

Public Consultation Survey for Drogheda Town and Vicinity Transport Strategy

Welcome

Louth County Council and Meath County Council are currently developing a Transport Strategy for the town of Drogheda and Vicinity. The Strategy will determine the transport interventions required to increase sustainable transport modes in and around the Drogheda town area.

The purpose of this online public consultation is to hear from the people who live, work, shop and go to school within the Transport Strategy Study Area. This will assist in understanding current issues related to transport and obtain views on potential solutions.

Covid-19: Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, it is important that the feedback given in the survey reflects your travel patterns and issues prior to the start of the crisis.

Please be assured that all respondents will remain anonymous and the information you provide will not be used for any other purpose.

As part of the Transport Strategy, we may publish comments received through this online survey (please note that comments will be anonymised). Before you can complete this survey, you will need to confirm that you consent to the terms of the survey. For details on how to withdraw your consent, please click on the privacy statements included below.

If you are completing the survey on behalf of an organisation or group, you will be asked to provide contact details. The name of your organisation or group may be published alongside your feedback, but your contact details will remain confidential.

Individuals not representing an organisation or group can make an anonymous submission and no personal data will be collected from these individuals. Please refer to the Louth County Council and Meath County Council Privacy Statements.

Please note that the data collected from this survey will be shared between Louth County Council and Meath County Council.

If you prefer, you can submit responses in hard copy to any of the civic offices in Counties Louth or Meath or alternatively by post to:

Administrative Officer,
Infrastructure and Active Travel Department,
Louth County Council,
Fair Street,
Drogheda,
Co. Louth,
A92 P440

*** 1. Consent Question:**

I consent to the collection of my survey responses for the purpose of informing the Drogheda Town and Vicinity Transport Strategy. I understand that my responses will be shared between Louth County Council and Meath County Council and that the comments I submit may be published.

☐ Yes

☐ No

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2. Are you submitting comments on behalf of an organisation or group, or as an individual?

- ☐ I am representing an organisation or group
- ☐ I am responding to the consultation as a private individual only

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3. Which organisation or group are you a representative for? (Please note that the names of groups/organisations may be published together with comments submitted).

4. Provide your own name and the contact details of your organisation. (If your organisation does not have an email address, please provide alternative personal contact information such as a personal email address, personal postal address or phone number. This will be used to contact the organisation to discuss the submission, if required).

Your own name

Contact details of
organisation or group
(email address or
telephone number)

5. The survey will skip to Question No. 6 next if you are submitting comments on behalf of an organisation. Please click yes to proceed.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ None of the above

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Your interest in the Drogheda Town and Vicinity Transport Strategy

6. The image below shows the study area for the Drogheda Town and Vicinity Transport Strategy.

Please select all options below which apply to you.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I live within this area | <input type="checkbox"/> I shop or spend leisure time within this area (e.g. go to restaurants or visit friends or family) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I work within this area | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I attend education within this area | |

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7. Do you live

- ☐ Elsewhere (outside the Drogheda Town and Vicinity Transport Strategy study area)

Please specify

8. What is your usual situation with regard to employment?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Working | <input type="radio"/> Job Seeking |
| <input type="radio"/> Retired | <input type="radio"/> Carer/Stay at Home Parent |
| <input type="radio"/> Studying | <input type="radio"/> Unable to work due to illness or disability |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) | |

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How you Travel

9. Please select the mode of travel you use for the longest part, by distance, of your usual journey to work or education.

- ☐ Walk (or run)
- ☐ Bicycle
- ☐ E-Scooter
- ☐ Bus
- ☐ Train
- ☐ Motorcycle
- ☐ Driving a car
- ☐ Passenger in a car with driver going to same destination
- ☐ Passenger in a car with driver going to a different destination
- ☐ Taxi
- ☐ Work mainly at or from home
- ☐ Other (please specify)

10. When making your usual journey to work or education, how many modes of travel do you use on the same trip? E.g. walking to the train station and then getting the train is two modes.

In this context your 'usual' journey refers to the mode or combination of modes that you use always or most often for your regular trip.

- ☐ One mode of travel
- ☐ More than one mode of travel

11. In addition to the mode of travel you use for the longest leg of your usual journey (as selected in Q9 above), what other modes do you use on your usual journey? Please select all relevant travel modes.

