

Park and Ride stuck in gear

■ Christmas bus commuter service numbers fell dramatically post-Covid

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NUMBERS using Galway's Christmas Park and Ride haven't recovered from a collapse in passengers since the service stopped during Covid.

And as Galway City Council plans for a Park and Ride service

again this December, new figures revealed its popularity plummeted in the post-Covid era.

In 2019, a record 26,220 used the service to and from Galway Racecourse to the city centre. It was 23,892 in 2018; 16,842 in 2017; 22,862 in 2016; and 17,599 in 2015.

The Park and Ride service did not operate during 2020 due to

Covid, and passenger numbers haven't recovered since. There were 8,355 users in 2021, 6,666 in 2022 - and just 9,640 in 2023.

The City Council revealed the statistics as it invited tenders from bus companies to operate a park and ride service again this December.

The contract includes provi-

sion of a bus service from Ballybrit to the Fairgreen Coach Station, including collection of fares, and the management of the car park including security and provision, maintenance and operation of lighting rigs at Galway Racecourse.

They want a frequency of every 15 minutes Monday to Sat-

urday from 9.30am to 9.15pm from Ballybrit and 9.45am to 9.30pm from the city centre.

Sundays will have a 15-minute frequency 11am to 6pm and every half hour from 6.45pm to 9.15pm from Ballybrit and it will operate every 15 minutes from and 11.15am to 7pm and every half hour from 7.30pm to 9pm from

the Coach Station.

"The bus shall operate a two-way service bring passengers to and from Ballybrit to the coach station and servicing both the City Centre shopping area and Elf Town based at Ballybrit," the City Council said.

Tenders must be lodged by this Friday, October 18.



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

FÓGRA - ALT 38 TRASRIAN COISITHE, L4103,

SEANBHÓTHAR LUIMNEACH (gar do LIDL), ÓRÁN MÓR

Faoi Alt 38 den Acht um Thrácht ar Bhóithre 1994, féadfaidh Údarás Bóthair, ar mhaithe le sábháilteacht agus le héascaíocht úsáideoirí bóthair, bearta moillithe tráchtas a innhianaithe leo a sholáthar i leith bóithre poiblí faoina gcúram.

Tá sé beartaithe ag Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe Trasrian Coisithe faoi Rialú Comhartha a chur i bhfeidhm ag an suíomh seo a leanas:

- L4103, Seanbhóthar Luimneach (gar do LIDL), Órán Mór.

Beidh suiteáil na nithe seo a leanas mar chuid de na hoibreacha seo; trasrian coisithe ardaithe le rialuithe comhartha tráchtas gaolmhara, dromchla frithsciorrach, marcanna bóthair, mullaird agus comharthaíocht.

Tá liníochtaí ina léirithe ar na hoibreacha beartaithe ar fáil ar líne ar <https://consult.galway.ie/> agus is féidir breathnú orthu le linn ghnáthuaireanta oibre, Dé hAoine, an 18 Deireadh Fómhair go Dé hAoine, an 1 Samhain ag: Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, Áras an Chontae, Cnoc na Radharc, Gaillimh, H91 H6KX.

Féadfaidh aighneachtaí maidir leis na hoibreacha thuasluaite a scríbhinn a chur chuig an bhFoireann Taistil Ghníomhaigh, Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, Áras an Chontae, Cnoc na Radharc, Gaillimh, H91 H6KX nó go leictreonach ag <https://consult.galway.ie/>. Tabhair faoi deara go bhfoirfeofar gach aighneacht a fhaightear, bíodh sé i bpearsa nó i scríbhinn tar éis dhúnadh an chomhairliúcháin seo.

Is é 12pm Dé hAoine an 1 Samhain an dáta deiridh le haghaidh na n-aighneachtaí sin.

NOTICE - SECTION 38

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, L4103, OLD LIMERICK ROAD (near LIDL), ORANMORE

Under Section 38 of the 1994 Road Traffic Act, a Road Authority may in the interest of the safety and convenience of road users provide such traffic calming works as it considers desirable in respect of a public road in its charge.

