

Safe Routes To School – Round 1, Bundle 2

St Patrick's Girls National School, Foxrock, Co. Dublin

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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAMME

- In March 2021 NTA launched their 'Safe Routes to School' (SRTS) Programme which is designed to encourage as many pupils and students as possible in primary and post-primary schools to walk and cycle.
- SRTS Programme aims to create safer walking and cycling routes within communities and alleviate congestion at the school gates by delivering the infrastructure along access routes and at the school gates.
- All Schools in the country were invited to make a submission requesting inclusion in the SRTS Programme.
- 932 schools applied (almost 1 in 4 schools nationwide).
- 25 schools in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown requested participation in the Programme.

AIMS OF SCHOOL ZONES

- Reduce vehicular traffic and congestion at school gates.
- Keep cars away from footpaths, reduce vehicle drop-off, pick ups and idling.
- Highlight presence of School and its vulnerable road users.
- Encourage drivers to slow down in vicinity of schools.
- Provide high quality place making features which give kids a sense of belonging within their front of school environment.

BENEFITS

- Safety for everyone.
- Children benefit from healthy public spaces to access schools.
- Children can travel to school actively, safely and independently with less exposure to poor air quality.
- Communities can enjoy cleaner air, safer streets and more vibrant and inclusive public spaces.



What is a school zone?

'School Zones' refer to the built infrastructural upgrades which are being developed at the front of schools across Ireland. These new instalments and features are designed to reduce traffic at school gates and to improve safe access for children. This brochure aims to answer questions which parents or guardians may have about School Zones.

- What is the aim of a School Zone?
- Who benefits from a School Zone?
- What are the design considerations for School Zones?



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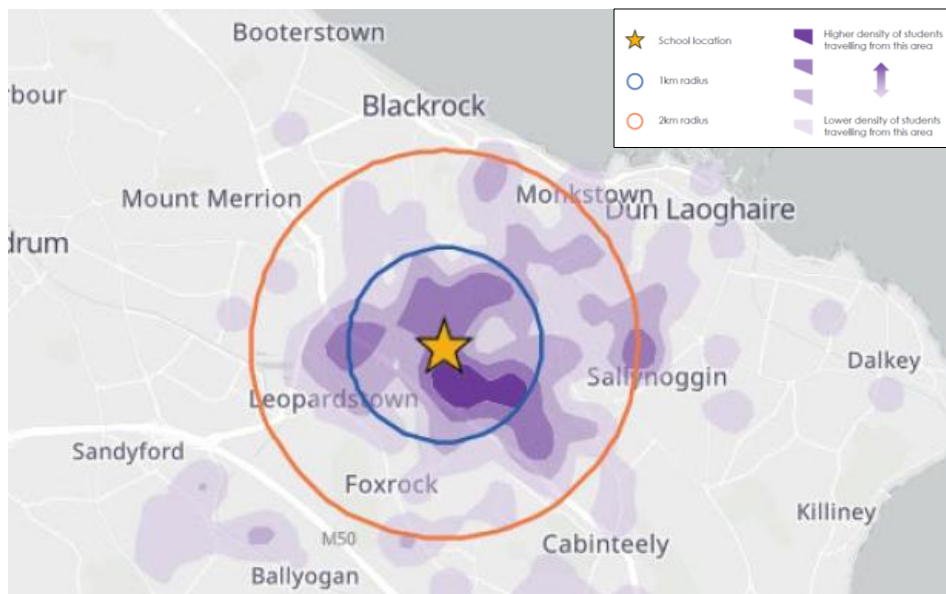
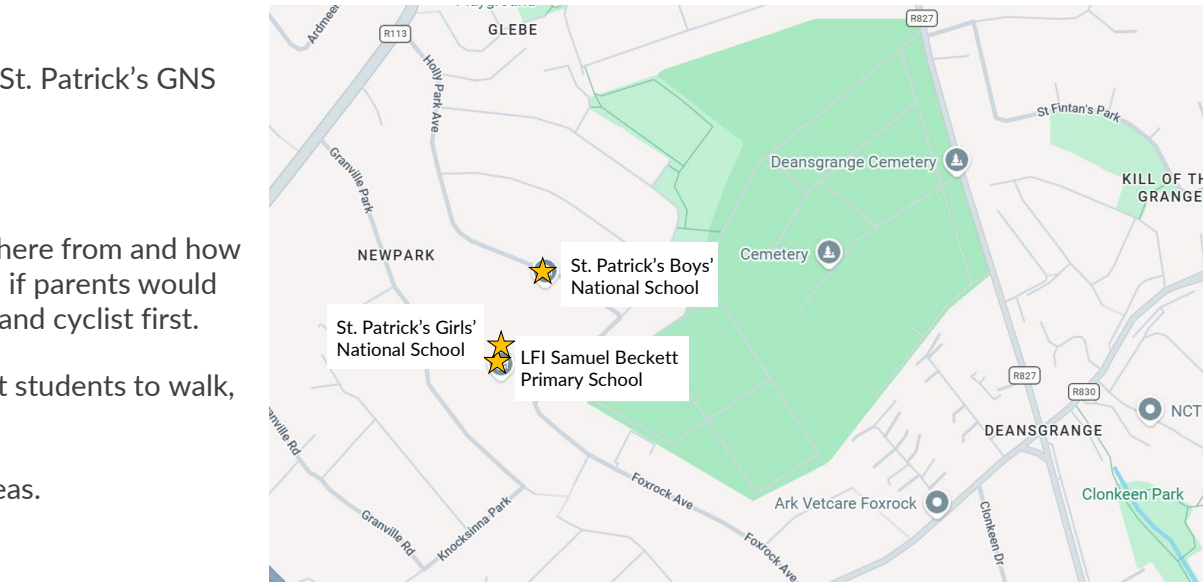


