



# Dundalk Inner Relief Road Active Travel Project

## Phase 1 Non-statutory Public Consultation



### Scheme Description

The R132 Inner Relief Road forms a traffic barrier within Dundalk Town and its Environs. It was designed and constructed in the early 1990's to serve as the main Dublin-Belfast route until construction of M1 Motorway in around 2006.

The road itself separates the predominately residential area to the West of Dundalk and the Village of Blackrock. Its current cross section along with the 60kph posted speed limit makes it unattractive for safe cycling.

The creation of appropriate segregated cycle lanes, pedestrian and cyclist crossing points at existing junctions with further crossing points at recognised desire lines, will encourage more active travel and create an essential, safe commuter corridor for pedestrians and cyclists.

This will allow pedestrians and cyclists to “hop on, hop off” and access areas along the length of the town. These new facilities will also complement the existing cycle lanes constructed predominantly

within the town centre along with the R215 scheme under LH-21-0010 and the R132 schemes under LH-22-0001 & LH-22-0005 Active Travel Programs.

Works proposed include:

- The provision of segregated cycle lanes on the Inner Relief Road over a length of c.4km
- The review and upgrades of major junctions along this route to better facilitate pedestrian/cyclist facilities.
- Provision of further pedestrian and cycling crossings at identified desire lines along the route.
- Linkages to DKIT Campus on the West of the R132 to better facilitate access to DKIT Sports Campus on the Eastern side of the R132.
- The provision of all other ancillary works associated with these cycle lanes along the length of the scheme.



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## Proposed Route

The route identified to be developed as part of this project is a circa. 4km route along the R132 Dundalk Inner Relief Road starting at the junction with the R215 Dublin Road and finishing at Táin Bridge. The route is as highlighted in the Figure below.

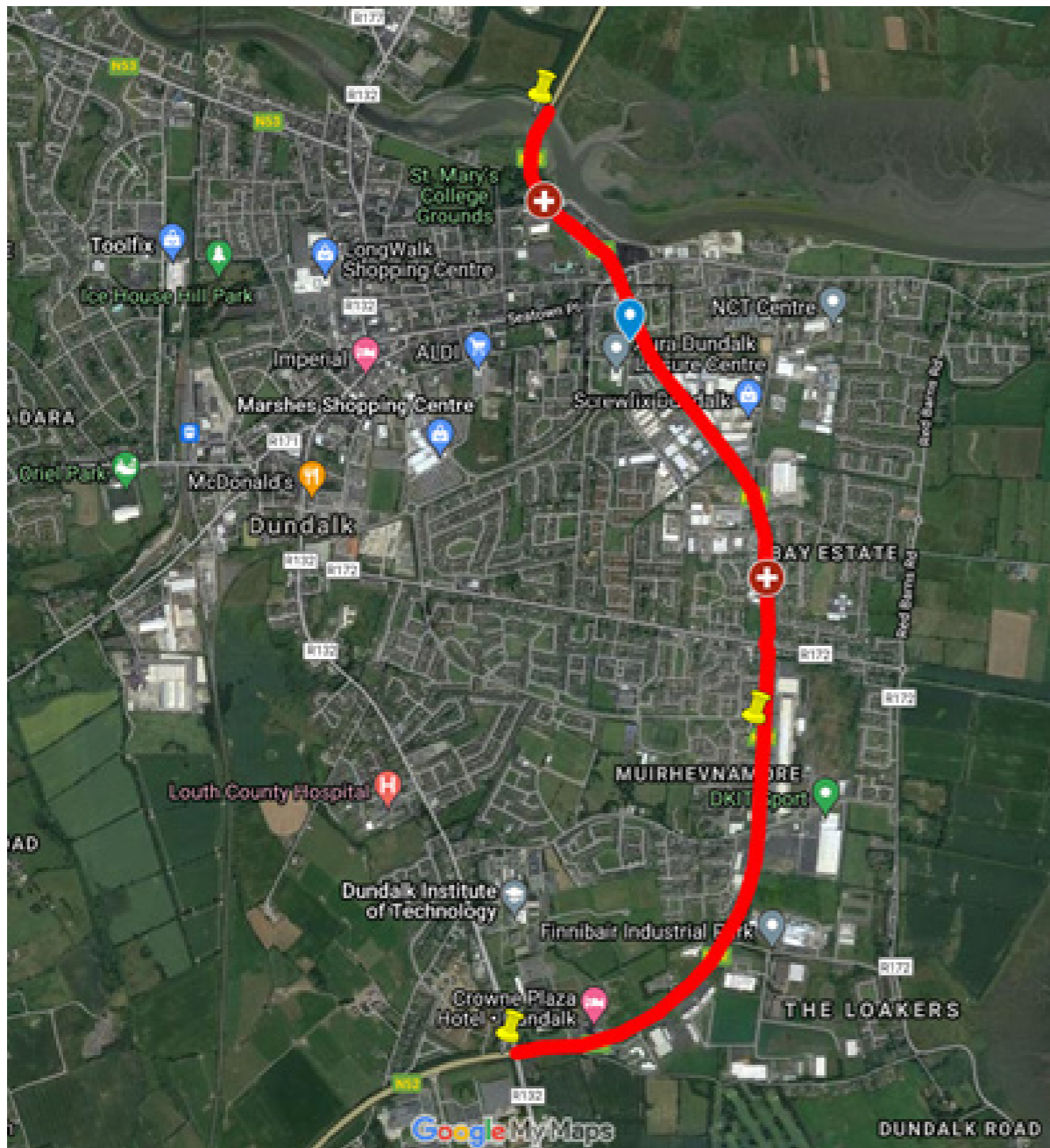
## What's Happening Now?

Louth County Council have commissioned their engineering design consultants, Barry Transportation, to progress the scheme development. The project team has developed an emerging preferred option for the typical road cross section and facilities for the scheme. More details of the emerging preferred options can be found on <https://consult.louthcoco.ie/en/consultation/dundalk-active-travel-phase-1>

This is the first non-statutory public engagement / consultation, and the project team is now seeking your feedback on the emerging preferred options for the scheme.

Any considerations, information or constraints are welcome, and will be assessed by the project team in the further development of the scheme.

**A Public Consultation Event will be held on Thursday 21st September 2023 at Dundalk Library from 3:00pm to 8:00pm, where these emerging preferred options will be displayed, and the Project Team will be on hand to answer any queries.**



## What Happens Next?

Any comments/information received at this stage will inform the preliminary design for each scheme. The Project Team will pay significant attention to the following items:

- Local Constraints along the Road Corridor
- Consistent and Continuous Facilities
- Access to Private Dwellings
- Junction Improvements
- Pedestrian Crossing Locations

## Have your say!

All project information, including Project Drawings and Maps, are available to view at: <https://consult.louthcoco.ie/en/consultation/dundalk-active-travel-phase-1> or at the in-person Public Consultation Day to be held on 21st September 2023.

The Project Team is available to answer any queries you may have during this public consultation period, and can be contacted at: [dundalk.activetravel@jbbarry.ie](mailto:dundalk.activetravel@jbbarry.ie)

How to submit your feedback:

- In person, at our public consultation event
- in writing, to [dundalk.activetravel@jbbarry.ie](mailto:dundalk.activetravel@jbbarry.ie)
- on the web at: <https://consult.louthcoco.ie/en/consultation/dundalk-active-travel-phase-1>

**All feedback should be returned to the Project Team before 5pm on the 29th September 2023.**

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