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St. Brigid's NS Safe Routes to School



Traffic calming and access improvements at St. Brigid's NS

St. Brigid's NS Safe Routes to School works are now substantially complete, with landscaping works scheduled for early in the new year.

Measures included:

- Installation of bollards for traffic calming.
- Planters to narrow the road and reduce vehicle speeds.
- Prohibitory signage restricting traffic to local access only during school hours.

As an additional improvement, a new pedestrian and cycling permeability link has been created between Childers Road and St. Brigid's NS, which consists of a gated entrance from Childers Road, and a shared footpath/cycle path connecting to the school grounds.



Safe Routes to School

Outcomes



Active Travel Limerick has delivered 13 Safe Routes to School schemes since the SRTS programme was launched in 2021. The programme is designed to encourage as many pupils and students as possible in primary and post-primary schools to walk, cycle, and wheel to school. The SRTS schemes aim to improve safety and accessibility at school entrances and along approach routes.

SRTS and Active Travel: What happens when the works are done?

Follow-on survey results from four participating schools show significant improvements in safety and access at the front of each school. A strong majority of parents and students reported feeling safer and noticing fewer cars, and staff were almost unanimous in agreeing that conditions for walking and cycling have improved. Parents also reported health, fitness and confidence benefits for children.



Health and Wellbeing

Survey feedback indicates that the schemes have contributed to improvements in health and wellbeing for children. Parents reported noticeable benefits such as increased physical activity and greater alertness during the school day. While these outcomes were less noticeable than safety and accessibility benefits, the data suggests that creating safer, more walkable school environments supports take-up of active travel, which can positively influence fitness and overall wellbeing.

Speeding

In addition, Active Travel conducted traffic surveys at Athea National School. A significant reduction in speeding on approach to the village was observed after the implementation of traffic calming measures that were part of the Safe Routes to School Scheme. Traffic surveys conducted before and after the works show that the percentage of vehicles exceeding the 50 km/h speed limit fell from **63% to 37% overall**. Inbound speeding dropped from **51% to 29%**, while outbound speeding reduced from **74% to 44%**. These preliminary results indicate a strong positive trend towards safer conditions for pupils and the wider community.

TUS to City Centre progress gallery.

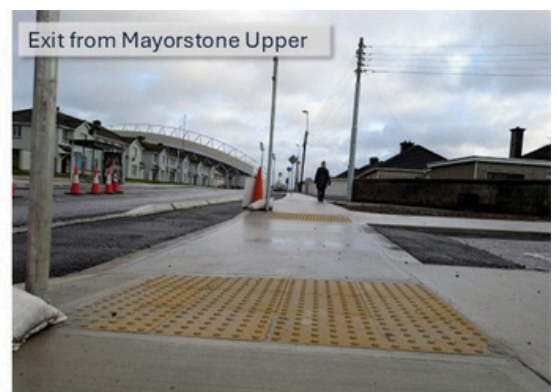
The TUS to City Centre link is a major part of the emerging cycle network on the Northside in Limerick. Once the works are completed it will feature some innovative elements, such as continuous footpaths and protected junctions.

Continuous footpaths and pedestrian priority

Continuous footpaths across side roads and entrances are a key design feature of the TUS to City Centre Active Travel scheme. By maintaining a continuous walking surface, and in conjunction with tightening junctions, these designs signal pedestrian priority, slow vehicle speed and improve visibility for all road users.

