

NON STATUTORY PUBLIC CONSULTATION SCHEME UPDATE & EMERGING PREFERRED OPTION

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Active Travel and the N3 M50 to Clonee Scheme

The N3 M50 to Clonee Scheme will deliver improvements to the existing transport corridor along N3 with a focus on improving longer term access to public transport, and improving the operational efficiency of the corridor. Active travel facilities within the study area are currently limited. In addition to this, the large volumes of traffic on surrounding local roads suppress the demand for active travel modes.

The current NTA Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan outlines the plan to provide high quality cycle and pedestrian facilities adjacent to the N3 corridor. An extract overview of this plan has been included below and it is noted that supplementary to this there is a series of local and regional plans to deliver this infrastructure within the Fingal County Council area. In line with this plan cycling facilities are not planned on the N3 dual carriageway. It should be noted the high speed nature of the corridor would significantly detract from a safe cycling environment when high quality offline facilities can be provided.

After the current N3 M50 to Clonee Options Selection Phase is complete, the Phase 3 Design and Environmental Assessment will consider interaction with the overall cycle network in the vicinity of the N3 corridor, and where appropriate elements of the Cycle Network Plan will be included as complimentary measures or delivered separately by Fingal County Council. Proposed upgrades of the existing junctions will include the provision of improved cycling and walking infrastructure, which will encourage more active travel and provide high quality connectivity across the N3 corridor.

Extract from the NTA Cycle Network Plan for the Greater Dublin Area

