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## ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEME

Church Road, Headford

# Section 38

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## Overview

Galway County Council in conjunction with The National Transport Authority aims to provide an Active Travel scheme for Church Road, Headford. Measures are also included for the side road where access is gained to the Presentation College. The project aims to provide a range of measures designed at providing safer access for all locals by enhancing local infrastructure, providing safer crossing points, and highlighting the school zone.

## Background

Headford, a quiet village situated in North Galway close to the border with Mayo is home to some 1,235 residents, which is largely anticipated to increase dramatically over the next number of years. Headford's employment landscape includes a variety of job opportunities in retail, administration, and service sectors. It is also considered a strategic village due to its proximity with Galway City offering a short commute for various purposes.

The footpath condition within the proposed locations varies in terms of width and surface condition. The existing width varies from 960mm at one pinch point to 1.5m wide at the widest part. Parts of the footpath in front of the national school are in very poor condition. The carriageway width is excessive and leads to ad hoc parking and set-down arrangements.

The proposed project is an Active Travel Investment scheme aimed at providing enhanced footpath facilities and pedestrian crossings to provide pedestrian priority for the substantial school's population and general members of the public frequenting Church Rd.

## Scheme Location

This scheme is located on L2103 (Church Rd) & L21031, Headford, Co. Galway. Fig 1 below illustrates the Project location in proximity to Galway city.



Fig 1- Project Location

## Project Objectives

The primary objectives for this Project are as follows:

- To provide safer access for pedestrians & cyclists
- To increase road safety and driver awareness along Church Road and within the vicinity of the schools
- To provide for better connectivity between nearby local amenities such as the schools, church, Moyne Villa soccer club and residential areas
- To highlight the presence of the schools
- To reduce vehicular speeds along the project location

## Summary of Proposed Measures

### **L-2103 Church Road**

- Narrowing of the existing carriageway through widening of footpaths on the South side of the carriageway and introduction of a grass verge between the footpath and the carriageway on both sides.
- Implementation of a raised zebra crossing adjacent to the church car park entrance to provide safer linkage between the carpark and the schools opposite.
- New pedestrian openings formed in the boundary wall's to the church carpark and the National school, to segregate vehicles and pedestrians.
- Provision of a raised access at the entrance to the church carpark to provide pedestrian priority.
- Road markings identifying the presence of schools.
- Bollards placed along the kerbs to prevent illegal parking.

### **L-21031 (access road to Presentation College)**

- Junction tightening at the junction with Church Road.
- Provision of widened footpaths for the extent of the public road.
- Implementation of a raised pedestrian crossing to provide safer pedestrian access and linkage with newly widened footpaths and existing footpaths at set-down area.

## What has been done so far?

We are currently in Phase 4 of a 7 Phase NTA process. Fig 2 below illustrates the 7 stages of this process.



**Fig 2- NTA's Project Approval Process**

## What happens next?

This is Phase 4, the Planning stage.

The public are invited to view the online material, and representations in relation to the proposed scheme may be made in writing to the Active Travel Section through the following two options only:

- In writing to the Active Travel Team, Galway County Council, Aras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, H91 H6KX or,
- Electronically via <https://consult.galway.ie/>.

The deadline for submissions is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 at 12:00pm.

Following Phase 4 will be Detailed Design, Tender for Works, and then finally Scheme Implementation.

### Please Note:

Galway County Council will review in detail all the comments and observations received and consider where appropriate, changes to the design.

All measures noted are subject to funding.