

St. Fiachra's Junior and Senior National Schools – Consultation Report

Overview

Dublin City Council undertook a non-statutory consultation for the front-of-school works at St. Fiachra's Junior National and Senior National Schools Montrose Park, Beaumont in Dublin 5 between 21 April and 12 May 2023. The school community and local residents were invited to share their feedback on the draft designs for the proposed works.

There were a total of 30 responses to the consultation. The concerns and suggestions raised through this consultation are outlined in the table below, along with Dublin City Council's response.

Based on the feedback received during the consultation, the design has been updated to incorporate changes.

Feedback Themes

Concern or suggestion	DCC response
Concerns about the physical appearance of the scheme and bollards outside homes.	Dublin City Council is implementing a suite of elements and materials as prescribed by the National Transport Authority School Zone roll out, including bollards. It is important that School Zones remain consistent to be effective so that drivers recognise a school zone and adapt their driving habits accordingly.
Concerns about drivers blocking entrances and about displaced and illegal parking.	Dublin Street Parking Services operate the on-street enforcement contract on behalf of Dublin City Council and are contactable on 01 602 2500.
Objection to removal of yellow at junction of Montrose Park and Close.	Yellow box being retained.
Concerns about pencil bollards outside homes.	Number of bollards reduced and design changed to lighthouse bollards except at immediate school entrance.
Suggestion of one-way system into and around the church/school grounds.	The operation of traffic flow within the church/school grounds is out of the scope of this scheme.
Request for a disabled parking bay to be provided.	There are two such parking bays available on the school grounds and available to students of both schools.
Requests to extend the scheme to the end of Montrose Close.	The School Zone extends 50m along Montrose Close, which is deemed appropriate and consistent with the NTA School Zone design principles.
Requests to extend the scheme to Montrose Avenue and to Ardmore Drive.	Both locations are beyond the scope of the School Zone. A School Zone location should be on the same stretch of road and within visibility of the main school entrance. This ensures that drivers understand that the treatment relates to a school and the scheme remains effective.

Request to reconsider blister tactile paving due to concerns about slipping/falling.	Tactile paving is installed at road crossings for the benefit of vulnerable road users to identify a safe crossing point. Dublin City Council uses only approved materials and, when installed correctly, will not pose a trip/slip hazard.
Request for bike and scooter parking.	This is not in the remit of the scheme. This request should be sent to the school, which can apply to DCC or Green Schools for bike and scooter parking.