**Galway County Council Active Travel Scheme**

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

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

Dear Resident / Business Owner,

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

1. What is proposed and why
2. Benefits of the proposed scheme

### ****What’s Proposed?****

* 1.1km new cycle facility along Coast Road between the Mini Roundabout at Tesco and the Train Station Access Junction.
* Construction of new pedestrian crossings and an upgrade of the existing pedestrian crossings along the scheme to make it easier for pedestrians to cross the Coast Road and the side roads.
* Traffic calming to slow speeds.
* Provide new green areas/planting.
* Kick-start provision of Active Travel Network in Oranmore.

### ****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 schemes in Ireland have increased numbers of those cycling and walking and helped make areas safer, more pleasant, and more attractive.
* Safer facilities will encourage more people to cycle or walk to the train station.
* Safer facilities will encourage more children to cycle or walk to nearby training pitches or schools.
* Safer cycling and walking facilities help more people to choose to cycle or walk for short trips for work or leisure.
* Carriageway narrowing can reduce speeding, while still being able to handle the same amount of traffic.
* New areas of planting will improve the surrounding local environment.
* Improve road safety for the elderly and children.

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

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

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

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

Galway County Council wants to hear from all parts of the community to ensure fair input into the design process.

For more information about the project, please visit the consultation page: <https://consult.galway.ie>

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

* Phone: 091 509000
* Email: Activetravel@galwaycoco.ie

### ****Where are we at:****

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

**Websites:**

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