

Holy Family National School Dunedin Park, Monkstown Farm, Dún Laoghaire

Safe Routes to School ‘School Zone’ Concept Proposal

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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAMME

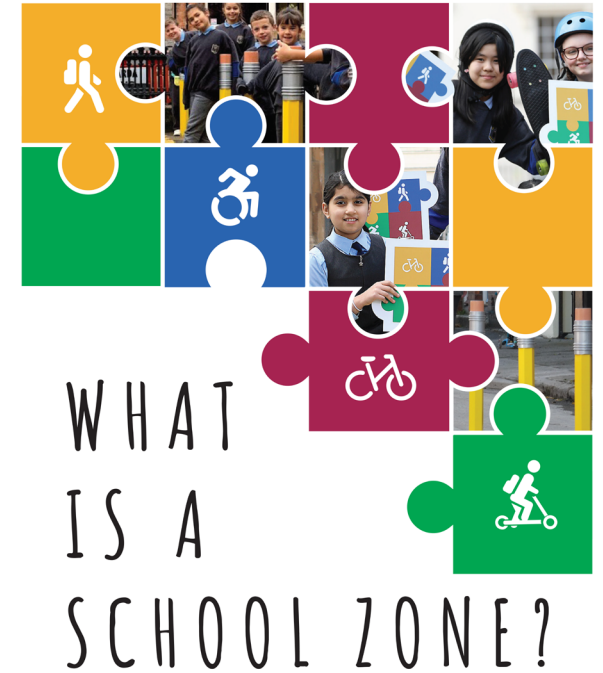
- In March 2021 NTA launched their 'Safe Routes to School' (SRTS) Programme which is designed to encourage as many pupils and students as possible in primary and post-primary schools to walk and cycle.
- SRTS Programme aims to create safer walking and cycling routes within communities and alleviate congestion 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 school.
- 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.



'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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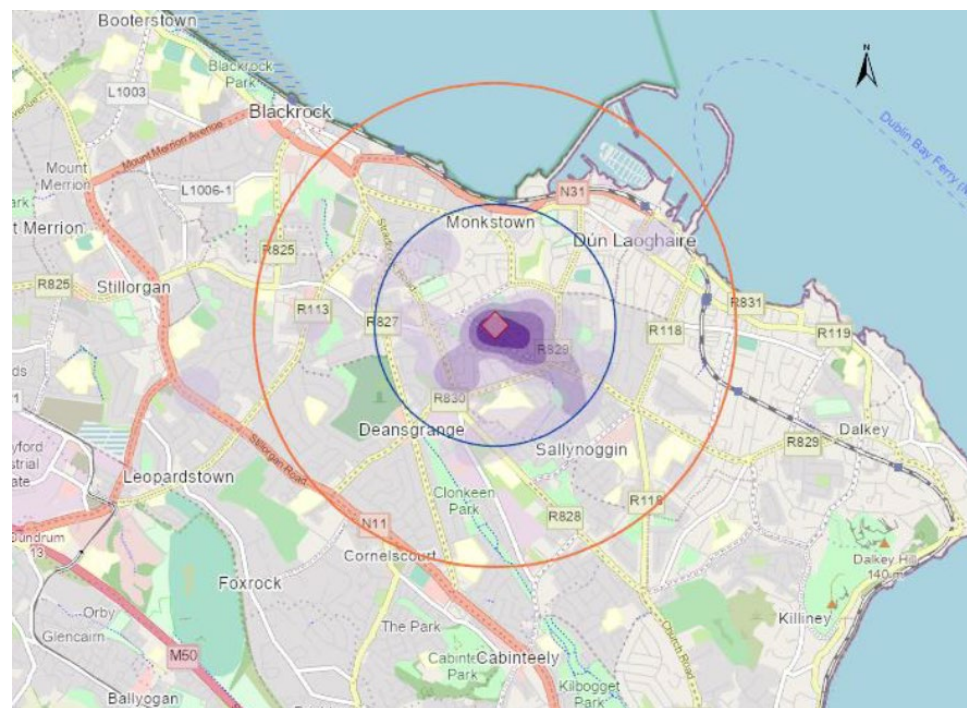


SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PARENT SURVEY

- The surveys were distributed to all parents during October 2021.
- 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: 52
- Students represented: 77 = 49% of school population (based on a total of 157)
- Parents' comments received: 11



School Community within 1km and 2km radii

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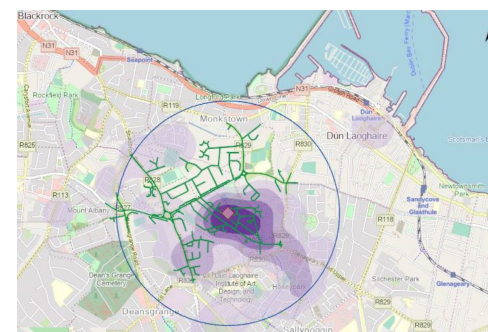
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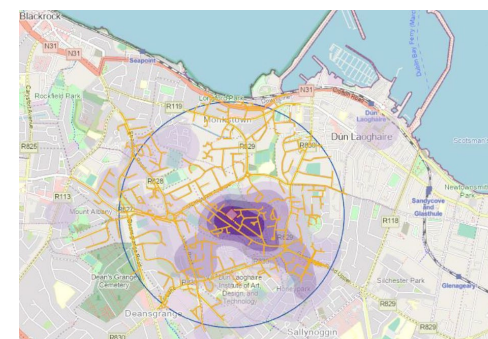
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Date: December 2021

15 min walk



20 min walk



Streets within walking distance



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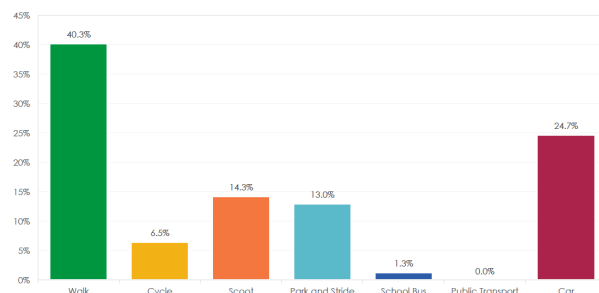
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Holy Family School – Parent Survey responses



How students usually travel to school (shown as percentages)



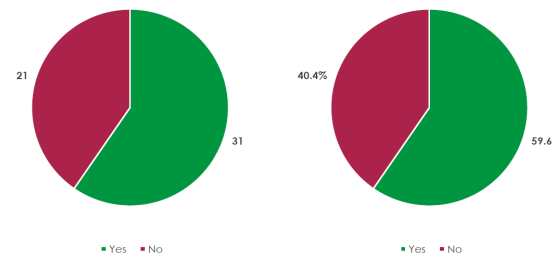
Q5. For each child, choose how they usually travel to school.
Park and Slide is where a student is driven some of the way to school and walks (at least 5 minutes) the rest of the way.



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



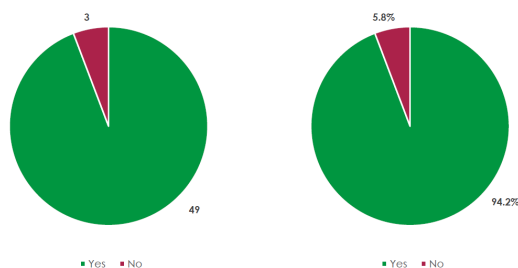
Q6. Do you think road safety is a problem around your school?



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



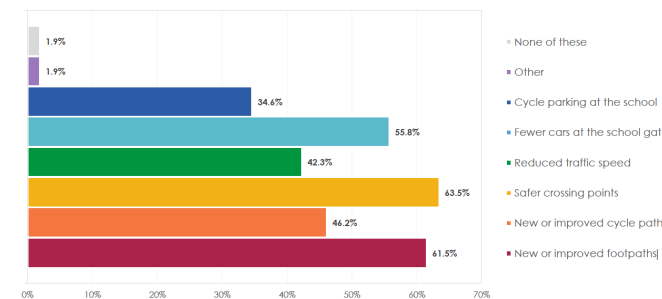
Q7. Would you support works at the front of school that improve student safety, putting pedestrians and cyclists first?



