**Galway County Council Active Travel Scheme**

**Public Consultation: 22nd Nov – 20th Dec 2024**

**In-person Event: 2nd Dec 2024 at Shearwater Hotel**

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### ****Introduction****

Dear Resident / Business Owner,

This leaflet provides information about the proposed Active Travel Scheme along the R446 in Ballinasloe, from Bridge Street Junction to Harris Road Junction.

### ****What is in this Leaflet****

* What is proposed and why
* Benefits of the proposed scheme

### ****What’s Proposed?****

* 1.4km new protected cycle track along R446 between Bridge Street Junction and Harris Road Junction.
* Construction of Bus Stops at the Marina.
* Construction of Bus Stops at Dunlo Hill.
* Three new pedestrian crossings and an upgrade of the existing pedestrian crossings along the scheme to make it easier for pedestrians to cross R446 and side roads to access schools, shopping areas, hotel, marina, bus stops, and parks.
* New cycle tracks will act as a safety buffer to vehicular traffic for those walking.
* Traffic calming to slow speeds.
* Provide new green areas/planting.
* Kick-start provision of Active Travel Network in Ballinasloe.

### ****Why is this change proposed?****

There can be an uncertainty around any street changes, and it can be hard to imagine the future. Here are some reasons for this change:

### ****Local Benefits: What's in it for our area?****

* Similar Active Travel schemes which have been introduced around the country in recent years have resulted in and demonstrated increases in the numbers of people walking and cycling.
* Introduction of Active Travel measures will provide for much improved road safety for all persons walking, cycling, and wheeling.
* The introduction of green areas and planting will provide for a pleasant, attractive walking and cycling environment.
* New Bus Stops with Shelters at the Marina.
* Improve road safety for children and all vulnerable road users.

### ****Wider Benefits****

Encouraging people to walk and cycle rather than driving when they can, helps:

* Reduce carbon emissions causing climate change.
* Improve our overall mental and physical health.
* Creates economic benefit for individuals and society.

### ****How to engage****

* Visit the consultation website: [https://consult.galway.ie](https://consult.galway.ie/en/browse)
* Attend the in-person event on 2nd Dec 2024 at Shearwater Hotel.
* Contact the Active Travel team via email or phone.

### ****Project Timeline****

* **Non-statutory Options Consultation:** Completed June 2024
* **Current Consultation:** Non-statutory Emerging Preferred Option, 22nd Nov – 20th Dec 2024
* **Statutory Section 38 Consultation:** Q1 2025
* **Detail Design:** Q2/Q3 2025
* **Construction Commencement:** Q3 2025

For more information, please visit the consultation website or contact the Active Travel team.

**Websites:**

* www.galway.ie
* www.nationaltransport.ie
* www.gov.ie/YourJourneyCounts