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1. Introduction

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLRCC) is proposing a rapid build cycle scheme between the access to Cherrywood Park and Rathmichael Manor, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin (the Scheme). The Scheme is being promoted by the Active Travel Section, Infrastructure and Climate Change Department to provide better cycling infrastructure and routes to schools, health and community services, employment, and recreation facilities. This rapid build scheme is Phase 1 of a two-phase scheme. Phase 2 consists of a proposed future extension of the scheme, from Rathmichael Manor along Parc na Silla Rise and through lands to connect with Falls Road and Stonebridge Road.

A period of non-statutory public consultation was run to inform the public of the proposed works and invite submissions concerning the proposed Cherrywood to Rathmichael Manor Rapid Build Cycle Scheme (Phase 1 only).

The Scheme is being prepared in accordance with Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994.

2. Scheme Description

The Cherrywood to Rathmichael Manor Rapid Build Cycle Scheme is approximately 720 metres in length. The Scheme will route along the Bray Road on the western side of the N11, from the Cherrywood Park access to Rathmichael Manor, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin. There will be no works outside the existing carriageway verge and footpath. Access will be maintained to all existing properties along the route. The Scheme location is shown in Figure 1.

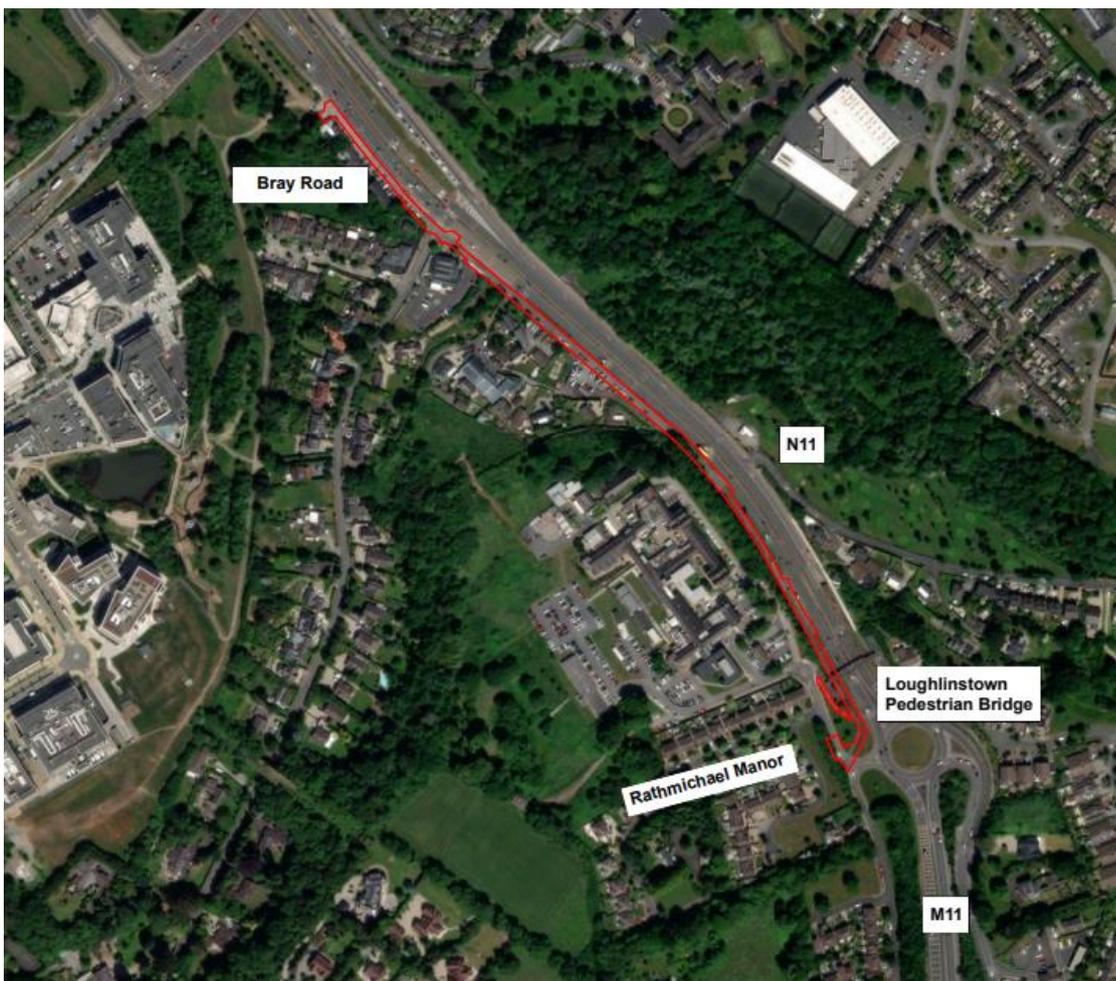


Figure 1: Scheme location

The proposals included as part of the Scheme are as follows:

- A ‘cycle street’ design is proposed along the Bray Road (slip road from N11). The ‘cycle street’ transitions briefly into a shared path where the N11/Bray Road slip lane merges onto the cycle street. A two-way cycle track and footpath is proposed south of the N11/Bray Road slip road. The two-way cycle track and footpath lead to a new pedestrian and cycle crossing at Rathmichael Manor;
- Ancillary upgrade works to the existing public footpath;
- Upgrade the St Columcille’s Hospital bus stop (stop 3143) to an island-style bus stop;
- New pedestrian crossing and cycle crossing at Rathmichael Manor;
- New 3-metre-wide shared path linking the new footpath and cycle track with the Loughlinstown pedestrian bridge; and
- Additional traffic calming measures including new road markings, signage and two raised tables along the Bray Road.

