

School Community & Neighbourhood Leaflet

School Zone Our Lady of Consolation National School and Scoil Chiaráin CBS, Collins Avenue East, Donnycarney, Dublin 5

24th April 2023

Dublin City Council with the support of the National Transport Authority propose to implement School Zone front-of-school works to improve the safety of students and vulnerable road users accessing and exiting schools at Our Lady of Consolation National School and Scoil Chiaráin CBS, Collins Avenue East, Donnycarney, Dublin 5.

What are School Zones?



Image 1: Example of School Zone at Star of the Sea School, Sandymount, D4

School Zones are built infrastructural upgrades that are designed to give priority to students at the school gate by freeing up footpaths and reducing vehicle drop-offs, pick-ups and idling. The aim is to increase safety at the front of school and prioritise active travel (walking, cycling, wheeling and scooting) to and from school.

School Zones are implemented around the world in order to:

- Increase student safety.
- Reduce vehicle drop-offs, pick-ups and idling outside the school gate.
- Reduce congestion and prioritise active travel (walking, cycling, wheeling and scooting) to and from school.
- Encourage slow, safe driving in the area of the school.
- Promote considerate parking.
- Reduce emissions and pollution, and improve air quality and noise quality by reducing the volume of traffic at schools and vehicles with engines idling.

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Where will these works take place?

These works will take place on **Clancarthy Road and Collins Avenue East**, Donnycarney, Dublin 5, outside of Our Lady of Consolation National School and Scoil Chiaráin CBS.

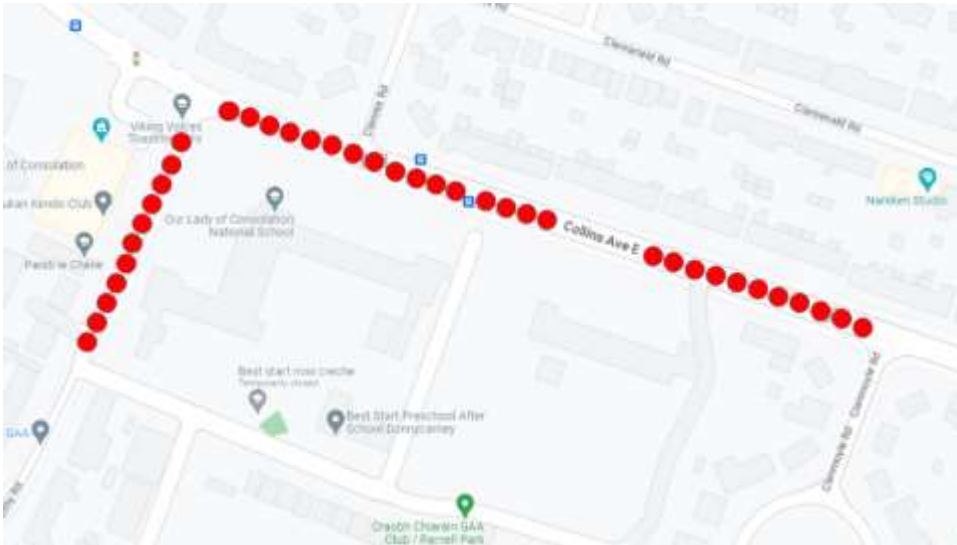


Image 2: Extent of the works at Our Lady of Consolation National School and Scoil Chiaráin CBS

What works will take place at Our Lady of Consolation National School and Scoil Chiaráin CBS?

The works will consist of:



Pencil bollards on the footpath along Clancarthy Road at the entrance to Our Lady of Consolation National School, along Collins Avenue East at the entrance to Scoil Chiaráin CBS and at the warden crossing. All house vehicular entrances will remain unobstructed. Pencil bollards are depicted as pink dots on the design drawing.

Image 3: Example Pencil Bollard on Footpath, Cromcastle, Kilmore, D5

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Lighthouse bollards on the footpath on the northern side of Collins Avenue East near the school warden crossing and on the southern side beyond the School Zone area. All house vehicular entrances will remain unobstructed. These are depicted as black and white dots.

Image 4: Example Lighthouse Bollard on Footpath, Mercer Street, D2

Colourful road markings consisting of yellow and red circles painted directly on the road on Clancarthy Road at the entrance to Our Lady of Consolation National School and on Collins Avenue East at the entrance to Scoil Chiaráin CBS.

Image 5: Example Circle Road Surface Markings, Thornville Rd, Kilbarrack, D5



School Zone road surface signs will be painted at 1) the entry point to Our Lady of Consolation National School where Clancarthy Road meets Collins Avenue East, 2) on approach Scoil Chiaráin CBS on Collins Avenue East from the east and 3) on approach Scoil Chiaráin CBS on Collins Avenue East from the west.

Image 6: Example Road Surface Sign for School Zone, Leinster Road, Rathmines, D6

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A new **School Ahead Variable Message Sign** to be provided on Collins Avenue East before the junction with Clancarthy Road.



Image 7: Example School Ahead Flashing Amber Sign, Sandford Road, D6

The **footpath** at the junction of Clancarthy Road and Collins Avenue East will be **built out** to reduce the speed of cars coming into the area and to decrease the crossing length. These crossing points will be fitted with the **buff coloured blister tactile** pavement inserts and will have lighthouse bollards at the edges to prevent vehicles using them as parking areas. This type of buff-paving prevents trips and slips and is more user-friendly for people with mobility and/or visual impairment needs.



Image 8: Example Tactile Blister Pavements

The existing 10 meter wide **speed ramp** where Clancarthy Road meets Collins Avenue East will be retained. All existing **cycle stands** along Clancarthy Road are retained. The existing disabled bay on the west side of Clancarthy Road will be retained

Why are we implementing this School Zone?

Traffic related safety concerns have been reported and observed by the schools, parents, neighbours, Dublin City Council's School Warden Service, Parking Enforcement and School Mobility Officer, including:

- The high volume of vehicular traffic at school times outside both school gates
- Illegal vehicular parking on the footpaths outside the school. Parents perceive this as "cars parked everywhere at school times, no traffic calming, no cycle paths, unsafe environment for small kids".
- Bottle necks created on Collins Avenue East due to illegal parking.
- Pedestrian congestion outside school during school times.
- Lack of visibility for the school warden of oncoming traffic due to illegal parking.

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Share your thoughts from 24th April 2023 to 12th May 2023

If you would like to share comments or thoughts on these works please contact us via:

- **Email:** sustainablemobility@dublincity.ie (with Our Lady of Consolation and Scoil Chiaráin in the subject bar).
- **Phone:** Customer Services Desk 222 2222 they will refer you to an available member of the School Mobility team.
- **Postal Address:** School Mobility Programme, City Centre Transports Projects, Block 2, Floor 7, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, Ireland, D08 RF3F.

This period of non-statutory consultation closes at midnight on 12th May 2023.

What happens next?

We will review all the comments and observations and, where appropriate, make required changes to the design. Works will then be scheduled for installation.

For the School Zone front-of-school treatment to work effectively, parents who need to drive must be willing to change their drop off and pick up habits. **Parents and guardians will be encouraged not to collect and drop off within the School Zone.** They must park respectfully and legally outside of the School Zone by not blocking other entrances, mounting footpaths or double parking.

Full Drawings and School Zone guidance documents are available online at <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/>(search Our Lady of Consolation National School and Scoil Chiaráin CBS).

A hard copy poster of the drawing will be on view at the school gates.



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