



INFORMATION BOOKLET

FIRHOUSE/BALLYCULLEN QBC

Ballycullen Road and Firhouse Road:
Between Ballycullen Road/Stocking Avenue junction and the N81



Introduction

The Quality Bus Network Project Office, in partnership with South Dublin County Council, has prepared preliminary designs to introduce bus lanes on Ballycullen Road, Firhouse Road and Old Bridge Road. The scheme will provide maximum bus priority along the route and will involve widening of Firhouse Road and Ballycullen Road. It will also provide better cycle facilities, improved safety measures and the upgrading of pedestrian crossing facilities.

Objectives of the Scheme

The intention of the scheme is:

- Reduce bus journey times and provide a reliable service.
- Create better conditions for cyclists.
- Improve pedestrian facilities including mobility-impaired facilities.
- Improve safety for all road users.

Brief Description of Proposals

- Provide priority for buses along the route of the scheme. This will involve widening of sections of Firhouse Road and Ballycullen Road.
- Provide saving of up to 18 minutes for bus users in the morning and evening peaks.
- A number of young trees will need to be removed and will be replaced with semi-mature trees. No mature trees will be affected.
- Replace the existing roundabout at Ballycullen and Killinenny Road junction to a four arm signalised junction. Auxilliary lanes and slip lanes will also be provided at this junction where the demand for turning traffic is high.
- Provide anti-skid surfacing at all signalised junctions.
- Improve the right turning signal for buses at Old Bridge Road/N81 junction.
- Improve all cycle and pedestrian facilities along the route of the scheme.
- It is proposed that the bus lanes will be operational 24 hours Monday to Sunday.
- Upgrade all bus stops through the provision of new bus shelters, kassel kerbs etc.
- Inbound buses will have a dedicated bus lane of approximately 2.45 km in length while outbound buses will have approximately 1.36 km of bus lane.
- There will be no reduction in capacity for general traffic.

Timescale

It is envisaged that, following consultation, the implementation of the scheme will commence in late 2008.

Overall Impact of Proposals

- The proposal will provide improved facilities for buses with an increase in bus speeds from 6.3 to 17.7 km/h.
- The proposal will provide improved facilities for cyclists and pedestrians.
- There will be significant time savings for a large number of bus passengers.
- There will be no significant impact on journey times for general traffic.

Your Comments

If you have any comments on the proposed scheme please include them in the space provided below or write to The Project Manager, QBN Project Office before 11th December 2007.

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Questionnaire

Please complete this questionnaire and tell us what you think about the proposals.

Name: _____

Address: _____

How would you classify yourself? Please tick as appropriate

A resident in the area

A trader/business concern

A motorist

A bus user

A cyclist

A pedestrian

Public exhibition Details

Drawings of the proposed scheme will be available for inspection during normal working hours from 30th October 2007 to 27th November 2007 at:

- South Dublin County Council Offices, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24.
- Ballyroan Library, Orchardstown Avenue, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16.

A box for your comments will also be available at the said locations.