Appendix A: Scheme Design Drawings of this report contains the design drawings that were presented as part of this public consultation process.

The proposed scheme has undergone screening for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) as part of the design process. DLRCC, as the competent authority, carried out EIA and AA Screening Determinations. DLRCC determines that the proposal, by itself or in combination with other projects, is not likely to have a significant effect on the environment and accordingly that an EIA is not required and that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report is not required.

On the basis of objective information and in view of best scientific knowledge and applying the precautionary principle, for the reasons set out above and in the AA Screening Report, DLRCC determines that the proposed Scheme, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, without relying on any mitigation measures, will not have a significant effect on any European Sites, in view of the sites’ conservation objectives, and that there is no reasonable scientific doubt in relation to this conclusion. Consequently, a Stage Two AA and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) is not required.

3. Site Visit with Councillors

A site visit was carried out on Wednesday, 13th March from 14:30 – 15:30 with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council ward councillors and Active Travel staff members and a representative from Arup. Several items were raised during the site visit which are summarised and addressed in Table 1.

Table 1: Items raised during site visit

Theme	Items Raised	Response
Crossing Points	Provision of an additional pedestrian crossing closer to the roundabout at the entrance to St. Columcille’s Hospital. This would be beneficial for people accessing/egressing the N11 footbridge.	Noted and agreed. A new crossing will be considered during detailed design.
	Upgrades to Cherrywood Road / N11 junction necessary for better pedestrian crossing	As part of BusConnects, longer term improvements are proposed. The upgrade of the junction will be reviewed at detailed design stage to determine whether improvements can be made in the short-term.
	Pedestrian crossing at Rathmichael Manor seems to end in a sudden stop	This crossing ties into an existing footpath that serves residents of Rathmichael Manor and Parc na Silla.
Footpath Provision	Extension of Phase 1 into Parc na Silla Rise by extending the footpath	<p>The scheme connects to an existing footpath on Rathmichael Manor. The issue raised has been considered and it has been concluded that it is not appropriate to amend the footpath into Parc na Silla Rise in isolation without a full consideration of all road users.</p> <p>This is beyond the scope of Phase 1; however it will be considered in Phase 2. In the interim, the issue of footpath maintenance will be brought to the attention of the appropriate maintenance Section of DLRCC.</p>
Access	Additional steps be added to ped footbridge.	<p>There is merit to this proposal however, it is considered that the scope of the works required to modify the existing footbridge over the N11 would be beyond the remit of a rapid build scheme. Such works would warrant separate studies, structural investigations, and agreement with TII.</p> <p>Note: The scope of rapid build active travel measures as set out in NTA Guidance is normally to be within the existing carriageway and verge and control of the Council so that the delivery can be expedited.</p>
	Access steps from bus stop into St. Columcille’s Hospital.	Similar to above, having consideration to the complexity of the works, this proposal would require additional studies and the involvement of a third party/land owner. Furthermore, this recommendation would be outside the scope of a rapid build active travel scheme.
Public Transportation	Bus stop area needs further consideration including levels and location of ramp(s). Consider ramps at both ends rather than a central ramp.	Noted. This will be addressed at the detailed design stage and in co-ordination with the BusConnects proposals.
	Given that bus stop serves St. Columcille’s Hospital, it is important to note bus stop wheelchair accessibility and length.	Noted. This will be addressed at detailed design stage.
Other	Route to Brides Glen Luas should be a priority.	The 'Cherrywood to Shankill Greenway' which comprises a proposed 900m long Greenway which will provide a pedestrian & cycle link between Brides Glen

Theme	Items Raised	Response
		Luas stop at Cherrywood and the N11 public transport corridor is included in the DLRCC Report on Three Year Capital Programme 2024-2026. Such works would go beyond the scope of a rapid build scheme.

4. Non-Statutory Public Consultation

A period of non-statutory public consultation was carried out for a period of 4 weeks from Tuesday, 9th April 2024 to Tuesday, 7th May 2024. Feedback was gathered through an online questionnaire, which was advertised through the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Consultation Hub, Citizen Space. An information leaflet was distributed to approximately 200 properties (comprising households, businesses and a health facility) within the vicinity of the scheme extents including Cherrywood Park, Bray Road, Rathmichael Manor, Parc na Silla Rise, Parc na Silla Avenue, and St. Columille’s Hospital. The information leaflet is included in *Appendix B: Information Leaflet*.

At the closing date for the consultation, a total of 44 submissions were received – 36 online via DLRCC Consultation Hub, Citizen Space and 8 via email or post (**Figure 2**). One of the submissions received via email consisted of a clarification to a response received via Citizens Space and therefore in subsequent sections, this emailed submission has been considered as a part of its online counterpart.