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What improvements would support you to walk, cycle or scoot to school? (shown as percentages)



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



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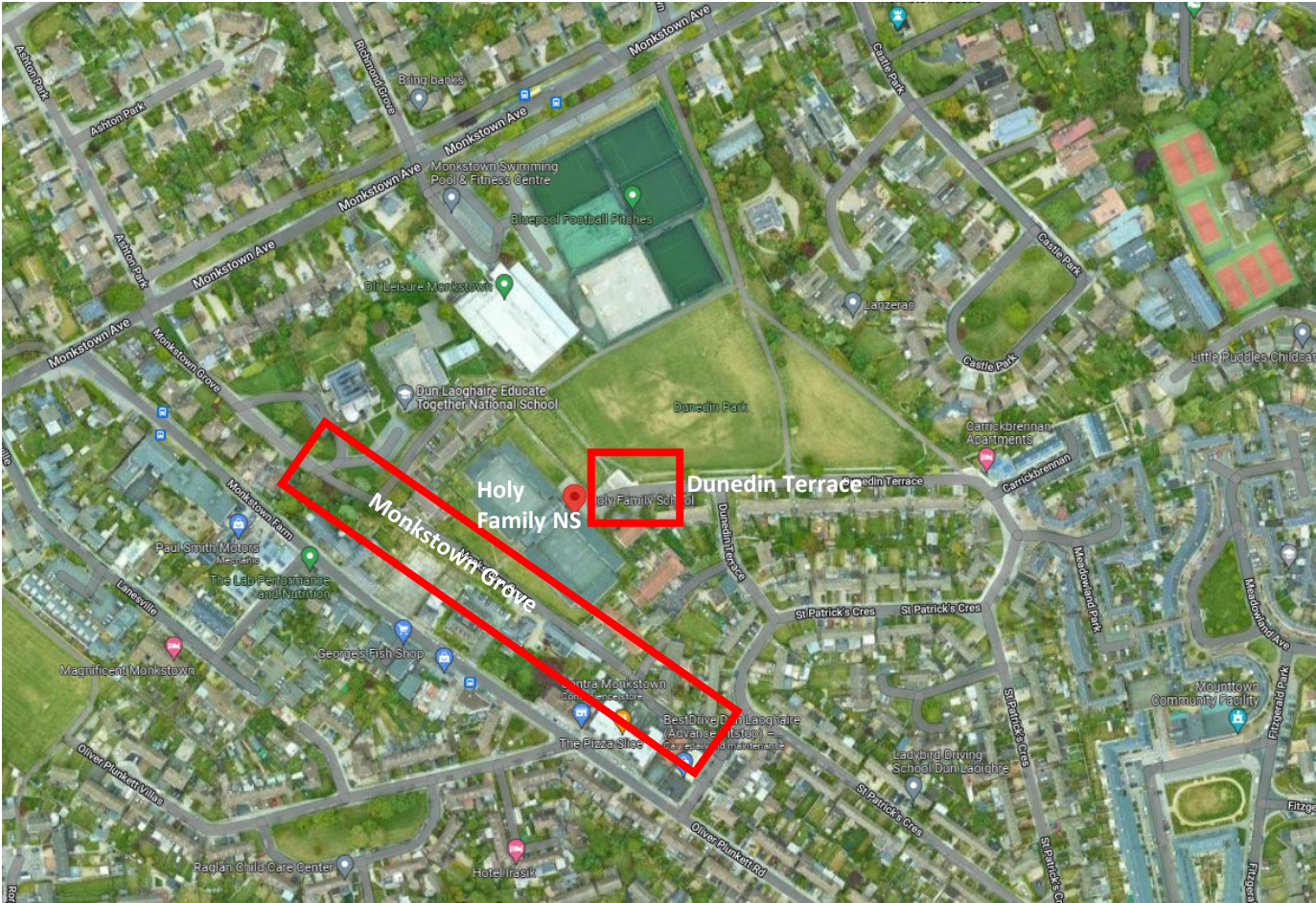




