

# Convent Road Filtered Permeability Scheme – Traffic Management Trial

## Trial Scheme Overview

The trial scheme comprises filtering out through traffic on Convent Road to provide more space and a more peaceful, traffic-calmed environment for people walking and cycling. Two-way traffic access between Kentstown Road and Riverside estate will be maintained; a modal filter (road narrowing), to be located to the east of Riverside for a distance of approximately 270m. This will prevent motor vehicles from travelling towards Athlumney Castle but allow pedestrians and cyclists to pass. The existing one-way section on Convent Road will have no traffic (except for local access via the Athlumney Castle end) and the road space will be available for walking and cycling in both directions along this section. The removal of traffic on this section of the road also provides the opportunity to install landscaping planters.

The area around the Loreto School entrance will be upgraded to improve safety for those walking and cycling to school; and the existing green space will be enhanced with new planting.

The scheme will also include an upgrade to the existing public lighting and the installation of a new CCTV system.

The measures above will be installed and trialled for a period of 12 months. During the trial, travel patterns will be monitored and assessed as part of the trial evaluation process. Following completion and review of the trial evaluation, a decision will be made on whether, or not, to make the changes permanent, subject to completion of the required statutory process and funding approval.



## Purpose of the Trial

- Convent Road is proposed to form part of the Athlumney to Trim Road Cycle and Pedestrian Scheme. This trial will determine if filtered permeability is the preferred option for this section of the route.
- The trial scheme aims to prioritise the movement of sustainable transport modes (cycling and walking) over motor vehicles.
- The trial proposes to install a modal filter on a temporary basis in order to promote sustainable travel patterns, improve safety for people walking and cycling and assess the impact of those changes on local travel patterns.



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## Benefits of the Scheme

- Improved accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists. Cyclist will be allowed to travel in both directions along the full length of Convent Road. Pedestrians will have an increased space to walk along the filtered permeability section of the road.
- Safety for pedestrians and cyclists will be enhanced by the reduction in motor traffic (to local access only). Pedestrians will be able to use the entire road instead of the existing narrow footpath, and cyclists will be allowed to travel in both directions along the previous one-way section of Convent Road. It will provide a safer, calmer route to and from Loreto School.
- The scheme will also reduce vehicle noise and improve air quality along Convent Road.
- The area around the entrance to the Loreto School will be upgraded to improve safety at the school gate and improve the public realm.
- New landscaping features will be provided to enhance the environment along the route.
- The scheme will include an upgrade of existing public lighting and the installation of a new CCTV system.





## Emergency Services and Local Vehicle Access

Collapsible/flexible bollards at the modal filter at Riverside will allow emergency service vehicles to travel along the entire length of Convent Road from either end.

Access to private properties and the graveyard will be accommodated via the Athlumney Castle end of the road during the trial period.

## Existing Heritage and Ecology

This proposal has the advantage of providing benefits to pedestrians and cyclists in terms of safety and comfort without impacting on the existing heritage of the road and environs. The works will not impact on the boundary walls or any of the properties along the road. The reduced traffic noise and emissions will enhance this historic area of Navan.



## Public Consultation

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions in place all Council Buildings are closed, with public access limited to urgent business only. Plans and particulars of the proposal are available for inspection from 5 July 2021 under 'Public Consultations' on the Council's website <https://consult.meath.ie>.

The plans and particulars of the proposed scheme will be available for inspection by appointment from Monday, 5 July 2021 to Friday, 23 July 2021 during office hours at the office of the Local Authority listed below:

Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, Co Meath, C15 Y291.

Persons wishing to inspect the documents at this location are requested to contact Customer Services on 0469097000 in advance to arrange viewing, or by email to [customerservices@meathcoco.ie](mailto:customerservices@meathcoco.ie).

## Making a Submission

Representations/observations in relation to the proposed traffic management trial and associated works may be made in writing to the Roads Authority as follows:

**Administrative Officer, Meath County Council, Transportation Department, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath C15 Y291**, via the Council's website <https://consult.meath.ie>, or emailed to [transport@meathcoco.ie](mailto:transport@meathcoco.ie) on or **before 5pm on Monday, 26 July 2021**.

## Contact Us

If you have a query about making your submission or questions about the plans, you can contact us at

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