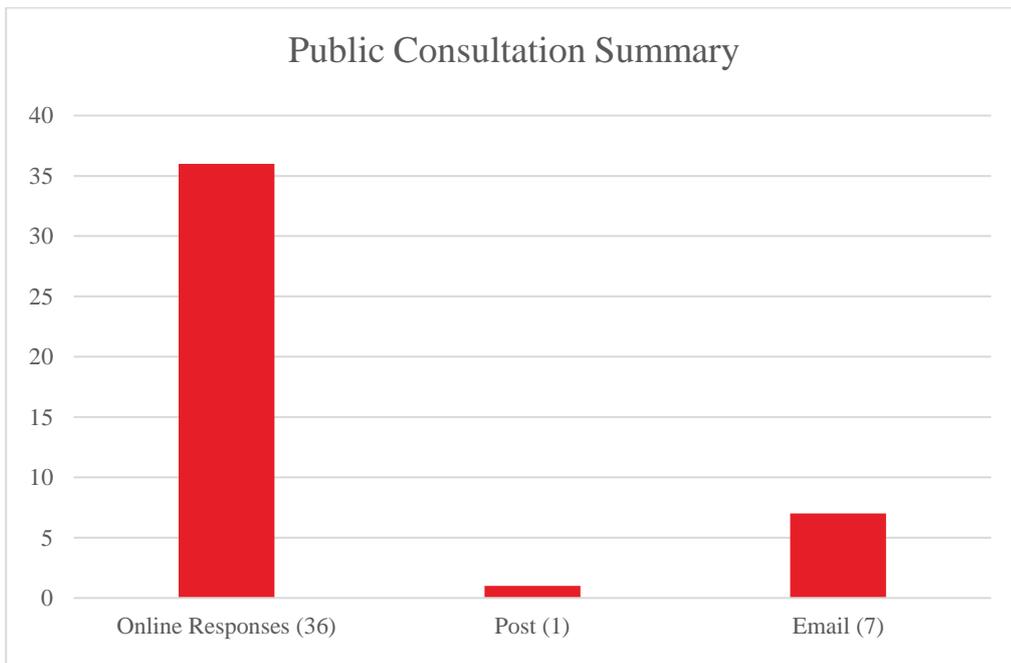


Figure 2: Submission format

5. Summary of Feedback Received

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Citizen Space was the primary portal for feedback from the public during the consultation process. The responses received have been combined with the feedback received by email and by post to compile the charts below. In summary, the following preference was indicated as part of the feedback (also shown in **Figure 3**):

- 77% were in support of the scheme proceeding as proposed;
- 12% were in support of the scheme proceeding as proposed but had comments /queries /suggestions;
- 9% did not want the scheme to proceed citing several different reasons expanded on below; and
- 2% of the responses were not relevant to the scheme.

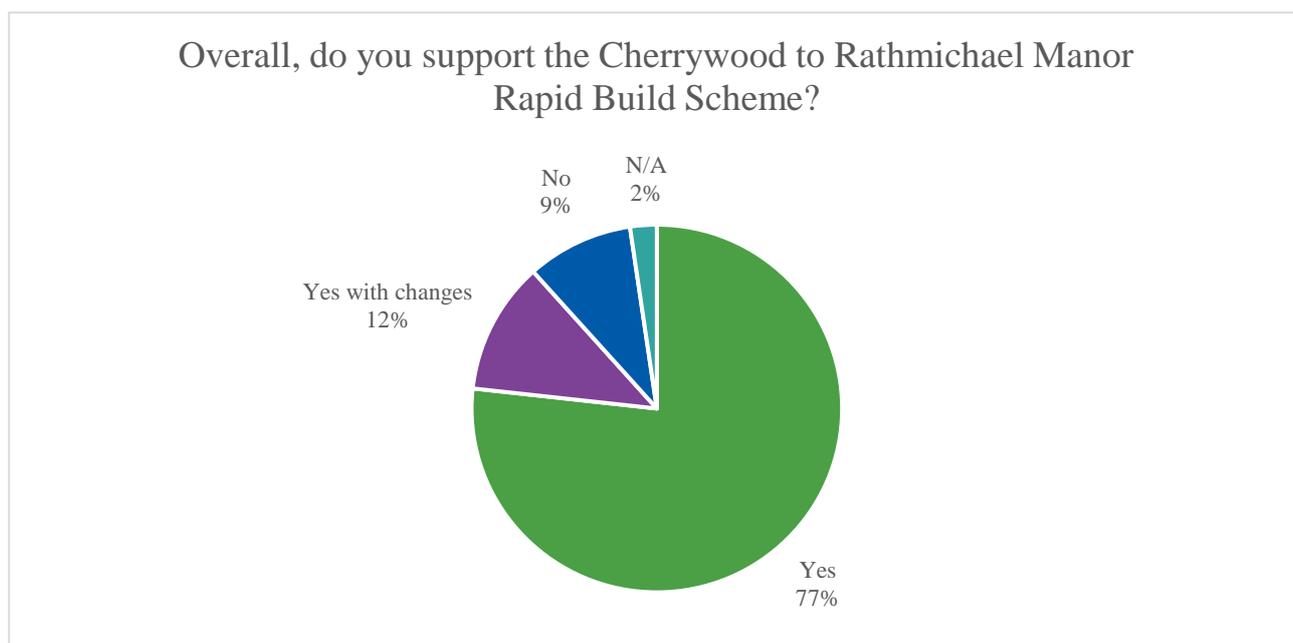


Figure 3: Participant support for the Cherrywood to Rathmichael Manor Rapid Build Scheme

The nature of the participants' interest in the scheme was also captured as part of the feedback.

Most participants interested in the Scheme were DLRCC residents residing >1km from the scheme (50%), with the remaining participants being local residents residing <1km from the scheme (32%), passing cyclists (27%), passing motorists (18%), passing bus commuters (9%), local business owners (7%), passing pedestrians (7%), and hospital patients/users (2%) as shown in **Figure 4**.

Note that multiple responses were permitted for this question leading to >100%.