Galway County Council proposes to implement a Signal Controlled Pedestrian Crossing at the following location:

- L4103, Old Limerick Road (near LIDL), Oranmore.

The works will involve installation of; a raised pedestrian crossing with associated traffic signal controls, skid resistant surfacing, road markings, bollards and signage.

Drawings indicating the proposed works are available online on <https://consult.galway.ie/> and may also be inspected, during normal working hours, from Friday 18th October to Friday 1st November at: Galway County Council, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, H91 H6KX.

Representations relating to the above-mentioned proposed works may be made in writing to the Active Travel Team, Galway County Council, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, H91 H6KX or electronically via <https://consult.galway.ie/>. Please note that all submissions received, whether in person or in writing will be published after this consultation closes.

The latest date for receipt of such representations is 12pm on Friday 1st November.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ROADS ROADS ACT 1993 - SECTION 75 ROADS REGULATIONS 1994 - ARTICLE 12 NOTICE OF INTENTION

Ballinasloe Municipal District

Notice is hereby given that Galway County Council proposes to make an order closing L-46041 McNevin Avenue, Fair Green, Ballinasloe, from its junction with L-4604 Harris Road, to its junction with R-348 Society Street, from 9:00 a.m. on Thursday 09/01/2025 to 11:55 p.m. on Sunday 12/01/2025 to facilitate the National Cyclocross Championships.

Alternative Routes:

Please divert via L-4604 Harris Road and R-348 Society Street.

Documents can be obtained from the Infrastructure & Operations Unit, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway. Submissions in relation to the proposed temporary closure may be made in writing to the Director of Services, Physical Infrastructure, Fire and Emergency Services and Climate Change not later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday 25th October 2024.

SECTION 11 OF THE ROADS ACT 1993 DECLARATION OF A ROAD TO BE A PUBLIC ROAD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is the intention of Galway County Council to consider the making of a declaration that the road hereunder shall be a public road:

Description:

Road commencing at junction with LT-86084 (587516E, 731443N) in the townland of Glentaun and extending West for a distance of 223m in the townland of Glentaun and finishing at (587516E, 731443N) in the townland of Glentaun.

Municipal District: Ballinasloe

A map showing the above road may be inspected at the Infrastructure & Operations Unit, Galway County Council, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from 18/10/2024 to 18/11/2024 inclusive. Objections or representations in relation to the above may be submitted in writing to Rúnaí an Chontae, Galway County Council, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, to be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on 02/12/2024.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 (as amended) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (as amended) - PART 8 Site Location: Kilconieron, Hollypark, Co. Galway

In accordance with the requirements of Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), notice is hereby given that Galway County Council intend to carry out a development at the above location comprising an extension to the existing Burial Ground at Kilconieron, Hollypark, Co. Galway

A Stage 1 'Appropriate Assessment' screening was carried out for the proposed development and has concluded that a Stage 2 'Appropriate Assessment' [Natura Impact Statement (NIS)] is not required.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection or for purchase for a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during normal office hours (Monday to Friday, 9.00am - 4.00pm, excluding Bank Holidays and Public Holidays) from Friday 18th October 2024 until Monday 18th November 2024 at the following location:

- Galway County Council, Planning Department (Public Counter), Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, H91 H6KX
- Galway County Council, Loughrea Area Office, Barrack Street, Loughrea, Co. Galway, H62 K065
- Galway County Council's Consultation Portal at <https://consult.galway.ie/>

Submissions or observations in relation to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made in writing to the Planning Department, Galway County Council, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, H91 H6KX; or in electronic format via the special website at <https://planning.localgov.ie/en/search/application> (LGMA online portal) to arrive not later than Monday 2nd December 2024.

Tá míle fáilte roimh chomhfhreagras agus ghnó i nGaeilge: gaeilge@cocogaillimh.ie www.gaillimh.ie

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