Planning Approach

TIMELINE

Following this public consultation, the design team, Kilkenny County Council, Carlow County Council and the Office of Public Works will finalise the scheme and prepare the planning documentation.

The Options Assessment, Scheme Development & Design stage (Stage 1) will conclude following the PCD and finalisation of the Option Report and a final engineering report.

Stage 2 – Planning/Development Consent Process will then begin, which include compiling the planning drawings and documentation for submission to An Bord Pleanála. As seen in the timeline image below it is expected that Stage 1 will conclude in Q1 2025. It is expected that a planning application will then be submitted in Q3 2025, with the remainder of the stage duration for consideration of the application by ABP.
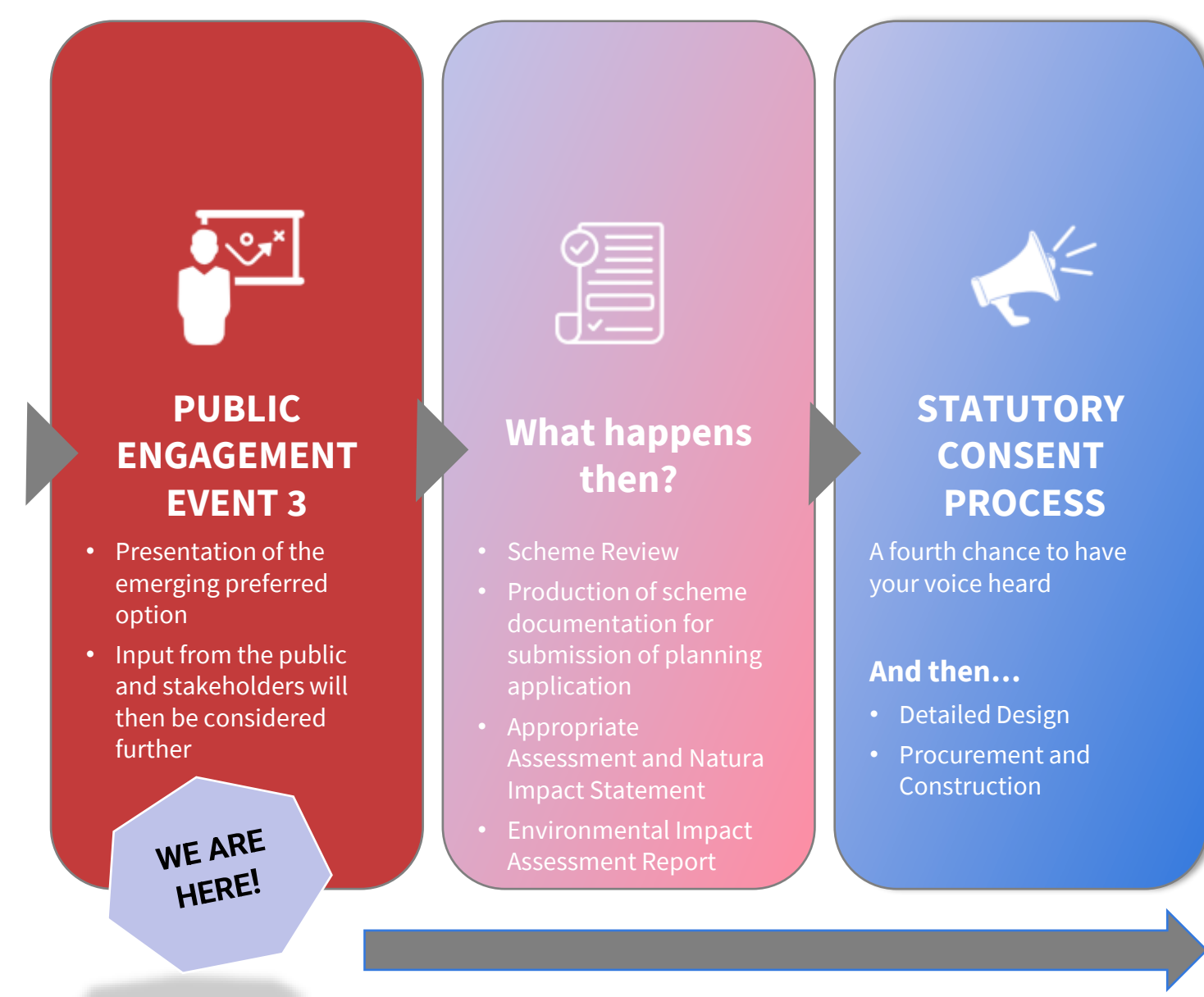
PLANNING PROCESS

The route to obtain statutory approval to construct the scheme will be via a Part 10 Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála under Sections 175 and 177AE of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) for the construction of the GTFRS.

The new Planning & Development Act 2024 is not expected to come into effect until sometime in 2026, and it is envisaged that the scheme will be submitted prior to its implementation. The legislation allows for ABP to make decision on applications under the old act once the new act comes into law.

PLANNING DOCUMENTION

The following list of planning documents are being prepared:

- Planning Report
- Planning Drawings
- Natura Impact Assessment
- EIA Screening
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report
- CEMP

- Other scheme documentation is also being produced which will inform the application.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENT 3
- Presentation of the emerging preferred option
- Input from the public and stakeholders will then be considered further

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What happens then?
- Scheme Review
- Production of scheme documentation for submission of planning application
- Appropriate Assessment and Natura Impact Statement
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report

STATUTORY CONSENT PROCESS
A fourth chance to have your voice heard

And then…
- Detailed Design
- Procurement and Construction

		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Stage 1	Options Assessment, Scheme Devleopment and Design	■	■						
Stage 2	Planning/Development Consent Process		■	■					
Stage 3	Detailed Construction Design and Tender				■				
Stage 4	Construction Supervision					■	■		
Stage 5	Handover of Works						■	■	