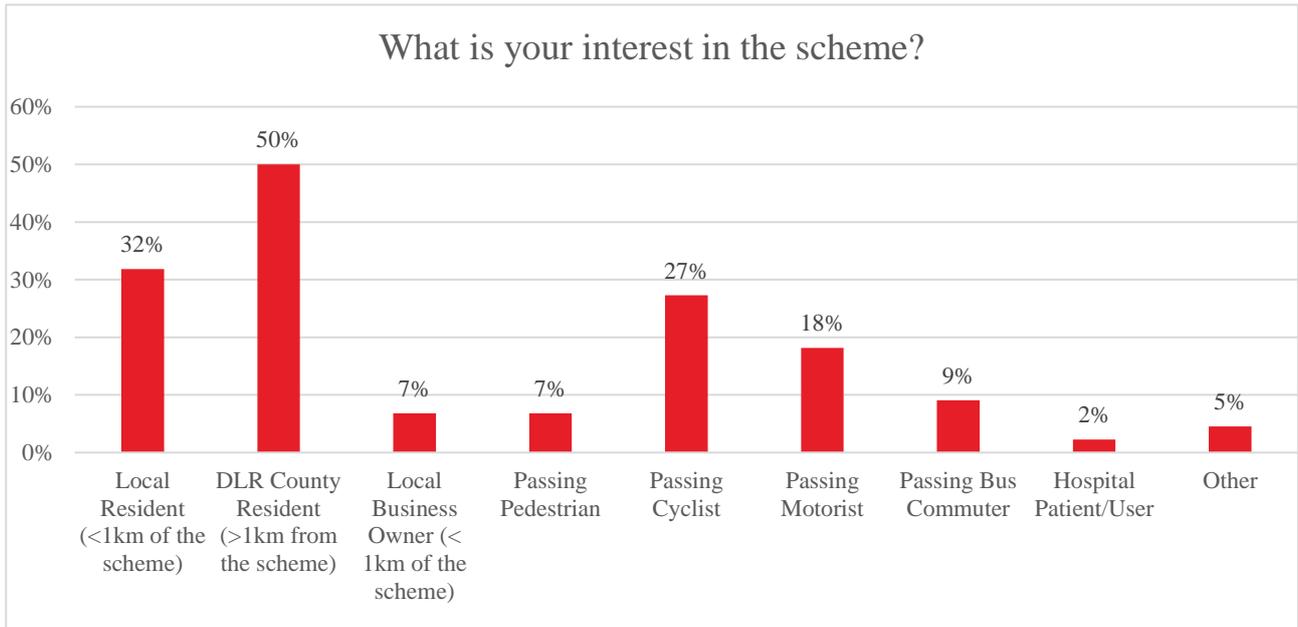


Figure 4: Participants interest in the Scheme

6. Detailed Feedback Received

Various comments were received as part of the submissions. These are summarised and responded to in Table 2.

Please note that some submissions commented on issues outside the scope of this scheme e.g. other projects, issues around parking enforcement etc. These did not relate to this project and have not been included.

Table 2: Responses to feedback received

No.	Submissions	Frequency	Responses
1	Traffic Safety/congestion		
	Traffic lights at junction to roundabout from St Colmcille's Hospital	1	This roundabout is outside of the scheme extents. It is proposed to be signalised as part of the Bus Connects Core Bus Corridor Project.
	Proposed yellow box on the N11 roundabout entrance to Rathmichael / Parc Na Silla	1	This roundabout is outside of the scheme extents. It is proposed to be signalised as part of the Bus Connects Core Bus Corridor Project.
	Consideration of additional traffic calming and road safety measures along the proposed 'Cycle Street'	2	The works will create a low-speed traffic environment. A raised table is proposed at the entry to the 'Cycle Street' from the N11 which will reduce speeds at that location. The need for any additional traffic calming measures and signage will be examined at the detailed design stage, e.g. yellow bar markings on approach to the raised table.
	Consideration for a clearly signposted 30kph speed limit along the Bray Road section and further safety measures to slow vehicles down on entry to Bray Road	1	The works will create a low-speed traffic environment. A raised table is proposed at the entry to the 'Cycle Street' which will reduce speeds at that location. Signage and other road safety measures will be considered at detailed design stage.
2	Cyclist		
	Upgrades to Cherrywood Road junction including further tightening of corner radii, clear prioritisation for crossing cyclists and pedestrians, tighter restrictions on traffic exiting the N11 into Cherrywood Road. Narrowing of the Cherrywood Road cross section should be examined and the possible removal of the centre island.	3	This junction layout will be reviewed as part of the detailed design stage with consideration of the BusConnects proposals at this junction also.
	Modification to existing entrance 'kissing' gate to Cherrywood Park to allow bikes (including cargo bikes etc) to enter	1	This will be referred to the relevant section.
	Priority for cyclists on Bray Road with vehicles held in slip lane before entering	1	The proposed raised table will reduce traffic speeds entering the section of 'Cycle Street' proposed along Bray Road. The speed limit along Bray Road will be 30 kph which in conjunction with the proposed design will encourage cyclists to 'take the lane'. The need for any additional road marking or signage will be examined during the detailed design stage.
3	Pedestrian		
	Consider access to the N11 footbridge at the hospital to allow access to Dublin Rd Shankill	1	The scheme includes an enhanced connection to the N11 footbridge near the hospital and an additional pedestrian crossing will be considered closer to the hospital roundabout during the detailed design.