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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PARENT SURVEY

- The surveys were distributed to all families of the following schools in October 2021: St. Patrick's GNS Hollypark, St. Patrick's BNS Hollypark and the Lycée Français d'Irlande (LFI).
- Parents were asked to reply to a series of questions.
- These included questions such as number, age and gender of represented students; where from and how students travel to school; what parents think about road safety around the school and if parents would support works at the front of school that improve student safety, putting pedestrians and cyclist first.
- Parents were asked to select elements from a list of improvements that would support students to walk, cycle or scoot to school.
- A comments box was available for parents who wished to share their thoughts and ideas.



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PARENT SURVEY ANALYSIS

- Responses received: 464
- Student represented: 654 (45.5% of combined school population – based on a total of 1436 between St. Patrick's GNS Hollypark, St. Patrick's BNS Hollypark and the Lycée Français d'Irlande (LFI))
- Parents' comments received: 173



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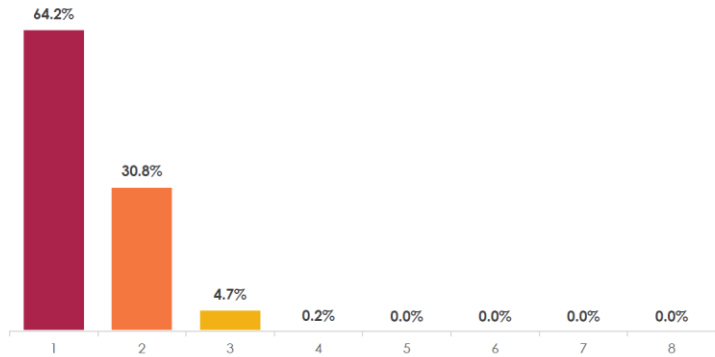


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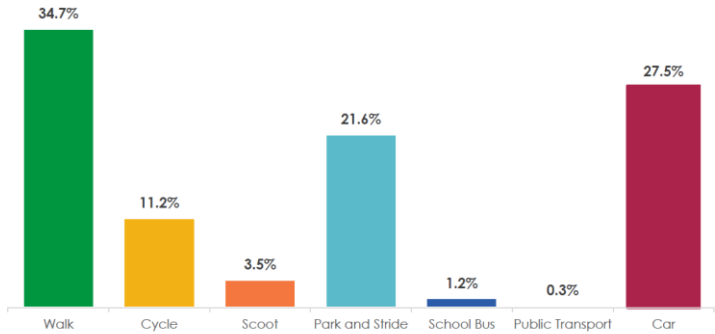


Parent Survey Results

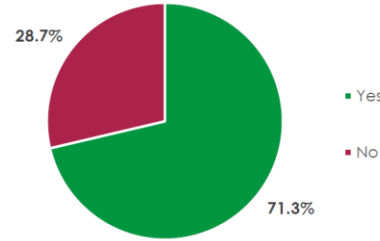
Q1. How many of your children attend this school?



