

Cycling and walking, as part of an active lifestyle, are very important for good health. These activities promote healthy growth and development in children and young people and are also important for healthy ageing, which contributes to a higher quality of life and independence as we grow older. That is why Meath County Council has developed plans for the Athlumney to Trim Road Cycle and Pedestrian Scheme.



The proposed cycle scheme will deliver a more accessible town, making Navan a better place to live, work and visit.

It will provide important links to schools, communities, businesses and amenities.

The benefits extend beyond health and encompass social, economic and environmental benefits.

The proposed cycle scheme is based on the National Transport Authority's published Greater Dublin Area Network Plan, which includes a network of cycle routes for Navan.

The main parts of the proposed scheme include:

- 1. Dedicated cycling facilities
- 2. New pedestrian crossings
- 3. Improved pedestrian facilities

The scheme will provide a safer cycling and walking environment in Navan. It will also encourage increased levels of physical activity.

An outline of the scheme can be found inside this newsletter and details of the public consultation, with displays at venues in Navan, can be found at the back page.







WHAT IS THE ROUTE?

The route extends from the Beechmount Avenue junction on the Trim Road to Railway Street, connecting with the recently constructed roundabout at the Solstice Arts Centre and onto Circular Road. It then crosses the Dublin Road and continues northward along the River Boyne to the New Bridge, where it joins the new cycle and pedestrian facility on the Kentstown Road (currently under construction) as far as Convent Road. From the Convent Road junction, the route continues up Convent Road and over the railway bridge, past Athlumney Castle, and ends at the junction with Elm Park in Athlumney.



SCHEME OVERVIEW





WHAT IS INCLUDED FOR PEDESTRIANS?

Several existing pedestrian crossings are to be upgraded, including the crossing adjacent to Flowerfield National School on the Dublin Road at the Circular Road junction, and on the Trim Road at the Dan Shaw Road junction located adjacent to Supervalu. New signalised pedestrian crossings are proposed on the Trim Road at Beechmount, at St Columbus Crescent (access to Beaufort College), and at its junction with Carriage Road. New signalised pedestrian crossings are also proposed at the Circular Road/Academy Street junction.

BENEFITS OF SMARTER TRAVEL

√ SAVE MONEY

Walking or cycling allows you to travel for a low or no cost at all.

√ GET FIT 2 KEEP FIT

A key reason for people not doing regular leisuretime exercise is the lack of time. So why not get some physical activity into your daily life through a healthy walk or cycle?

√ GO GREEN

Fewer cars on the road results in safer surroundings and less pollution.

√LESS STRESS

Being caught in traffic congestion can be frustrating at times. The proposed scheme would provide an opportunity for a relaxing walk or cycle to work, school or leisure activity.

√ GO HEALTHY

Facilitates the multiple benefits of physical activity to health and wellbeing.



SAFER CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

KEY FEATURES:

- ✓ Creates safer and more attractive active travel routes for cyclists and pedestrians alike
- Meets local and national objectives in terms of healthy and active living
- ✓ Provides safer cycling and pedestrian routes to several schools in Navan
- ✓ Includes new signalised pedestrian crossings at key locations
- Creates enhanced accessible pedestrian links to the Town
- Incorporates upgraded public lighting throughout
- Offers an attractive alternative to car trips
- Caters for the future growth of Navan in a sustainable way





DELIVERING THE SCHEME:

Following planning consent (if approved) and subject to funding, works could begin in 2019 and be substantially complete in 2022. In so far as practicable, the works will be phased and managed in a manner that minimises inconvenience.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

Meath County is holding a public consultation on the proposed Athlumney to Trim Road Cycle Scheme. The plans and particulars of the proposed development will be on display (available for inspection and/or purchase) at the two locations below during opening hours each weekday (excluding public holidays), from Monday 17th December 2018 to Thursday 24th January 2019.

Visit the Public Consultation at:

- (a) Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath C15 Y291 (Inspection & Purchase).
- (b) Navan Town Library, Railway Street, Navan, C₁₅ AW81 (Inspection only).

MAKING A SUBMISSION:

Submissions can be made in writing to the Planning Department, Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Navan Co. Meath, C15 Y291 or emailed to planning@meathcoco.ie on or before 4pm on Thursday 7th February 2019.

CONTACT US

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