No.	Submissions	Frequency	Responses
4	Timing of proposed works		
	Desire to see the works carried out as soon as possible	1	It is envisaged that construction work will commence within the next 6-9 months, subject to funding.
	Desire to see Phase 2 commence as soon as possible	1	Noted.
5	Landscaping		
	Landscaping to separate cycle way from N11	1	The planting proposed along the verge, separating the 'Cycle Street' from the N11 will be examined during the detailed design stage. It is noted however that there is limited space here which is likely to influence the final landscaping arrangements for the verge.
6	Other		
	Explicit full support for the Scheme including the following noted benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved safety for cyclists and pedestrians Will encourage cycling Enhanced cycle network 	14	Comments noted and support for the Scheme is welcomed.
	Parking enforcement is required to prevent parking on cycle path.	1	Noted. General enforcement of road traffic laws is a matter for An Garda Síochána.
	Overflow of rain/surface water from block drain in St. Columcille's Hospital onto public footpath.	1	This will be referred to the relevant section in DLRCC.
	Concerns in relation to Phase 2, including safety concerns, impacts on available parking, and damage to trees	2	Noted. These will be considered further when Phase 2 is progressed further.
	Desire to see improved cycling infrastructure in other areas of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County	3	Noted. A significant number of cycle schemes are currently at various stage of development around the County and in the general Dún Laoghaire area with the aim to create a continuous network for cyclists
	Interest in Phase 2	1	Noted. When plans have been developed, public consultation will take place on Phase 2.
	Impact to residential access	2	There are no changes to existing residential accesses proposed. Access along Bray Road will not be affected.
	Impact on business in terms of access and operations	2	There are no changes to existing business accesses proposed. Access along Bray Road will not be affected. Business owners will be further engaged at detailed design stage to mitigate concerns during construction and operation.
	Suggestion to reference the two planned greenways adjacent to the Scheme, namely the Cabinteely Greenway and the Greenway planned to link Cherrywood Business Park to Shankill along the old Harcourt St. line Viaduct	1	Noted
	Interest in how active travel connections across the N11/M11 will be supported	1	The Loughlinstown footbridge and the at-grade crossing (near Cherrywood Road) are the designated crossings of the N11 in the vicinity of the scheme.

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	Interest in understanding the current status of the viaduct plan and if it is still in the pipeline. If the current rapid build proposal will prevent the viaduct cycle way/walkway from going ahead.	2	This rapid build proposal improves pedestrian and cycling connectivity in the short-term. The 'Cherrywood to Shankill Greenway' which comprises a proposed c. 900m long Greenway which will provide a pedestrian & cycle link between Brides Glen Luas stop at Cherrywood and the N11 public transport corridor is included in the DLRCC Report on Three Year Capital Programme 2024-2026. Such works would go beyond the scope of a rapid build scheme.
	Request for ancillary improvements in the area, e.g. utility and resurfacing, etc	1	Noted and will be reviewed where relevant within the scheme extents at detailed design stage.
	Suggestions by the Councillors have not been incorporated into the Scheme	1	The issues raised by members have been addressed in Section 3 of this report.
	The current scheme will be provided by the NTA in the Bray to City Centre CBC anyways and therefore the scheme is not justified.	1	The proposed scheme is a rapid build scheme funded by the NTA. The rapid build scheme would be delivered in the short term (subject to passing through future gateways and funding being granted). The Bray to City Centre CBC is currently with An Bord Pleanála for decision and has a longer delivery horizon.

7. Conclusion

The majority of feedback received (77%) supported the proposed scheme as presented. It was widely recognised that the proposals would provide a safer, more attractive environment for pedestrians and cyclists.

Several submissions and views collected from the site visit with the Ward Councillors offered suggestions on how the scheme could be improved or expanded. There were several recurring issues raised by members of the public and the Members that have been noted in this report and these will be considered by the design team preparing the detailed design for this scheme including safety measures to reduce speeds on the proposed 'Cycle Street'.

There was some concern amongst residents and business owners about the Scheme impeding access to their properties. All access to existing properties along the Scheme will be retained.

Several comments raised related to items that are outside the scope of this scheme at this time. These include comments and requests to improve the cycle network in other areas of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County and concerns related to Phase 2 of the Scheme. Public consultation for Phase 2 will be carried out separately when that phase of the scheme has been further developed.

It is intended to proceed to detailed design and construction. A Section 138 Notice will be issued to Councillors.