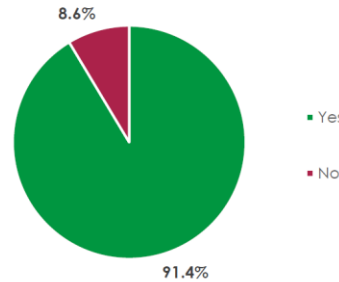
Q5. For each child, choose how they usually travel to school



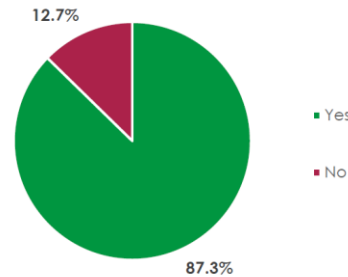
Q6. Do you think road safety is a problem around your school?



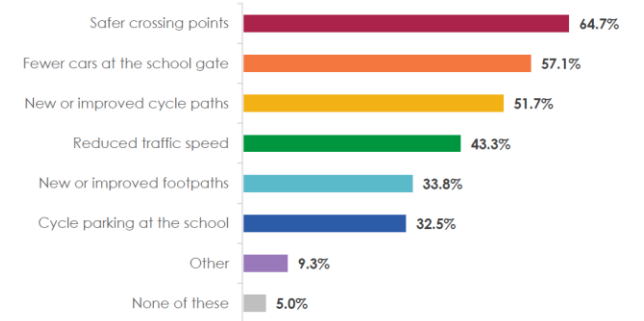
Q7. Would you support works at the front of school that improve student safety, putting pedestrians and cyclists first?



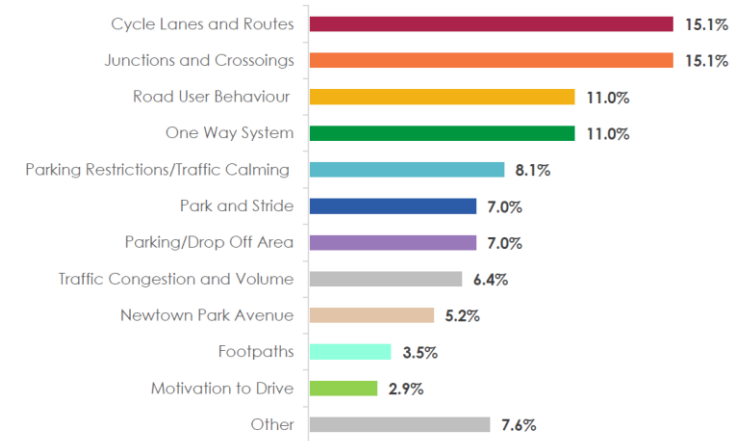
Q8. Would you support works that improve the walking and cycling routes to your school?



Q9. What improvements would support you to walk, cycle or scoot to school?

