RIVERVALLEY & RATHINGLE ROADS

Protected Cycle Lanes Phase 2 Upgrades

Fingal County Council and GMC, in partnership with the National Transport Authority (NTA), will shortly begin Phase 2 works to the existing cycle lanes on Rivervalley and Rathingle Road.

What is proposed?

In order to further improve road safety at junctions and along the kerb protected cycle lanes on the Rivervalley / Rathingle Road we are undertaking to:

- Provide concrete build outs at key junctions along the route in order to reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians.
- Add uncontrolled crossing areas (crossings without traffic lights) throughout the scheme, which will include tactile paving and drop kerbs.
- Upgrade the roundabout at Rivervalley and Forest Road Boulevard /Rathingle Road.

Active Travel in Fingal

Active Travel is travelling with a purpose using your own energy which typically means walking, cycling and scooting as part of a journey. Fingal County Council is working to build Active Travel into everyday life as part of normal daily routines. We are investing in infrastructure and initiatives designed to promote Active Travel. Protected cycle lanes are one of a series of measures we are installing to make walking and cycling safer and more attractive for people of all ages across Fingal.





Why are these works required?

These works are proposed as Phase 2 of this project to further enhance safety for all road users, with priority given to cyclists and pedestrians. Phase 2 works as planned have been further informed by recent road user and community feedback.

Additional controlled and uncontrolled crossings will make walking and cycling safer for everyone, particularly children travelling to and from local schools, the elderly and those with reduced mobility. These additional defined crossing points, which feature dished pavements and tactile paving, will provide crossings at locations where there are gaps in the protected cycle lanes.

Protected cycle lanes and enhanced junctions are being put in place to give priority to cyclists and pedestrians and provide safe infrastructure to encourage a shift to sustainable modes of transport when travelling to shops, clubs, schools, churches, workplaces etc.

As part of the Programme for Government "Our Shared Future", local authorities have been mandated to assess the road network and reallocate space for pedestrians and cyclists. This is also in line with Fingal County Council's vision for active and sustainable modes of travel that contribute to safer routes to school, better mental and physical health and a cleaner climate.

Phase 1 of this project was recently completed. These works included installation of bollards along the cycle lanes and the addition of buff coloured epoxy resin coating to cycle lanes in order to maximise visibility, with red coatings applied at junctions and approaching bus stops.

Where is the scheme?

Both sides of Rivervalley and Rathingle Roads with works around Aldi, St Fintan's Church and the Rivervalley and Rathingle Community Centre to take place first, with the remaining works starting from the Forest Road and moving along the scheme in a clockwise direction.

Commencement Date

Works will begin in the week commencing 27 September 2021. Work will be carried out during daylight hours to minimise disruption for residents.

Sample images of work being undertaken



Fig 1. Similar example of road crossing with dished path and tactile paving for improved accessibility, and buff and red coloured protected cycle lanes with bollards.



Fig 2. Similar example of extended corners and tactile paving at side roads to make walking safer and slow traffic as it approaches junctions, prioritising people in the community when crossing junctions.