Appendix A

Scheme Design Drawings



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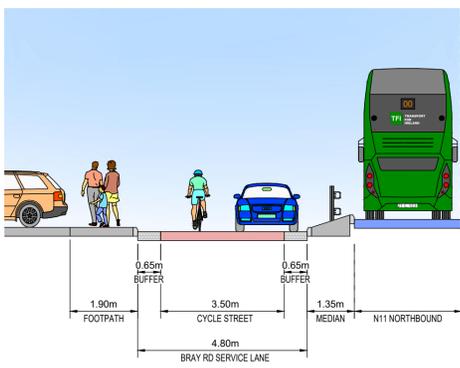
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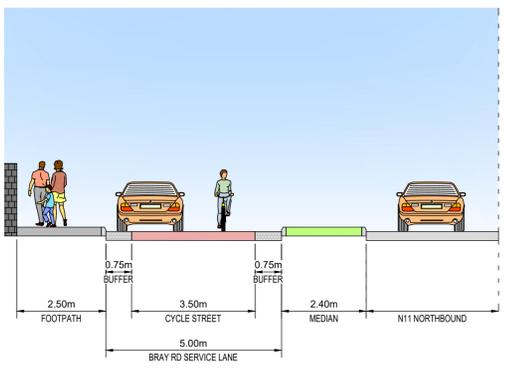
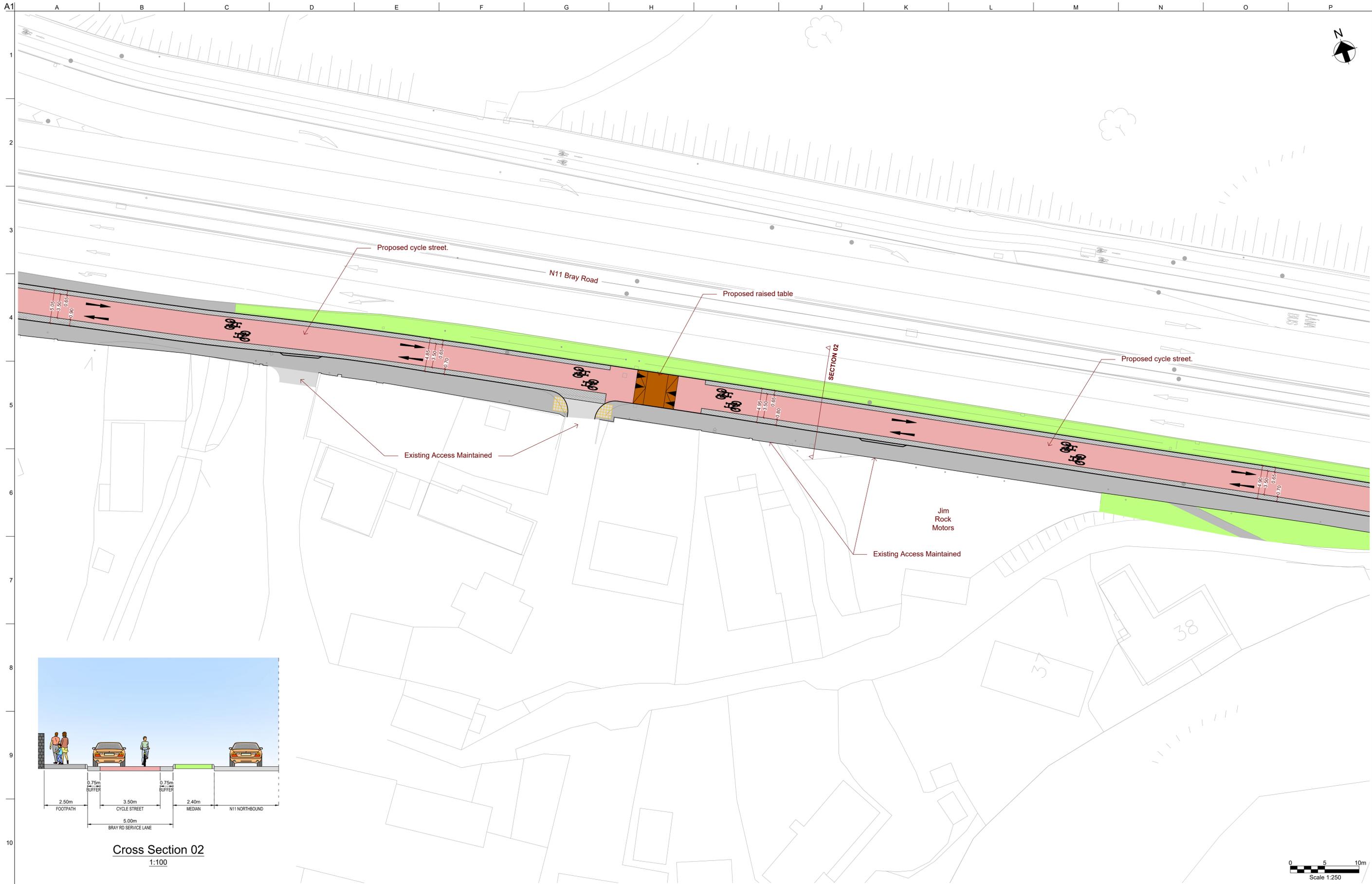
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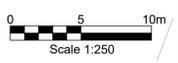
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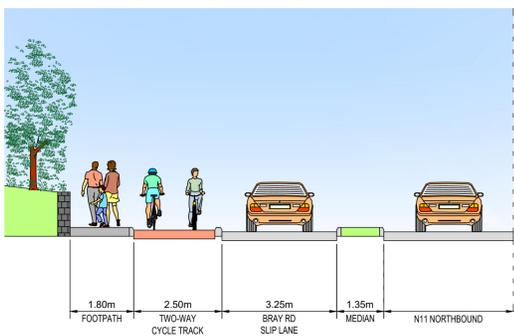
