

Mobility and the 'Last Mile' Concept



Ireland:

37% of Ireland's population live in settlements of fewer than 1,500 people/ in individual houses in rural areas (Census, 2016).

Challenge in Rural Ireland:

Dispersed settlement pattern and low population densities in rural areas presents a challenge to the sustainable provision of public transport.



Transport in Rural Ireland

Mainstream Services :

Bus Éireann, Private Bus Operators, Irish Rail

Rural Transport Programme :

- Local Link - daily bus service (scheduled service & door-to door)
-2 million passenger journeys/year



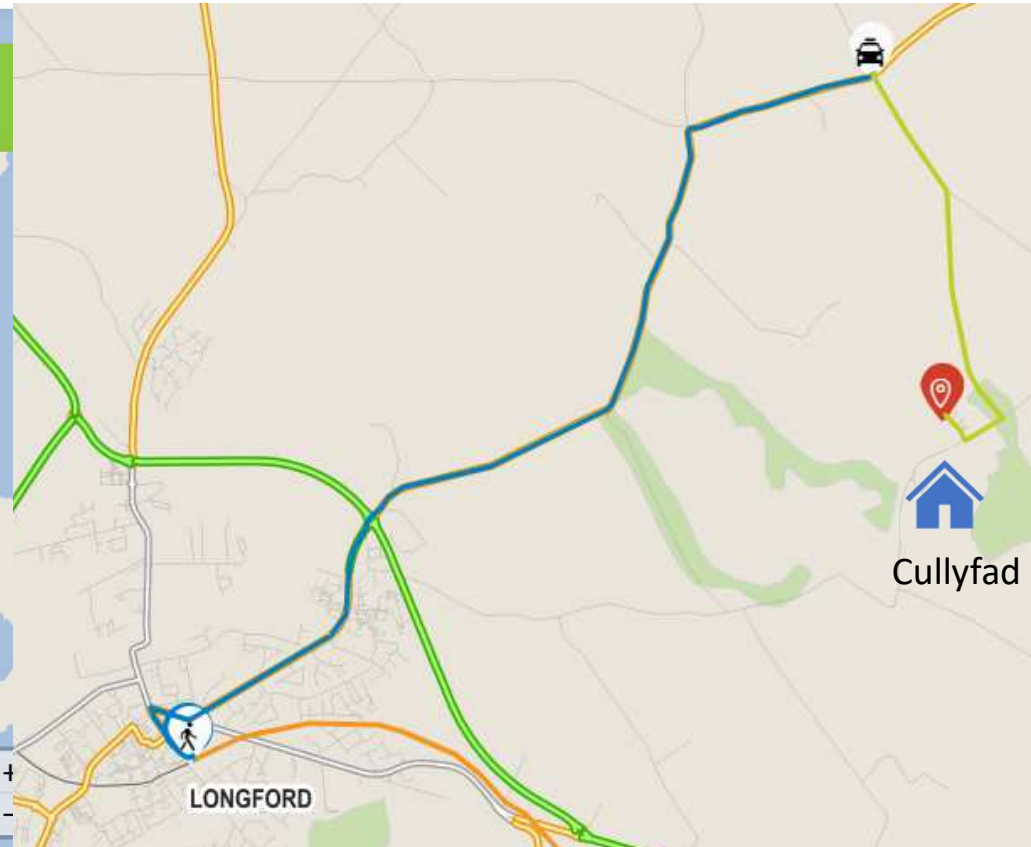
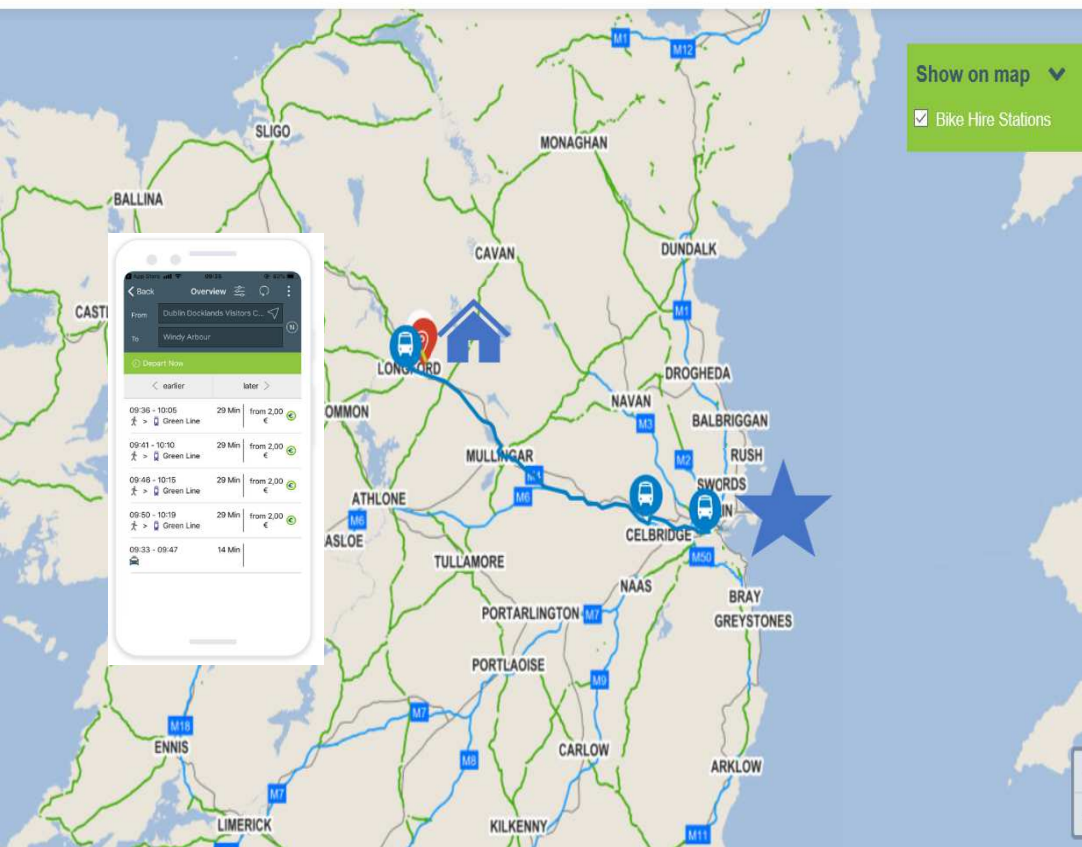
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2 Pilots – Midlands Region

Pilot Local Hackney Service- Cullyfad, Longford

- Grant-aid in areas that have no hackney/ taxi service
- €6,000 to individual drivers over 12 months

Community Car Service- Granard, Longford

- Flexible service –access to health appointments
- €5,000 to Community Transport Service projects over 12 months

- Testing these operational models - inform the NTA's local transport plans
- No 'one' solution to rural transport issues
- Question: Are there options for more vulnerable groups?

