

## Link Corridors and Trunk Roads

### A31 Magherafelt Bypass

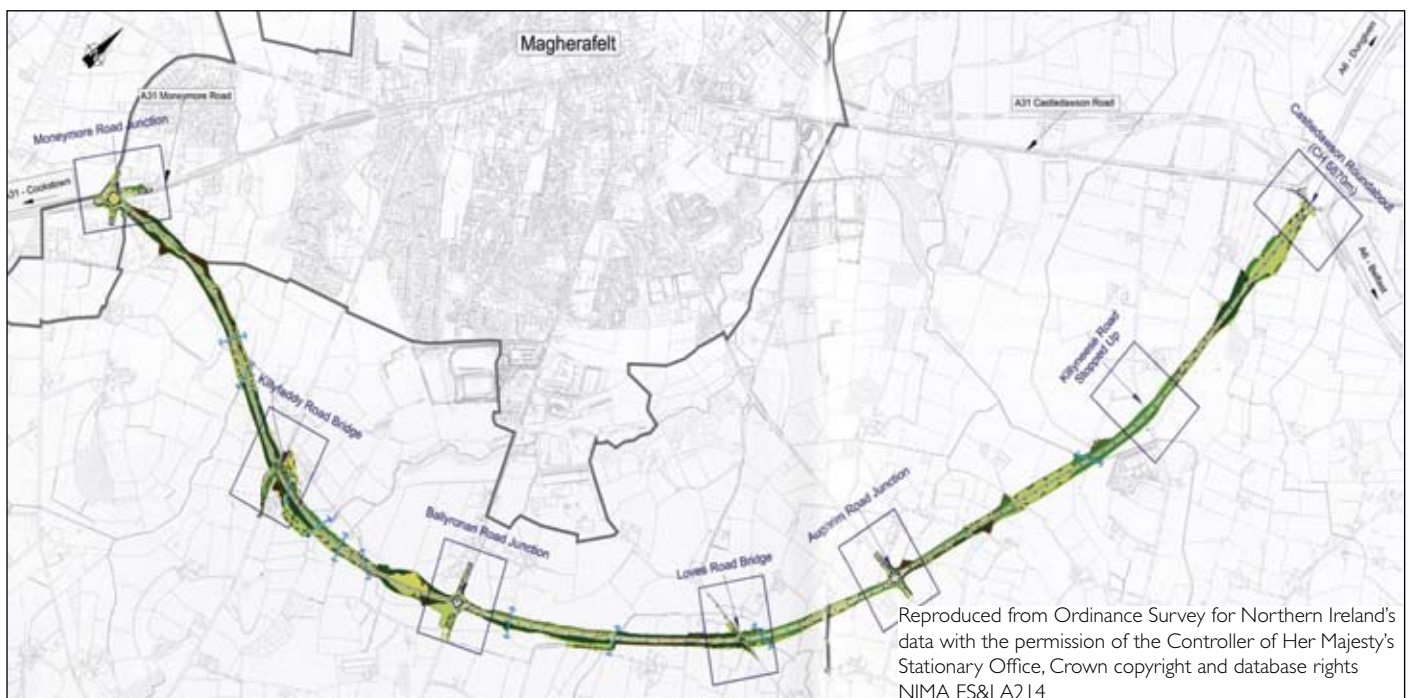
#### Need for Scheme

The A31 Magherafelt Bypass Scheme is included within the Regional Strategic Transport Network Transport Plan 2015, and the Investment Delivery Plan for Roads (2008).

The existing A31 passes through Magherafelt town centre. As a result, through traffic negotiates several urban junctions, coming into conflict with local town centre road users. This can cause long traffic queues and associated delays at peak times in particular.

#### The Proposed scheme

The proposed bypass comprises 5.9 kilometres of single carriageway and extends from the A31 Moneymore Road at its junction with Coolshinny Road in the south, to the A6 Castledawson Roundabout in the north. New roundabouts are proposed at key junctions while two existing minor roads will be bridged over. It is proposed to stop up one further minor road where traffic volumes are particularly low.





## Benefits

The scheme aims to;

- Reduce journey travel times along the A31 Corridor.
- Reduce traffic congestion within Magherafelt town centre.
- Improve the quality of life for residents and visitors to Magherafelt town centre.
- Improved road safety for all road users.

## Progress

The scheme is currently progressing through the statutory procedures with the Notices of Intention published mid-2008. A Public Inquiry has been scheduled for 2009.

The 'DRD Investment Delivery Plan for Roads (IDP)' estimates that the Magherafelt Bypass will be delivered within the period 2013 to 2018.

