

Non-Statutory Public Consultation on Navan Cycle Scheme



Beechmount to
Balreask Manor



Project Overview

The National Transport Authority published the 2022 Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network which included a Cycle Network Map for Navan. This plan identified several strategic cycle routes from the town centre radiating along the main transport routes to the town. Meath County Council now proposes to develop a section of cycle routes along the R161 Trim Road between Beechmount and Balreask Manor.

The Scheme aims to:

- Improve local access for cyclists and pedestrians from Navan Town Centre to residential areas to the south of Navan.
- Improve cycle and pedestrian safety.
- Create a sustainable mode of active-travel access to the primary and secondary schools in the greater urban area of Navan.
- Provide a consistent and coherent standard of cycle facilities into Navan Town Centre.
- Improve pavement quality and width, increasing comfort for cyclists.
- Provide safer and more convenient junction lay-outs for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Provide additional recreational links by linking the local communities to future Greenway and Cycling routes for Navan.
- Contribute to the achievement of the targets set out in the Climate Action Plan 2021.
- Contribute towards the aims and goals of the 'National Sustainable Mobility Policy 2022' in delivering additional daily active travel and public transport journeys and achieving a reduction in kilometers driven by fossil-fuel powered vehicles.



Figure 1: Planning Timeline

Where are we now?

The scheme is currently at Phase 2 Concept Design and Option Development. Following the Option Assessment and Identification process, the project team has now selected an Emerging Preferred Route for Beechmount to Balreask Manor and is presenting this for non-statutory public consultation.

Emerging Preferred Route

The proposed route will deliver high quality cycle and pedestrian facilities and improved public realm amenities along an 850m route corridor from the Beechmount Junction (R161/Dan Shaw Road) to Balreask Manor (R161/Balreask Manor).

The emerging preferred route shall tie in with a scheme of Active Travel infrastructure, currently under construction on the Trim Road, at the junction between the Trim Road and Beechmount Avenue. The emerging preferred route shall introduce improved cycling and pedestrian infrastructure between Beechmount and Balreask Manor with new 2-way cycle tracks running for the majority of the route.

The emerging preferred route corridor is shown in the Route Corridor Map below:



Figure 2: Beechmount to Balreask Manor Route Corridor Map



Figure 3a: Before - South of Canterbrook Estate on the R161 Road



Figure 3b: After - South of Canterbrook Estate on the R161 Road

Non-Statutory Public Consultation

We now wish to consult with the public on the **Emerging Preferred Route. Non-Statutory Public Consultation** which will run for 4 weeks from **Monday 13th November to Friday 8th December 2023.**

We are keen to get a wide range of views, and we want to engage with as many people as possible in the consultation process. We will use the submissions received to inform the proposal for the Preferred Route, that will be consulted on in Summer 2024.

An in-person consultation event will take place on the 13th November 2023 between 3pm and 7pm in the Knowth Suite at the Newgrange Hotel in Navan. This will be a great opportunity to meet with the project team, learn about the proposed scheme, and provide feedback.

How to make a submission?

Details of the proposed cycle scheme will be available on the project website and in Meath County Councils Office from Monday 13th November to Friday 8th December 2023.

Submissions should be made no later than 5pm on Friday 8th December 2023 via:



Feedback Form on the Council's consultation portal
<https://consult.meath.ie>



Email: activetravel@meathcoco.ie



Post: Navan Cycle Scheme, Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 Y291

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