**Donnybrook Road to Clonskeagh Road Frequently Asked Questions**

**Why are we doing this Scheme?**

This scheme intends to provide an active travel link along the Dodder River and into future cycle and public transport schemes. The overall aim is to improve walking and cycling facilities for the local communities, facilitating modal shift towards more sustainable modes for both commuting and leisure.

**Why was this route chosen?**

The Dodder Greenway was identified as a primary route in the NTA Greater Dublin Area (GDA) Cycle Network Plan 2013, and subsequently in the draft GDA Cycle Network Plan within the draft GDA Transport Strategy 2022 – 2042. A Public Consultation on the GDA Transport Strategy 2022 – 2042 was held on the 23rd November 2020 to 22nd January 2021.

A key objective in the Dublin City Development Plan is the implementation of the NTA Greater Dublin Area (GDA) Cycle Network.

**What is the Public Consultation Process for the scheme?**

A non-statutory public consultation process will be carried out for the scheme. The proposals can be viewed and submissions can be made on the Dublin City Council’s website <http://consultation.dublincity.ie/>

The scheme drawings will be available to view from Thursday November 2nd – Friday 8th December at:

* Dublin City Council, Block 1, Floor 0, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, D08RF3F
* Pembroke Library, Anglesea Road, Dublin 4, Co. Dublin, D04 H765
* Donnybrook Community Centre-Rear of Sacred Heart Church, Donnybrook, Dublin 4.
* [www.dublincity.ie/activetravel](http://www.dublincity.ie/activetravel)

An information event on the project will be held from 4-7pm on the 9th of November 2023 in Donnybrook Parish Community Centre.

The design may be reviewed based on the feedback received during the Consultation Period. A Public Consultation Report summarising the consultation results will also be published in due course.

**Will there be an opportunity to meet with Dublin City Council and the designers to discuss the proposals?**

An information event on the project will be held from 4-7pm on the 9th of November in Donnybrook Parish Community Centre, rear of the Sacred Heart Church, Donnybrook, Dublin. This will provide an opportunity for the public to discuss the proposals with Dublin City Council and give their feedback.

**What is the Planning decision process for this scheme?**

It is anticipated that this scheme will be implemented under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act.

EIA and AA screening Reports have being completed for each section and a final decision on the proposed planning Route will be made by Dublin City Council Planners.

**Who is funding the Schemes?**

The project is being funded by the National Transport Authority.

**Has the impacts of the proposed One way traffic been considered?**

Yes. Traffic impacts along the route and the wider area have been considered as part of the environmental screening exercise.

Extensive traffic modelling of how traffic will divert after the scheme is in place has been carried out as part of the Traffic Analysis.

**Why is the proposed one-way system being introduced at the entrance to the Smurfit Kappa site and not at the entrance to David Lloyd Gym?**

In order to maintain the current two way traffic and facilitate the new shared area between the David Lloyd Gym and Smurfit Kappa entrance, the existing eastern kerb line would require realigning and the extension of the existing retaining wall along this section. In addition, approximately ten established trees would be impacted.

Heavy civil works on the eastern kerb line will not be required if the one-way system starts at the entrance to Smurfit Kappa. This also aligns with the rapid build scheme objective which aims at utilising cost-effective measures to deliver walking and cycling infrastructure.

**Have Environmental Assessments been carried out?**

Yes. The following screening assessments have been completed :

* Environmental Impact Assessment Screening
* Appropriate Assessment Screening

Both screening reports concluded that an Environmental Impact Assessment report and Appropriate Assessment Report are not required for the scheme

**Will there be any in-stream works required on the Dodder River?**

No. All works proposed remain outside of the river and its banks and utilise existing footpaths and road space for the new infrastructure.

**How is existing parking on Beaver Row impacted?**

Existing Parking outside the cottages on Beaver Row will be maintained and improved to provide additional width for car parking.

The existing Accessible parking bay outside No 10 Beaver Row Cottages will be maintained.

**How will the Schemes interact with other projects under construction or planned?**

The schemes have been designed with planned or committed projects in mind to ensure there are no conflicts between proposals. Notable adjacent projects include River Dodder Flood Alleviation Scheme and BusConnects Dublin.

**Why is Shared Space Used along the route?**

As space available along Beaver Row and Beech Hill Road is constrained, a shared space is required where pedestrian priority will be provided. During the detailed design process careful consideration will be given to the material palette used in order to ensure pedestrians and cyclists use shared areas appropriately. Tactile paving and signage will be provided in accordance with the Cycle Design Manual, to communicate the entry and exit to shared areas. Additionally the Active Travel Programme Office will be running a Behaviour Change Campaign in 2024 to inform people on the appropriate use of shared space.

**Are there any trees impacted along the scheme.**

Existing Trees on the east of Beech Hill Road between Smurfit Kappa and Beech Hill Campus will be maintained. Three trees will be removed on the west side of Beech Hill Road approaching Clonskeagh Road. Two of the trees to be removed were classed in the tree survey as in fair condition and of moderate value, the third tree was classed as in poor condition and is of low value.

As a mitigation measure, it is proposed to plant 6 trees in the nearby area.

**What are the Diversion Routes once Beech Hill Road/Beaver Row is made one-way Northbound?**

Traffic that currently uses Beech Hill Road/Beaver Row to travel south bound towards Clonskeagh Road may use Eglington Road, Marlborough Road and Appian Way to access Clonskeagh Road/Ranelagh Road.