plan, which commits to connect people and opportunities through infrastructure while promoting neighbourhood enhancement through the development of local environmental improvement facilities.

This section links into the Donegal section. The latter received planning approval in July 2019 and forms route 3 (Lifford—Strabane) of the North West Greenway Network. Fox Contracts Ltd were appointed to construct the route. Work is scheduled to commence shortly, with completion anticipated in Autumn 2020.

Chair of Derry City and Strabane District Council Planning Committee, Councillor Christopher Jackson, welcomed this approval:

*“The completed project will offer cyclists and walkers a wider, safer and more user friendly experience and can play a key role in encouraging the public to get out into the fresh air and reap the health and wellbeing benefits of physical activity.”*