Existing school entrance on Dunedin Terrace



Existing school entrance on Monkstown Grove



Indicative locations of the proposed works

Source: Google Maps

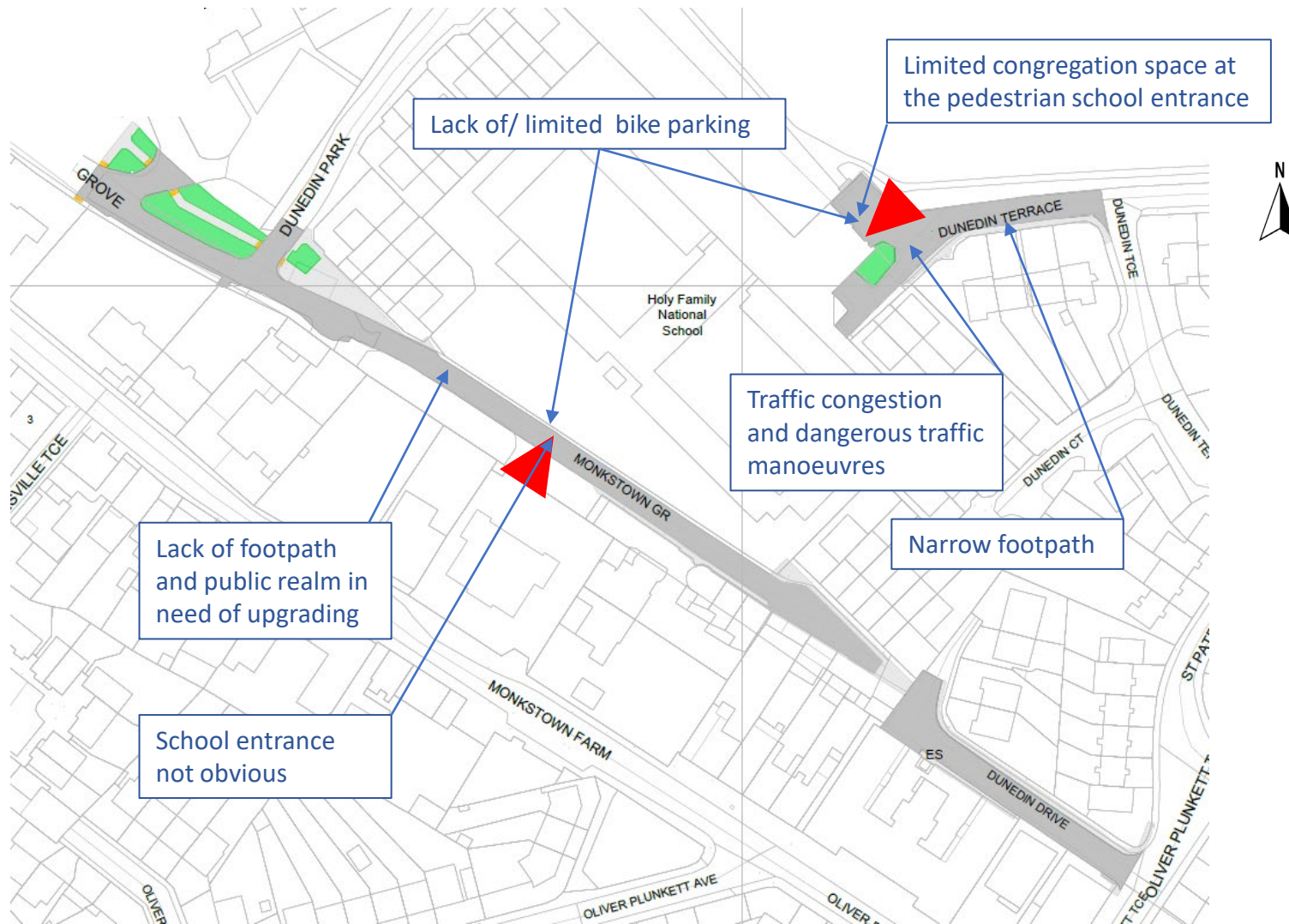
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Improve safety of children
approaching school