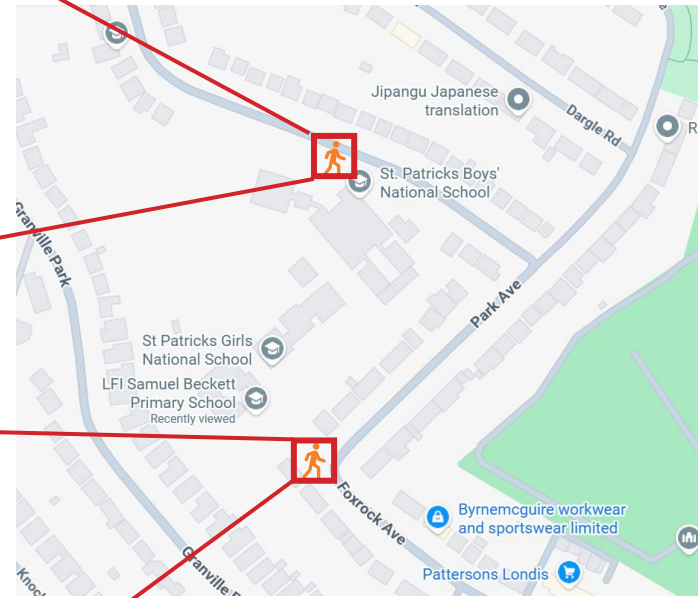


Parent Comments

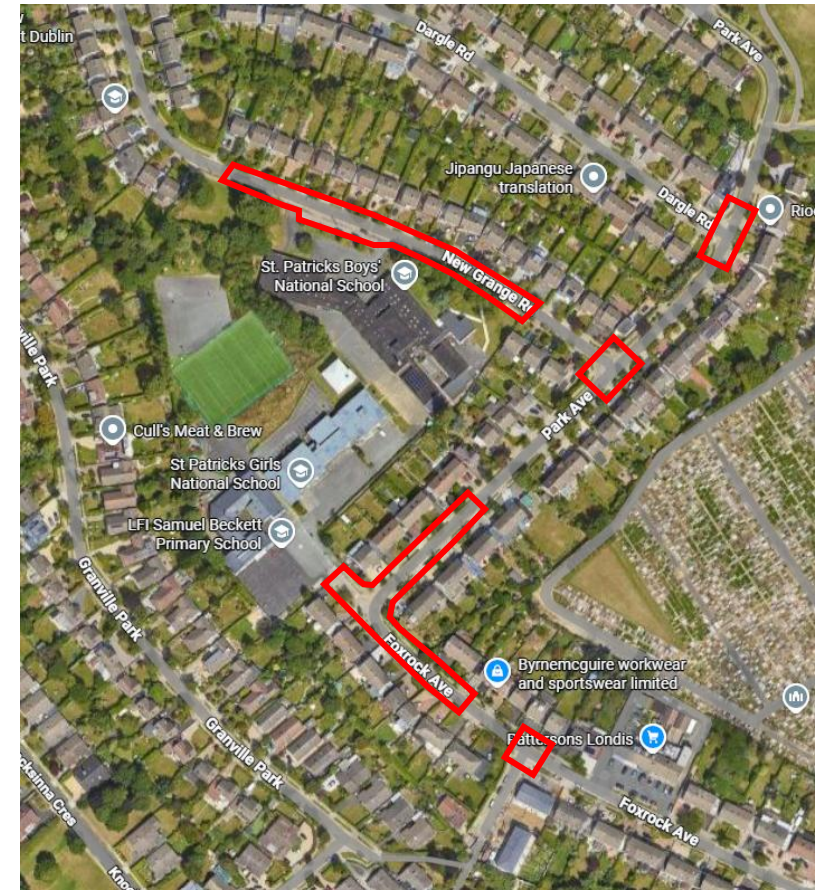




Existing entrance to St. Patrick's BNS on New Grange Road



Existing entrance to St. Patrick's GNS and LFI on Foxrock Avenue



Indicative location of the proposed works



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Challenges at the Existing School Entrance of St. Patrick's GNS and LFI (Foxrock Avenue)

- Traffic congestion during school opening and closing hours
- Improve safety of children approaching school
- Limited congregation space at the pedestrian school entrance



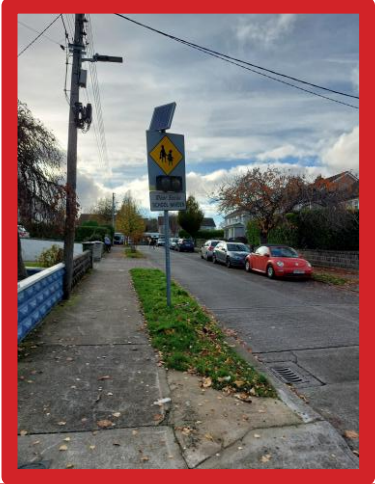
Guard rails limit space at school gate
Lack of adequate crossing facilities



Narrow footpath

Large curve radii

Dangerous and illegal parking
Inadequate traffic calming measures



School environment poorly defined
Need to increase awareness of school zone



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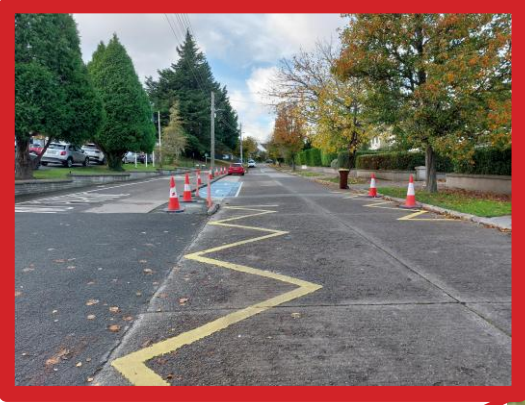


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Challenges at the Existing School Entrance of St. Patrick's BNS (New Grange Road)