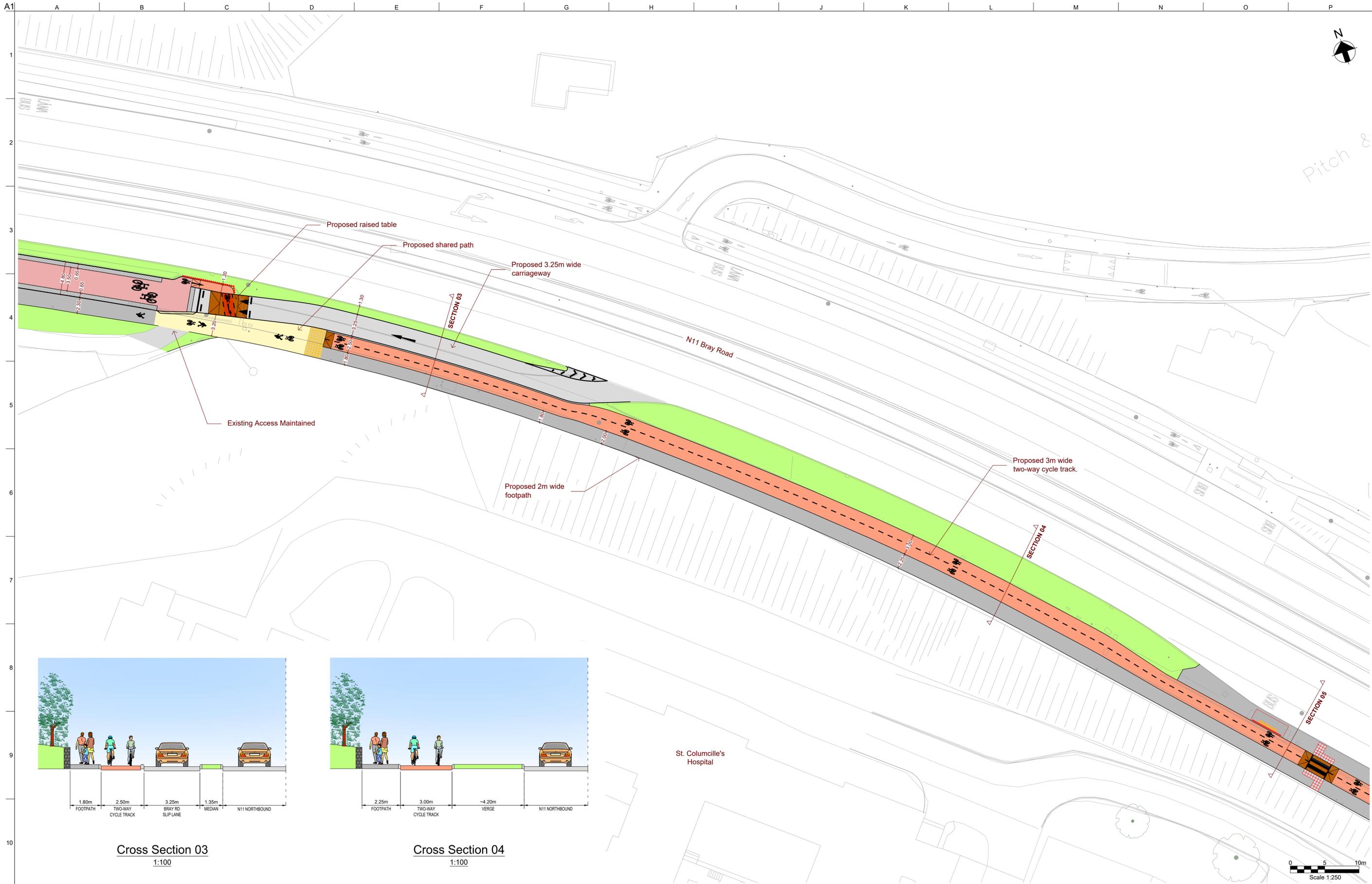
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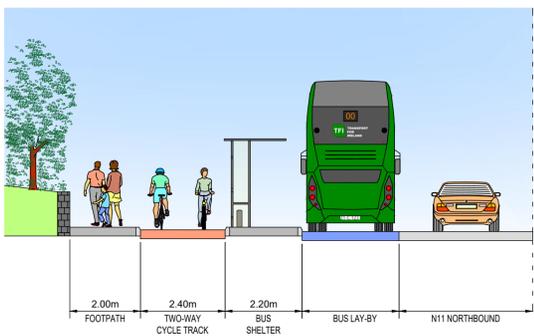
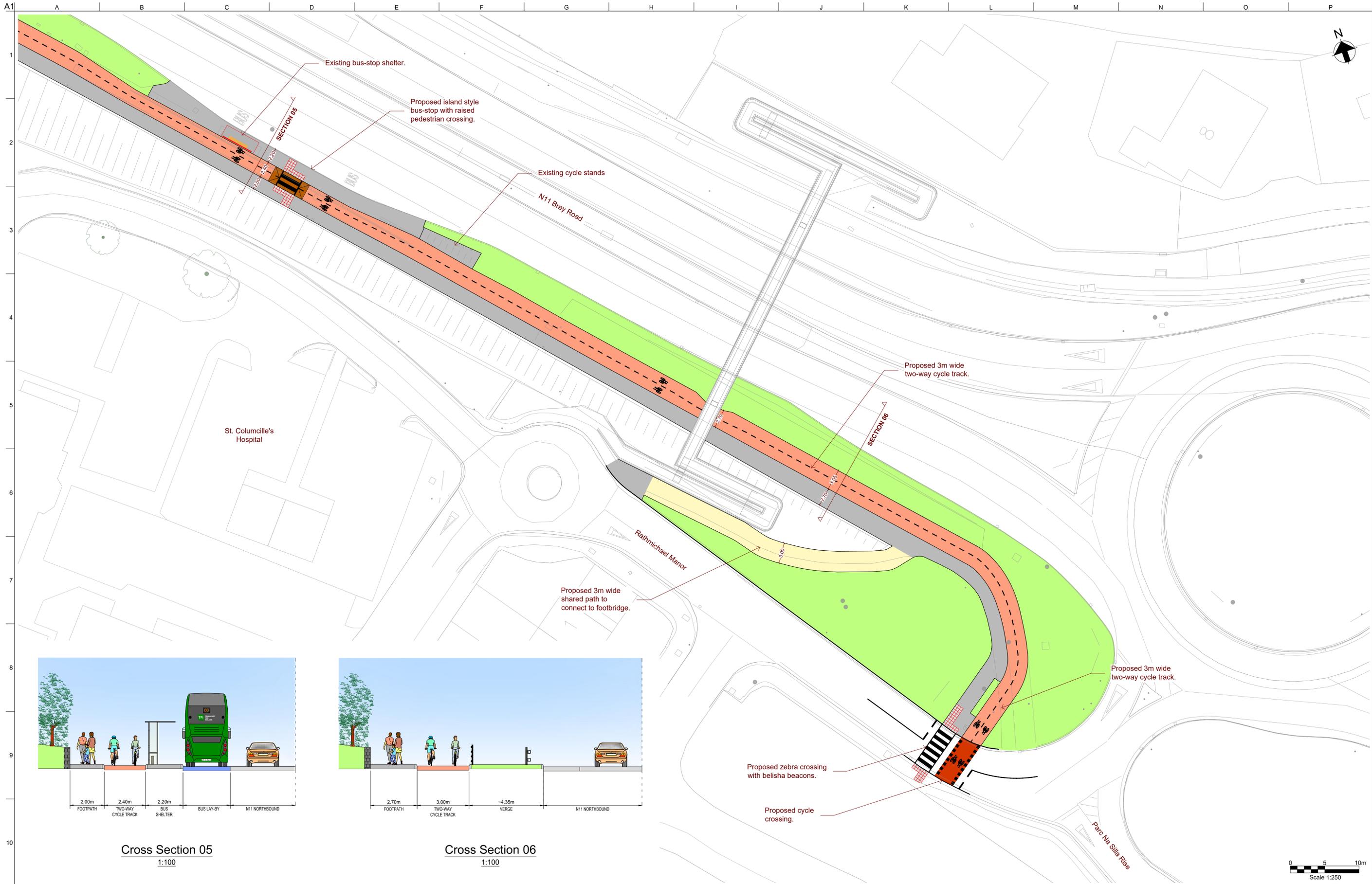
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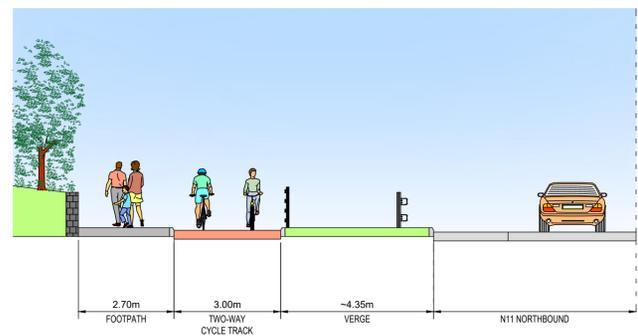
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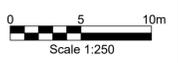
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Appendix B

