

May 13th, 2024

# Castletymon Road South Active Travel Scheme Full Council



### Project Overview

WHERE: Southern Section of Castletymon Road, Tallaght; from Castletymon Road Library to Main Road

**WHY**: Delivering a joined up network across Tallaght to provide all people with a safe cycle network

**WHAT:** 500 metres of high quality cycle lanes, more footpaths, measures to slow speeding, a narrowing of junctions, road laneway widths of 3m (reduced from 3.1m), improved school streets at two schools, 6 trees will be removed but 18 re-provided, a reduction of 3 on-street car parking spaces from 12 to 9

**HOW:** Part 8, Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) requirements.



### Who is it for?

#### Children

Walking home together or to after-school activities together. Cycle to sports practice.

### **Young Adults**

Able to access more job opportunities when they might not be able to afford a license/car.

### **Adults**

More time is given back to parents when children can safely get to school and activities on their own.

### **Ageing Population**

Reduced speeding = safer roads. Less traffic on the roads for them to be able to access amenities via car.

# **Everyone**

All Road Users:

Drivers, Walkers, Cyclists





# Artist Impression





Existing

Proposed



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### Consultation Summary

There was a first round informal consultation in summer 2023, following which it was decided to progress Castletymon Road South as a Part 8 application. The statutory Part 8 public consultation ran from 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024

https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/content/castletymon-south-road-active-travel-scheme

#### **Total Responses:**

- 20 Individual Observations/Submissions
- 158 Survey Responses

2/3 of respondents identified as local residents

See Part 8 Consultation Report for more details on the consultation methods and results



# Summary of issues raised

- Junction design
- Traffic Congestion
- Narrowing road lanes
- Impact on emergency services
- Construction traffic

- Loss of 3 parking spaces
- Loss of 6 trees
- Detailed comments on minor Public Realm improvement suggestions, traffic lights sequencing and bus stop design

Over 50% of the survey comments focused on the District Centre Scheme, which is different from the proposed Active Travel Scheme, or on the construction which was ongoing during this consultation period.