School environment poorly defined



Dangerous and illegal parking



Narrow footpath

Wide junctions



Limited congregation space at the pedestrian school entrance

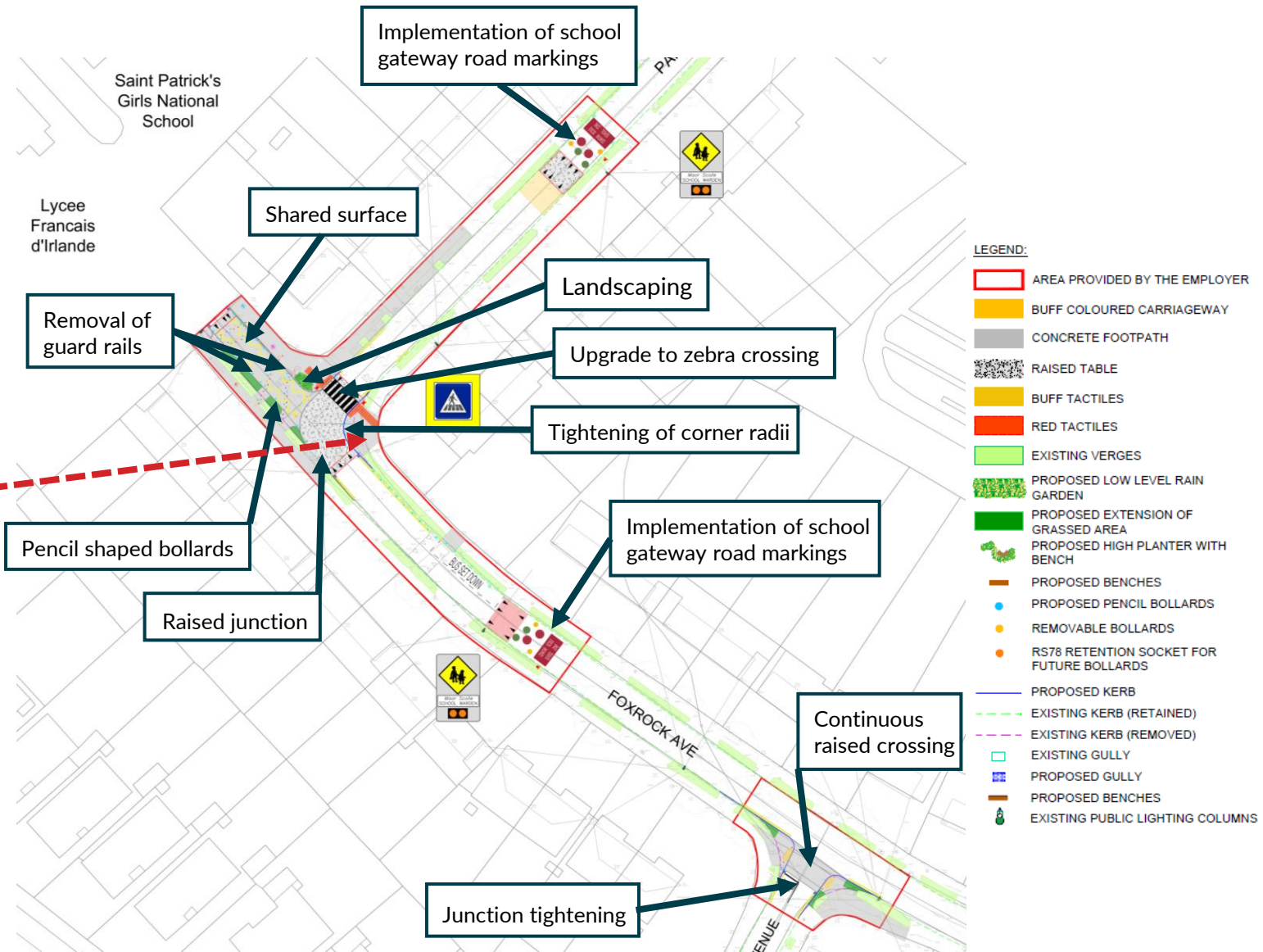


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Design Proposal Main Improvements - Foxrock Avenue



Visualisation of the proposed design for the St. Patrick's GNS and LFI pedestrian entrance, vehicular access and surroundings