- ☐ Walk (or run)
- ☐ Bicycle
- ☐ E-Scooter
- ☐ Bus
- ☐ Train
- ☐ Motorcycle
- ☐ Driving a car
- ☐ Passenger in a car with driver going to same destination
- ☐ Passenger in a car with driver going to a different destination
- ☐ Taxi
- ☐ Work mainly at or from home
- ☐ Other (please specify)

12. Are there any other alternative modes/combinations of modes that you use sometimes/occasionally to travel to work or education? Please choose all modes that apply.

- ☐ No, I never travel a different way
- ☐ Walk (or run)
- ☐ Bicycle
- ☐ E-Scooter
- ☐ Bus
- ☐ Train
- ☐ Motorcycle
- ☐ Driving a car
- ☐ Passenger in a car with driver going to same destination
- ☐ Passenger in a car with driver going to a different destination
- ☐ Taxi
- ☐ Work mainly at or from home
- ☐ Other (please specify)

13. Which modes of travel do you use to travel within the Drogheda Town and Vicinity Transport Strategy study area for 'non-commuting trips'? Please select all that apply.

Trips 'within' the study area are trips within the red circle shown in the map below at the start of the survey (including the first leg of longer trips – e.g. trips to the train station).

'Non-commuting trips' are all trips which are not for the purpose of travel to work or education - e.g. travel for shopping, leisure/social activities, visiting, personal business etc.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk (or run) | <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle | <input type="checkbox"/> Driving a car |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E-Scooter | <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger in car with driver going to same destination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bus | <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger in car with driver going to a different destination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Train | <input type="checkbox"/> Taxi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

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Shopping

14. Where do you do the largest amount of your grocery shopping?

- | | |
|--|----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Drogheda Town Centre | <input type="radio"/> Navan |
| <input type="radio"/> Outskirts of Drogheda Town Centre (South eg Tesco, Lidl, Aldi Donore Road) | <input type="radio"/> Dundalk |
| <input type="radio"/> Outskirts of Drogheda Town Centre (North eg Aldi, Lidl M1 Retail Park) | <input type="radio"/> Balbriggan |
| <input type="radio"/> Southgate Shopping Centre | <input type="radio"/> Online |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) | |

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Your views on transport in and around Drogheda Town

15. How would you rate the existing transport infrastructure in and around Drogheda Town and vicinity for each of the following modes of travel?

	Very Poor	Poor	Acceptable	Good	Very Good
Cycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
E-Scooter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bus	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Train	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Driving a Car	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

16. Which of the following transport improvements would you like to see implemented within Drogheda Town Centre? Please rate each of the following from 'Not at all important' to 'Extremely Important'.

Please note that public transport related improvements are not included here as these are considered separately in the next questions.

	Not important at all	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important
Introduction car-free zone in Drogheda Centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved walking and cycling links on main routes to the town centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved walking and cycling links to areas of employment and education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved walking and cycling links to the train station and bus stops	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Full/Partial pedestrianisation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Removal of non-essential through traffic from the town centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduced traffic in the town centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Not important at all	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important
Introduction of Park and Stride/Ride facility into Town Centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Restrictions to HGVs/Articulated Vehicles in certain areas within Drogheda Town Centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Restricted delivery times to businesses within Drogheda Town Centre e.g. peak school times	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Additional One Way Streets (please provide details of location etc. in comments/further information box below)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved use of public space and the walking/cycling environment within the town centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved walking and cycling links to schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved walking and cycling links to other destinations not specified above (i.e. locations other than the town centre, the train station or schools – please give details of specific locations below).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduced speed limits (30kph) within town centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduced on-street car parking within the town centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased number of car parking spaces within the town centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Real time car parking occupancy data	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify below, excluding public transport related comments). Also use this box for comment or further information.

17. Which of the following transport improvements would you like to see implemented outside of Drogheda Town Centre? Please rate each of the following from 'Not at all important' to 'Extremely important'.

Please note that public transport related improvements are not included here as these are considered separately in the next questions.

	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important
Provision of new roads (please provide details of location etc. in comments/further information box below)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provision of an additional River Boyne Crossing (please provide details of location etc. in comments/further information box below)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved connectivity through estates	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Introduction of Park and Share facility just off M1 Motorway North of Drogheda	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Introduction of Park and Share facility just off M1 Motorway South of Drogheda	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Relocation of tolls on M1 Motorway (please provide more details below)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comment/Further Information:

18. How important are the following public transport improvements to you? Please rate each of the following from 'Not at all important' to 'Extremely important'.

