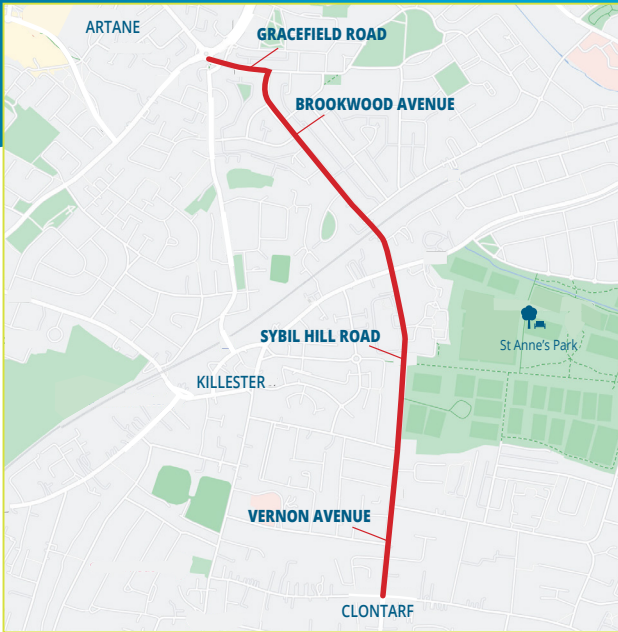




# Gracefield Road to Vernon Avenue

## Walking and Cycling Scheme

### INFORMATION LEAFLET



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## 1 PROJECT OVERVIEW

Dublin City Council (DCC) will deliver the Active Travel Network through a series of infrastructural projects over the next eight years. The Active Travel Network will grow from its existing 10km to a connected network of 310km across the city. This will offer a safer, inclusive and connected Active Travel Network that is sustainable.

Gracefield Road, Brookwood Avenue, Sybill Hill Road and Vernon Avenue have been identified as suitable roads for rapid build active travel measures. This Scheme will deliver 2.5km of protected cycle paths and improved pedestrian facilities along the route.

## 2 NEED FOR THE SCHEME

- Provide a link into adjacent active travel and public transport schemes including; Harmonstown Dart Station, Bus Connects: D and H Spines, S2S East Coast Trail and Baldoyle to Fairview Active Travel Schemes
- Improve links to St. Anne's Park and numerous other community amenities
- Improve links to numerous education centres along the route including; St. Paul's College, St. Brigid's National School and St. Mary's Holy Faith Catholic School

## 3 BENEFITS OF THE SCHEME

- Provide quality, protected cycling facilities to cater for cyclists of all ages and abilities
- Facilitate a more active lifestyle for all ages bringing multiple benefits for physical and mental wellbeing
- Contribute to a reduction in transport emissions in line with the objectives of the Climate Action Plan by encouraging a modal shift to active travel use

## 4 KEY FEATURES

### **Gracefield Road, Brookwood Avenue and Vernon Avenue**

It is proposed to provide rapid build cycle tracks on both sides of the road. Existing wide footpaths and grass verges will be cut back slightly and narrowed. This will allow protected one-way cycle tracks on both sides of the road with extruded kerbs, with a new asphalt surface. Cutting back the verge may require setting back existing lighting poles, signage and traffic signals. DCC will aim to keep this to a minimum.

The option would allow the reallocation of road space from the existing carriageway towards active travel. Reducing the existing road space for vehicles will reduce traffic speeds and increase safety for vulnerable road users. There will also be improved crossing facilities for pedestrians on side roads as the junctions will be tightened.

Additionally, the right turn pockets on Brookwood Avenue and Sybill Road approaching the Howth Road will be removed to facilitate the cycle tracks.

The Seafield Road / Vernon Avenue junction will also be improved by removing the vehicle left slip.

## School Zones

New “school zones” will be introduced outside St Brigid’s Boys National School and St. Paul’s College along Sybil Hill Road. The “school zones” may include interventions such as colour themed road markings, pencil shaped pencil bollards and high friction buff surfacing. The specific details of the school zones will be confirmed at a detailed design stage, following consultation with schools.



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### St. Anne’s Park (Sybil Hill Road)

New cycle tracks are proposed on both sides of Sybil Hill Road. On-street parking will be maintained on the eastern side of the road via a parking protected cycle lane. A buffer will be provided in-between the cycle lane and car parking. Parking on the western side of the road will not be permitted due to the off road cycle track. The disabled parking bays and the bicycle parking at the park entrance will be increased and relocated to the other side of the road.



## 5 MINOR TRAFFIC DISRUPTION DURING INSTALLATION

It is anticipated that the installation works on the Rapid Build Active Travel Scheme will be undertaken in Q2 2024. In order to deliver the scheme there will be some minor temporary disruption to traffic in the area. Dublin City Council in collaboration with our contractor will endeavour to minimise this as much as possible.

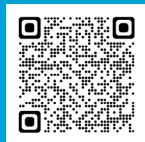
## 6 HOW TO CONTACT US

We are seeking public engagement on the current scheme proposal. If you would like to view additional information or make a submission to DCC on the Gracefield Road to Vernon Avenue Scheme, please see the options below:



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All the drawings are available to view in hard copy format in Raheny Library, Howth Rd, Donaghmede, Dublin 5, D05 VY99, during the consultation period.