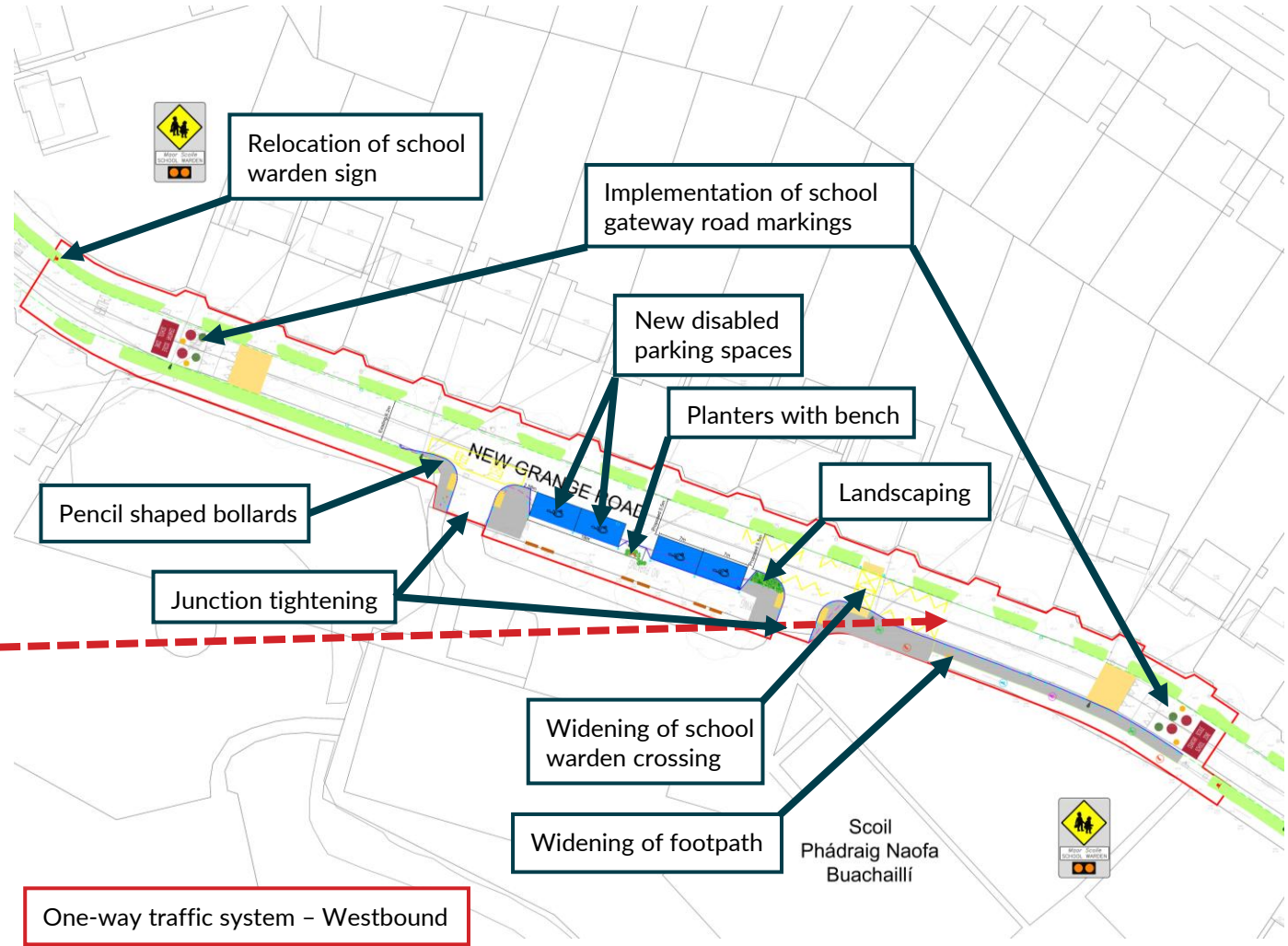


Design Proposal Main Improvements - New Grange Road

- LEGEND:**
- AREA PROVIDED BY THE EMPLOYER
 - BUFF COLOURED CARRIAGEWAY
 - CONCRETE FOOTPATH
 - RAISED TABLE
 - BUFF TACTILES
 - RED TACTILES
 - EXISTING VERGES
 - PROPOSED LOW LEVEL RAIN GARDEN
 - PROPOSED EXTENSION OF GRASSED AREA
 - PROPOSED HIGH PLANTER WITH BENCH
 - PROPOSED BENCHES
 - PROPOSED PENCIL BOLLARDS
 - REMOVABLE BOLLARDS
 - RS78 RETENTION SOCKET FOR FUTURE BOLLARDS
 - PROPOSED KERB
 - EXISTING KERB (RETAINED)
 - EXISTING KERB (REMOVED)
 - EXISTING GULLY
 - PROPOSED GULLY
 - PROPOSED BENCHES
 - EXISTING PUBLIC LIGHTING COLUMNS



Visualisation of the proposed design for the St. Patrick's BNS entrance and surroundings



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One-Way Traffic System - New Grange Road

RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED DURING THE FOLLOWING IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME:
September - June (MON - FRI)
 8:10 - 8:50
 14:10 - 14:50



