



Loughrea Active Travel Scheme

NON-STATUTORY PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Galway County Council, in partnership with the National Transport Authority, is developing proposals to make it safer and easier to walk, wheel and cycle in Loughrea.

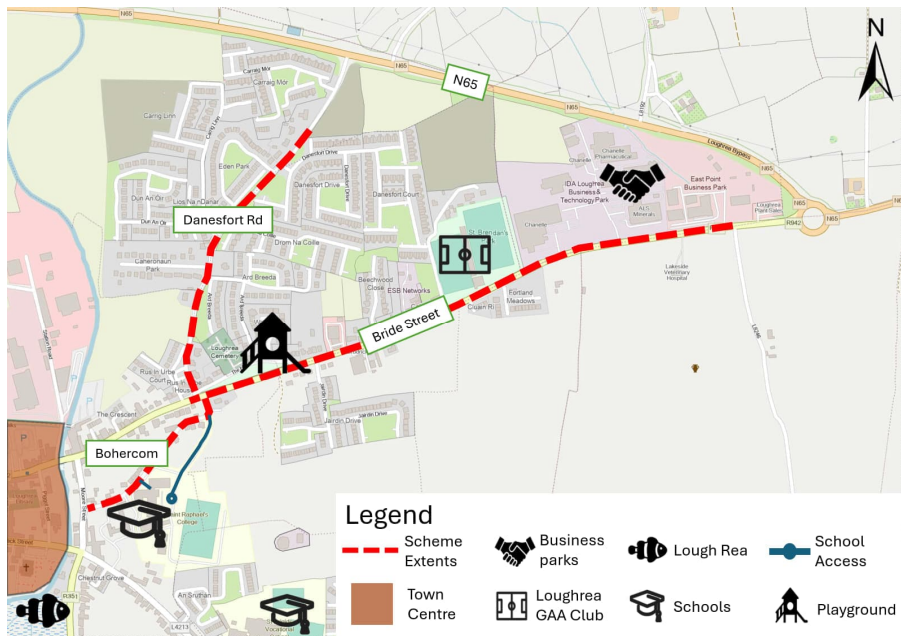
Dear Resident / Business Owner,

This leaflet provides information about the proposed Active Travel Scheme along Bride Street, Danesfort Road and Bohercom. We would welcome your feedback on these proposals. Your views are important to us and will help shape the final design of the scheme.

What is in this Leaflet

1. What is proposed and why
2. Benefits of the proposed scheme
3. Information on how to engage

What's Proposed



1 Bride Street

Length ≈1.2km

- A new 1.2km two-way cycle track on the north side of Bride Street, separated from traffic.
- Footpaths retained on both sides of the street.
- Three new raised pedestrian crossings to improve visibility and safety.
- Clearly defined on-street parking spaces.
- New planting and rain gardens throughout the street.



2 Danesfort Road

Length ≈0.6km

- Wider footpaths on both sides of the road.
- An existing zebra crossing is upgraded to a raised crossing, with an additional zebra crossing proposed.
- Junction corners redesigned to slow turning vehicles and make crossing safer.
- Continuous footpaths across side roads, giving greater priority to people walking.
- New planting and rain gardens incorporated into the street.



3 Bohercom

Length ≈0.3km

- A new School Street on Bohercom, with measures to reduce traffic and improve safety for students travelling to and from St. Raphael's Secondary School, while maintaining access for residents.
- New planting and rain gardens near Rockhaven Junction to prevent informal parking and improve access for larger vehicles.



4 Bride / Danesfort/ Bohercom Junction

- Pedestrian crossings provided on all approaches to the junction.
- Shared toucan crossings on the east and south sides of the junction.
- Junction layout redesigned to provide shorter and safer crossing distances.
- Improved safety and accessibility for people walking and cycling.
- Traffic signals introduced to optimise traffic flows at busy periods.



Things to Know



Roads will remain two-way with no reduction in vehicular capacity. The changes are designed to enhance safety for people walking, wheeling and cycling while maintaining current traffic flow.



Access for residents, businesses and emergency services will be maintained at all times.



No impact on exiting trees with additional vegetation proposed.

Public Consultation: 18th September – 2nd October 2026



CGI of Proposed Scheme

Benefits of the proposed scheme

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Safer walking and cycling facilities will make it easier for more people to choose active travel for short local journeys.
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The scheme connects residential areas along Bride Street, Danesfort Road and Bohercom with the town centre, Loughrea GAA Club, business parks and St. Raphaels Secondary School.
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Safer, dedicated crossings and footpaths will encourage more students to walk or cycle to school, reducing congestion and ad-hoc parking during school drop-off and pick-up times.
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Narrower road widths and raised pedestrian crossings will help reduce vehicle speeds and create a safer street environment.
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Traffic signals at the Bride Street / Danesfort Road / Bohercom junction will make it safer and easier to for students to cross and will help manage traffic during busy school drop-off and pick-up periods.
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Clearly defined on-street parking will improve safety and street conditions while maintaining parking where demand is highest, such as near Loughrea GAA Club.
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Improved walking and cycling links will make it easier to travel between neighbourhoods and key destinations across Loughrea.

How to engage

For more info about the scheme please visit:

www.consult.galway.ie



Scan to visit consultation portal

Hard copies of the materials are available at the area office on Barrack Street, Loughrea and at Roads Desk in Aras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway.

General Queries can be made to the Active Travel team by:



Phone: 0915090000



Email: activetravel@galwaycoco.ie

Next Steps Following Non-Statutory Public Consultation:



Public Consultation for the statutory process – Q4 2026

Wider Benefits: Encouraging people to walk and cycle rather than driving where they can, helps:



Reduce emissions causing climate change



Improve our overall mental and physical health



Creates economic benefits for individuals and society