Need to increase awareness of
the school entrance and the
children using it

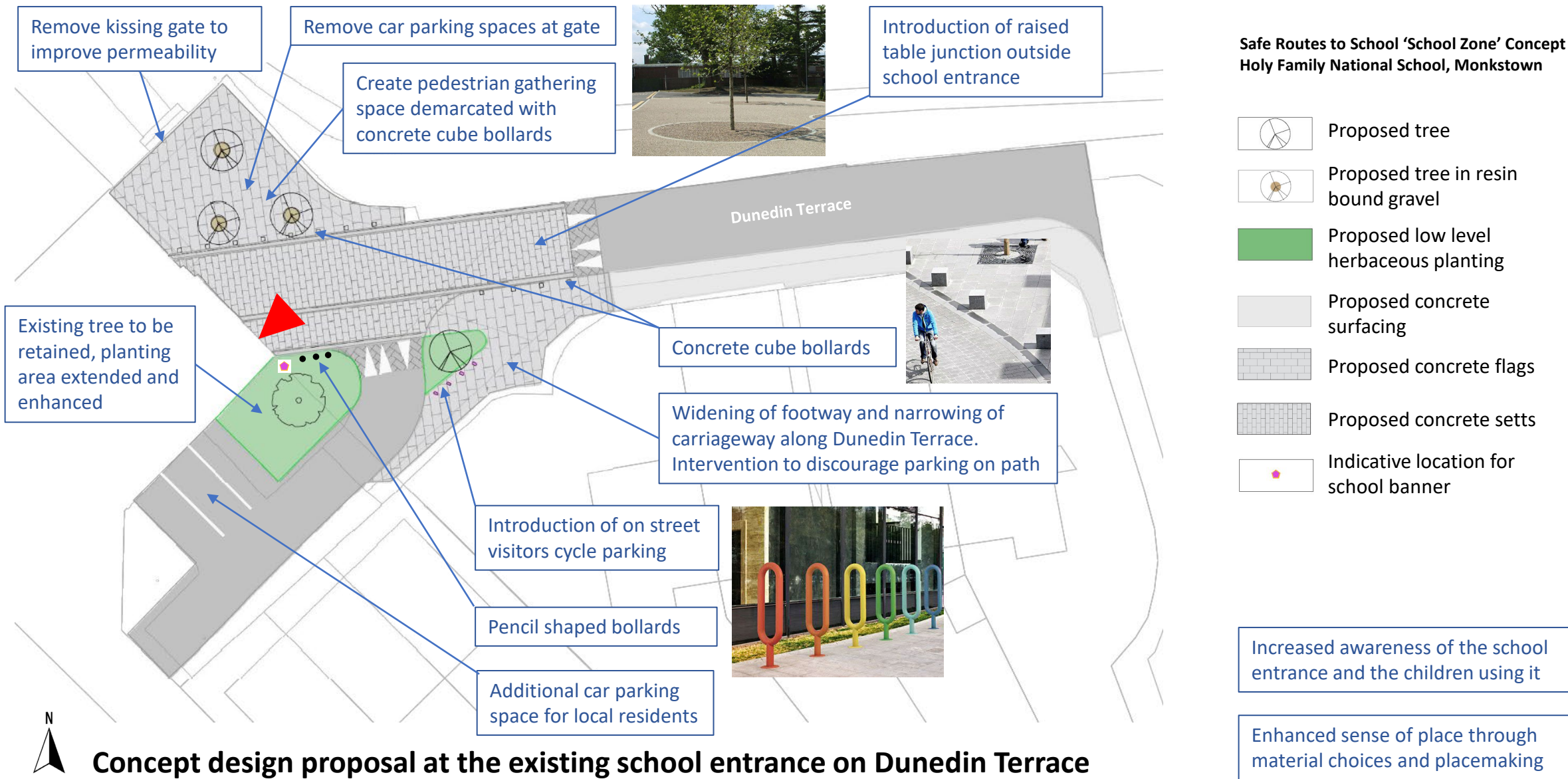
Challenges at the existing school entrances