Meán Fómhair - Meitheamh
 SEPTEMBER - JUNE
 Luan - Aoine
 08:10-8:50
 14:10-14:50
 MON - FRI

**NO STRAIGHT AHEAD Sign (RUS011)
 EXCEPT CYCLISTS**
 With Supplementary plate (P051) and (P050)
 mounted on new pole

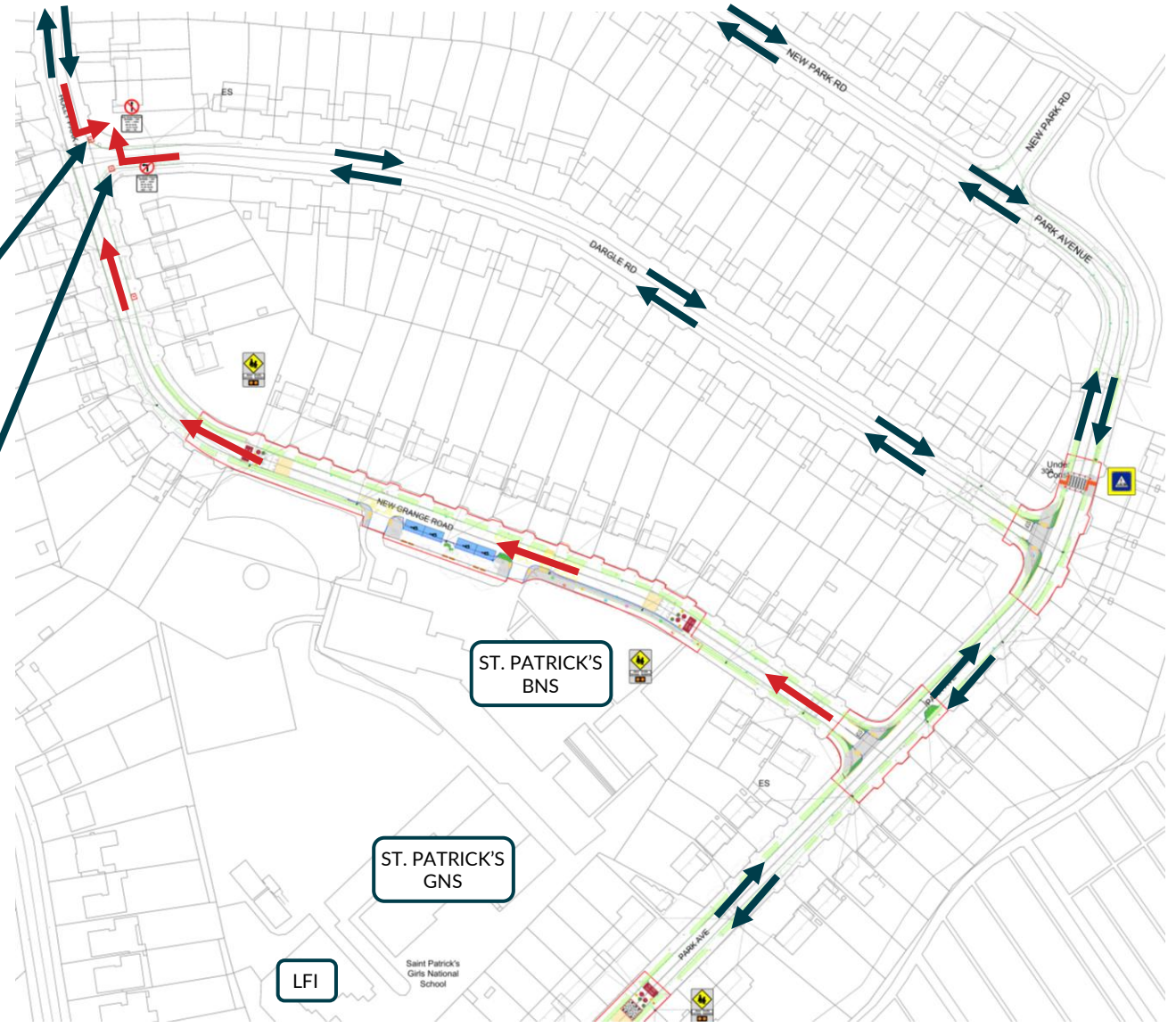
Restricted Movement from Holly Park Avenue to New Grange Road



Meán Fómhair - Meitheamh
 SEPTEMBER - JUNE
 Luan - Aoine
 08:10-8:50
 14:10-14:50
 MON - FRI