Information Leaflet

Provide Your Feedback

The public consultation period is open from **9th April to 7th May 2024** and submissions or observations are invited.

There are several ways you can make your submission:

- **Online:** <https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com>
- **Email:** activetravelteam@dlrcoco.ie
- **Post:** Active Travel Team, Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown County Council, County Hall, Marine Road, Civic Hub, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, A96K6C9

Please note that all postal and email submissions should be marked **'Cherrywood to Rathmichael Manor Rapid Build Cycle Scheme'** and must be received by DLRCC by **7th May 2024**.

Late submissions will not be accepted. Only one submission per person.

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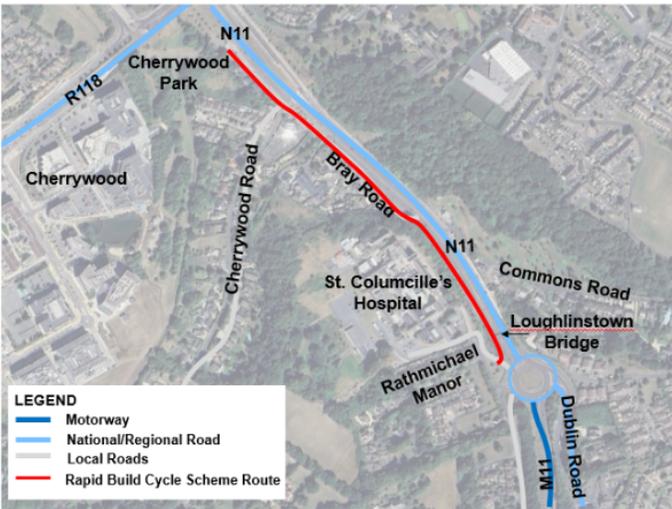
Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown County Council (DLRCC), in conjunction with the National Transport Authority (NTA), are working with ARUP consulting engineers on the Cherrywood to Rathmichael Manor Rapid Build Cycle Scheme.

The route starts at Cherrywood Park access, routing along Bray Road on the western side of the N11 as far as Rathmichael Manor, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin.

This scheme is being promoted by the Active Travel Section, Infrastructure and Climate Change Department, to provide better cycling infrastructure and routes to schools, health and community services, employment and recreation facilities.



Scheme visualisation 1



Scheme location

What is the Cherrywood to Rathmichael Manor Rapid Build Cycle Scheme?

- The scheme is approximately 720 metres in length with no works outside the existing carriageway verge and footpath.
- Access will be maintained to all existing properties along the route.
- A 'cycle street' design is proposed along the Bray Road (slip road from N11). The 'cycle street' transitions into a shared path for a short distance as the Bray Road slip lane merges onto the new 'cycle street'.

- Upgrade the existing footpath between the N11/Bray Road slip road and Rathmichael Manor to a two-way cycle track and footpath, and a shared path linking to the Loughlinstown pedestrian bridge.
- Upgrade to an island-style bus stop (St Columcille's Hospital, stop 3143).
- New pedestrian crossing and cycle crossing at Rathmichael Manor.
- Additional traffic calming measures including new road markings, signage and two raised tables along the Bray Road.



Scheme visualisation 2

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