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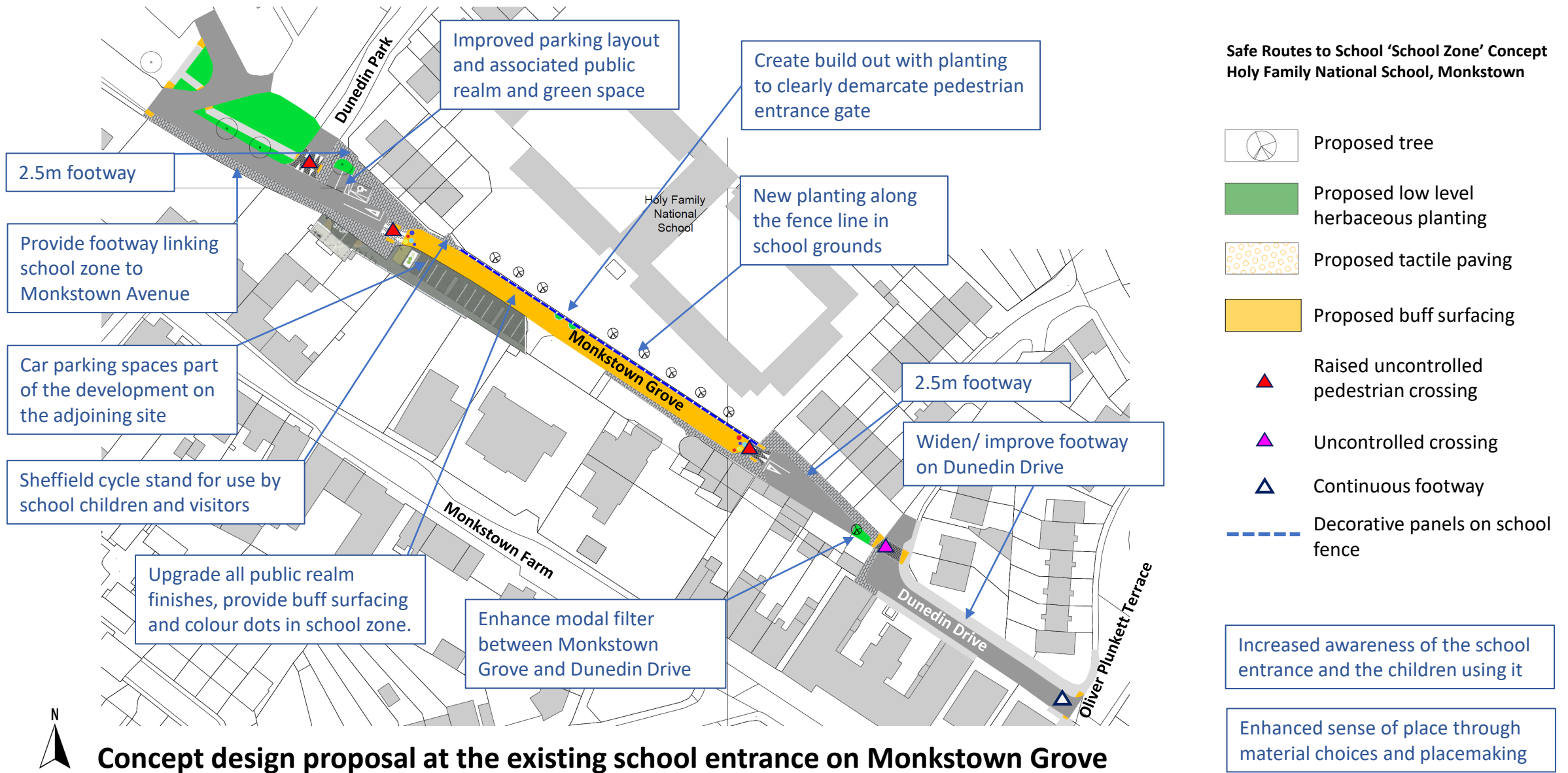




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**Design Elements developed by NTA which
are being incorporated as per the Safe
Routes to School Design Guidance**



Change in paving
surface within school
zone



Pencil shaped
bollards



Raised pedestrian
crossing



School branding
banners



Micro art



Colour themed
signage



Colour themed
asphalt features



Continuous
footpaths at
junctions



Change in road
surface within school
zone



Colour themed
bicycle stands



SUDS, low level
shrub planting



Tree planting



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Artist impression of the proposed school entrance on Dunedin Terrace



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