**NO LEFT TURN Sign (RUS013)
 EXCEPT CYCLISTS**
 With Supplementary plate (P051) and (P050)
 mounted on new pole

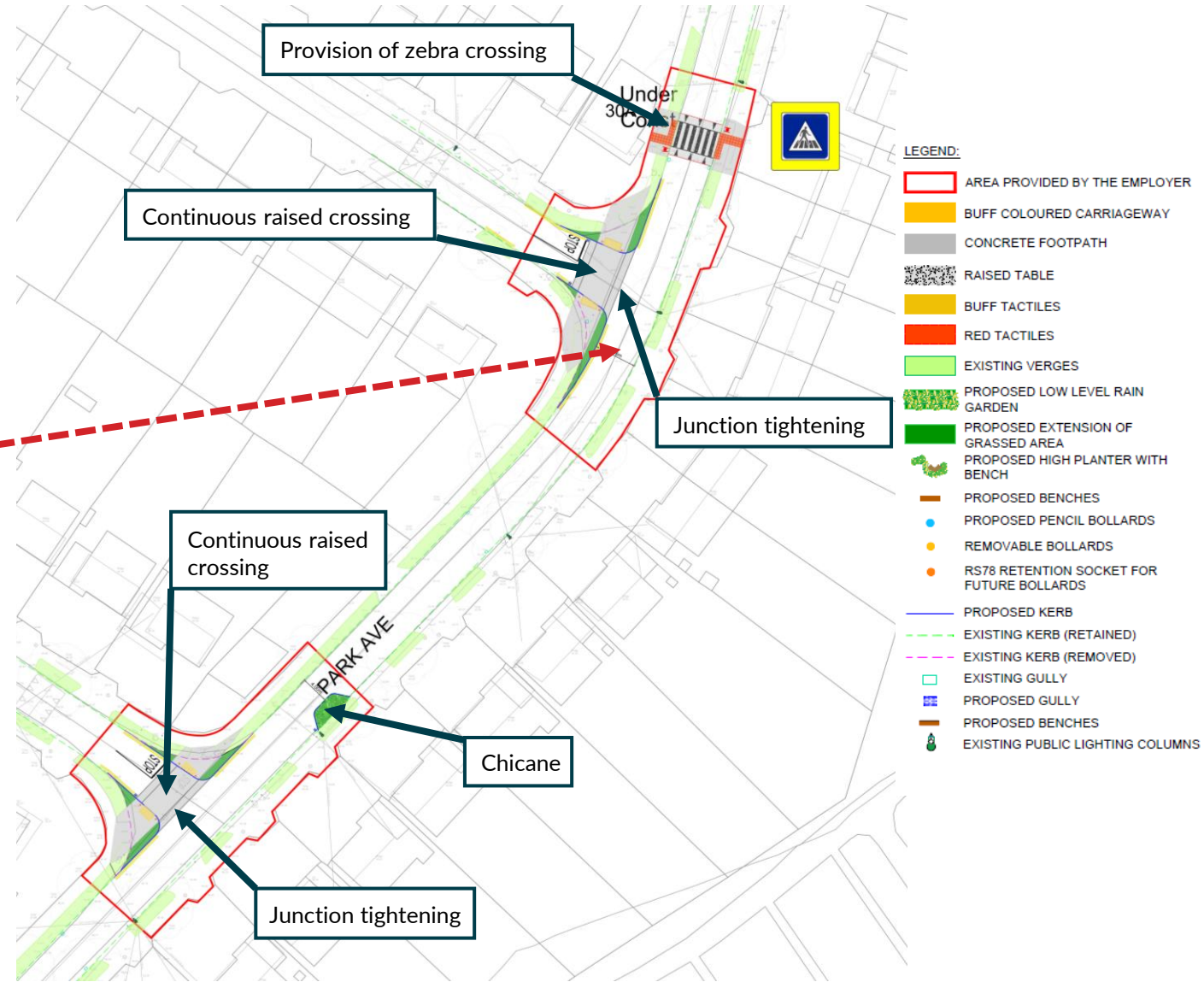
Restricted Movement from Dargle Road to Holly Park Avenue



Design Proposal Main Improvements - Park Avenue



Visualisation of the proposed design along Park Avenue



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Design Elements of Proposed Scheme



Pencil shaped bollards



Speed ramp



Cold applied high friction buff surface



Low level shrub planting in low planters



Micro art



Zebra crossing



Continuous footpaths at junctions



SUDS, low level shrub planting



School branding/ banner totem



Raised pedestrian crossing



School gateway road markings



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