	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important
Bus stop improvements (e.g. extra shelters, seating, real time information signs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More regular bus services on existing bus routes in town centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More regular bus services on existing routes outside of town centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New local bus routes to serve destinations which are currently hard to reach by public transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bus priority measures in Drogheda town centre to improve bus journey times and reliability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Measures to reduce anti-social behaviour at bus stops and on buses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The introduction of Leap Card fares on more public transport services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved facilities at the train station (e.g. lifts, secure cycle parking, more sheltered seating)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased frequency of rail services including DART to Drogheda	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
An expansion of the train station car park to facilitate more park and ride trips	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Are there sufficient taxi ranks in Drogheda	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Are the taxi ranks located in the appropriate areas within the town	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important
Changes which make it easier to transfer from public transport services available in Drogheda Town to other public transport services in the wider region (for example, a regional transport hub or the ability to buy a through ticket to allow travel on other services)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
N/A – Do not/will never use public transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. Is there anything else you would change about public transport in Drogheda Town and Vicinity, or would you like to give more detail about any of the options in Q18 which you rated as important? Your answer can refer to public transport issues within the town or refer to issues you have experienced when travelling to other areas. Open answer question.

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Travel to School

20. Are you the parent or guardian of any children attending school (primary or secondary) in Drogheda Town?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Question not applicable – I am responding to this survey on behalf of an organisation or group | <input type="radio"/> Yes - Secondary School |
| <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Yes - Both (primary and secondary) |
| <input type="radio"/> Yes - Primary School | |

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21. On average, how often do your primary school age children use active travel modes to travel to school? (e.g. walk, cycle, scoot etc.)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Every day | <input type="radio"/> Once a month |
| <input type="radio"/> 3 or 4 times a week | <input type="radio"/> Rarely/Never |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 or 2 times a week | <input type="radio"/> Other/ more than one child in primary school and they have different travel patterns |
| <input type="radio"/> Once a fortnight | |

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22. On average, how often do your primary school age children use active travel modes to travel to school? (e.g. walk, cycle, scoot etc.)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Every day | <input type="radio"/> Once a month |
| <input type="radio"/> 3 or 4 times a week | <input type="radio"/> Rarely/Never |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 or 2 times a week | <input type="radio"/> Other/ more than one child in primary school and they have different travel patterns |
| <input type="radio"/> Once a fortnight | |

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23. On average, how often do your secondary school age children use active travel modes to travel to school (e.g. walk, cycle, scoot etc.)?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Every day | <input type="radio"/> Once a month |
| <input type="radio"/> 3 or 4 times a week | <input type="radio"/> Rarely/Never |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 or 2 times a week | <input type="radio"/> Other/ more than one child in primary school and they have different travel patterns |
| <input type="radio"/> Once a fortnight | |

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24. To what extent do you see the following as barriers which currently prevent your child/ children from using active travel modes for the journey to school? (walk, cycle scoot etc.)

	Major Barrier	Slight Barrier	Not a barrier or not applicable
It isn't safe (traffic)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It isn't safe (personal safety – e.g. 'stranger danger')	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Distance - it's too far to cycle	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Distance - it's too far to walk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of cycling facilities between home and school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of walking links or crossing points	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The weather	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Don't have enough time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children have too much to carry to school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Can't fit it into my work patterns	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilities at the school (please specify type of facilities below)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Further information:

25. If you selected 'too far to walk' and/or 'too far to cycle', please provide an estimate of the distance in kilometers from your home to your children's' school(s) in the relevant box. If you didn't select one of these options, leave this blank.

26. How important would the following factors be in encouraging you to allow your child/children to use or continue to use active travel modes to travel to school? (walking, cycling, scooting (not e-scooters) etc.)

	Important	Neutral/Don't know	Not important
Cycle/scooter training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Safer walking routes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Safer cycling routes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Secure cycle/scooter storage at school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Less to carry to school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Slower traffic speeds near school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved access to school entrance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking bus (meet up with adults and other children and all walk to school)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cycling bus (meet up with other adults and children and all cycle to school)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Additional Comments

27. Please provide any additional comments which you feel are relevant to the development of the Drogheda Town and Vicinity Transport Strategy.

Please be as specific as possible in your comments – if there are specific locations where you encounter a particular issue which you have not already described, please give some details of the issue and the location.