### Key Issue: Junction Design - Differences between



#### District Centre

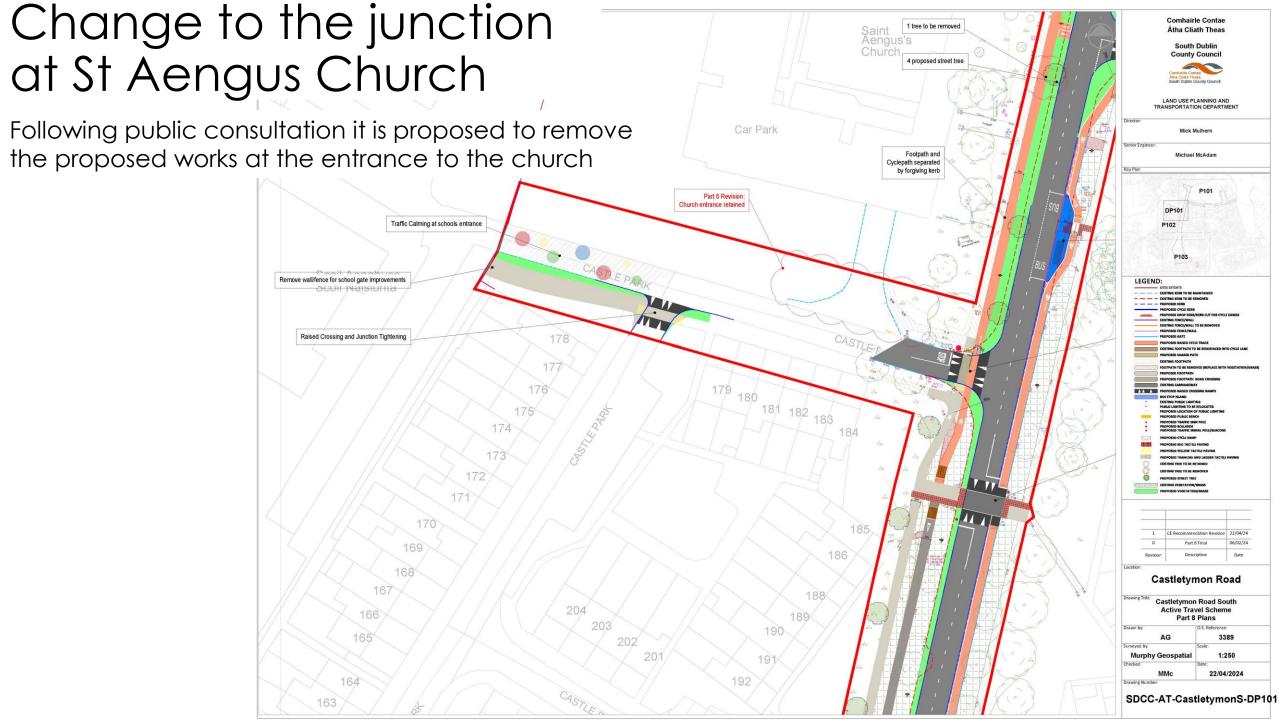


District Centre Enhancement

#### Active Travel



Active Travel Project





### Key issue – Traffic and narrowing road lanes

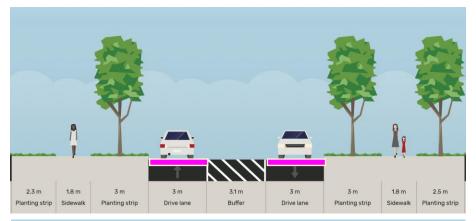
The proposed scheme will not reduce the capacity of the road.

The existing carriageways are on average 9 metres wide with two single lanes of 3.1 metres and a centre 'ghost island' that is white hatched and not useable

The scheme proposed to two single lanes of 3 metres (a reduction of only 0.1m) by removing the centre 'ghost island' and using this space to build the cycle tracks each side of the road

#### There is no reduction in capacity

As the proposed road does not have a reduction capacity and the kerbs are standard height, emergency will be able to access and move along Castletymon Road as previously have.



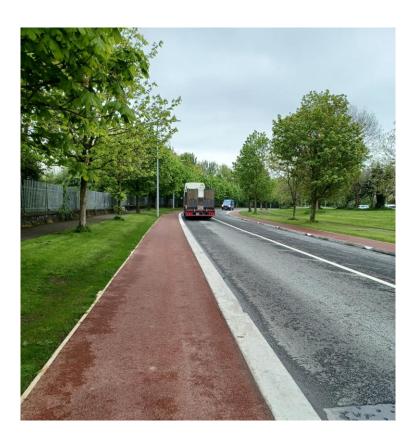


Source: StreetMix



### Key issue – Traffic and narrowing road lanes







Images of previous Active Travel phase as part of the District Centre project



#### Other issues – Traffic and narrowing road lanes

**Construction Traffic** – The Council acknowledges that the construction of the Castletymon District Enhancement resulted in traffic congestion. Whilst it will not be possible to resolve this issue completely, the Council will more carefully plan the construction programme to mitigate this

Loss of Trees – the scheme proposes the loss of 6 trees but will replace this lose with 18 semi mature trees

**Loss of parking** – the scheme proposes the loss of 3 car parking spaces, which equates to a reduction from 12 to 9. The Council carried out surveys of these car parking spaces over a number of months and this data shows that at peak use there was always a minimum of 3 spaces available.

**Suggested public realm improvements** – several locations were identified where enhancements to the public realm works could be delivered to remove street clutter and this will be assessed at the detailed design stage



# Summary of Changes post consultation

There are several changes proposed as set out in the CE report including:

- The sequencing and prioritisation of traffic lights will be reviewed at detail design.
- The utility boxes near Main Rd Tallaght Junction outside Balrothery Rise will be assessed at detailed design.
- The visibility of Glenview Park and Main Road will be reviewed in detailed design.
- The proposals for the St Aengus Church entrance will be removed and a keep clear box will be added.
- The detailed design of the proposed Castle Lawn junction will be developed in consultation with Dublin Bus.

Additionally, the SDCC team note traffic issues during the recent construction on Castletymon Road. We have learned lessons from the previous phases and endeavour to minimise the disruption of the works during the next phase of construction, especially around the school's pick-up and drop-off times.



# Subject to Part 8 approval the Next Steps

Q3 2024: Detailed design and procuring of a contractor

Q4 '24- Q2 2025: Construction

Thank you