**Milltown Road- Dodder Walk to Dundrum Road Frequently Asked Questions**

**Why was this route chosen?**

Milltown Road-Dodder Walk to Dundrum Road has been identified as a suitable location for rapid build walking and cycling facilities. It will facilitate a continuous route along the Dodder corridor in advance of the Dodder Greenway project.

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.

**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 February 8th – Friday March 15th at:

* Dublin City Council, Block 1, Floor 0, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, D08RF3F
* Rathmines Library, 157 Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin 6, D06 K2K6
* [www.dublincity.ie/activetravel](http://www.dublincity.ie/activetravel)
* An information event on the project will be held from 4-7pm on the 22nd of February 2023 in Milltown Parish Pastoral Centre, Milltown Road, Milltown, Dublin 6, D06 Y7T3.

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.

**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 the scheme 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.

**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.

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

Native tree species of Birch will replace 11no. existing trees along the northern side of Milltown Road between the South Hill junction and the Dropping Well. The existing non-native trees have been identified as a potential hazard to overhead power lines and are blocking the public lighting in the area. Birch trees are more suitable for confined spaces, and are identified in the DCC Tree Policy and Biodiversity Action Plan to replace existing non-native species. These species provide opportunities for biodiversity net gain and support wildlife habitat corridors in urban environments.

All planted trees shall be planted in designed tree pits that shall ensure tree root migration does not create future hazards on adjacent pedestrian and cycle paths.

**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.

**Do the gradients on Milltown Road meet the National Cycle Manual Standards of 5%?**

Gradients between South Hill and Dropping Well vary between 4% and 6%. The feasibility of maintaining the Cycle Design Manual standards will be investigated during the detailed design process.

**Are there any plans to extend the scheme further along Milltown Road to Sandford Road?**

Currently the scheme extends from Dodder Walk to Dundrum Road which will facilitate a continuous route along the Dodder corridor in advance of the Dodder Greenway project.

The remaining section of the Milltown Road is a secondary route on the NTA Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan and will be implemented in the future. The scheme will also connect with the proposed Rathmines to Milltown active travel route.