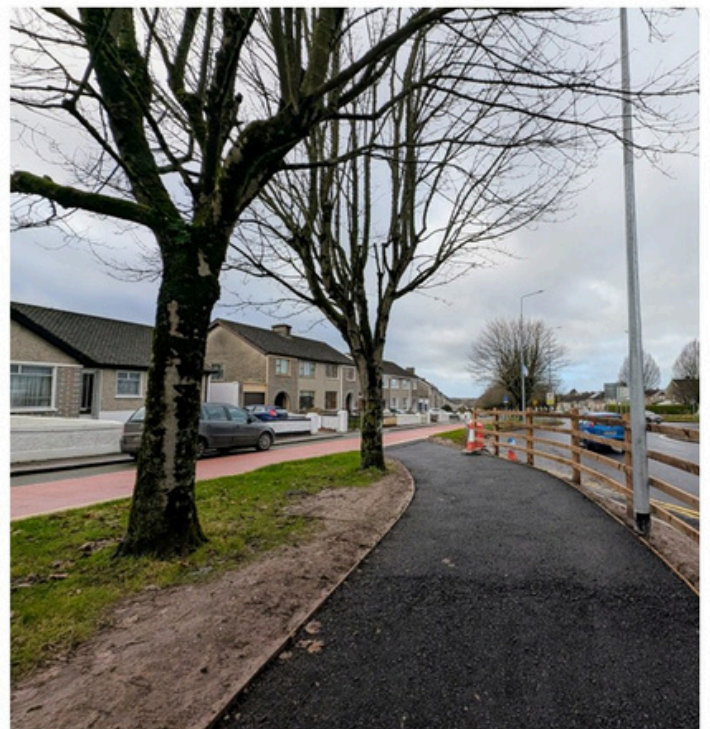
They reduce conflict points, improve accessibility for people with mobility challenges, such as people using mobility aids, wheelchairs and mobility scooters, and create a safer environment for walking and cycling.

Some examples of continuous footpaths around Thomond Park and Moylish Roundabout:



TUS to City Centre progress gallery.

The works around Thomond Park are continuing at pace, with new footpaths, cycle lanes and junctions starting to take their final shape. The works will continue on the Mayorstone side of Cratloe Road until the 19th December and will resume again on 5th January.



TUS to City Centre

Temporary Closure of Roads: Mayorstone Avenue (L-10033), Limerick

Roads to be closed:

Mayorstone Avenue (L-10033) from its junction with R445 Cratloe Road to its junction with Mayorstone Drive (L-10032)

Alternative Route:

Diversions via Cratloe Road (R445) to Mayorstone Upper, (L-10028) to Mayorstone Drive (L-10032) to Shelbourne Road (R464)

Time of closure:

From Wednesday, **7th January 2026** to Saturday, **7th February 2026**

- Diversions will be clearly signposted
- Pedestrian access to footpaths will be maintained at all times
- Local residents and businesses will be accommodated

You can read more about the road closure notice [here](#).



Garryowen Section 38

Garryowen Pedestrian and School Safety Improvement Scheme works are progressing with footpath excavations and new kerbs being installed, junction tightening works, and new pedestrians crossing are starting to take shape.



Corbally Road Safe Routes to School

Works are continuing between the junction of Lanahrone Avenue and Corbally Road, across the road from Scoil Íde, with footpath excavations and new kerbs being installed. Concrete pouring is ongoing. Pedestrians are advised to use alternative crossing points, and temporary traffic management remains in place for safety.



Towns and Villages



Askeaton

Works are progressing on the new footpath link between Plunkett Road and Newbridge Road. This involves setting back the existing boundary and constructing a new masonry boundary wall. Once complete, the new footpaths will improve pedestrian connectivity in the area.

Towns and Villages

Doon – new footpath link

As part of the Section 38 Doon R505 Active Travel Scheme, works are ongoing to install a new 2-metre-wide footpath from Doon towards Cappawhite. The project also includes new drop kerbs, drainage, road markings, and upgraded public lighting to enhance safety and accessibility. Works are expected to be completed in the next two weeks.

Cappamore – new footpath link

Section 38 Active Travel works are continuing on the R505 in Cappamore. The project includes a new 2-metre-wide footpath towards Doon, installation of drop kerbs, improved road markings, and upgraded public lighting to enhance safety and accessibility. Works are expected to be completed in the next two weeks. Temporary traffic management remains in place during these works.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our colleagues in the Cappamore-Kilmallock and Adare-Rathkeale Operations team of the District Roads Area for their work in completing these schemes.

Light up your bike!



As the days get shorter and darker, don't forget to turn on the lights on your bike!

Other updates

Road Traffic Notice: Greenhill Road (L10199), Garryowen, Limerick City

Limerick City and County Council wish to advise motorists and road users of road works involving **Junction Realignment, Footpath Replacement and Macadam Road Surface Overlay** taking place along **Greenhill Road (L10199), Garryowen**, Limerick City **from Monday 17th November 2025 to Tuesday 23rd December 2025, from 08:00hrs to 18:00hrs.**

Localised Traffic Management will be in place for the duration of works. Access for residents and business operators will be maintained during this period.

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