

The North Circular Road (NCR) Project aims to provide high-quality segregated cycling facilities along a 5.5km route from Infirmary Road at the junction with Conyngham Road and Parkgate Street to Seville Place at the junction with Guild Street. The project will be delivered in five schemes:

1. Seville Place
2. **Dorset Street Lower to Amiens Street**
3. NCR Dorset Street to Infirmary Road (Excluding Hanlon's Corner)
4. Infirmary Road
5. Hanlon's Corner

The Active Travel team are currently progressing with three of these schemes: Seville Place, Dorset Street Lower to Amiens Street and Hanlon's Corner. Below is a summary of the progress to date on the **Dorset Street Lower to Amiens Street** section which extends for 1km along North Circular Road and Portland Row. (see Figure 1 below).



Figure 1- Extent of the NCR scheme (Dorset Street Lower to Amiens Street) illustrated in red.

In 2022 Dublin City Council developed designs for an interim walking and cycling scheme and undertook a non-statutory public consultation on it between December 2022 and January 2023. A total of 249 responses were received with the submissions indicating 74% positive, 12% negative and 14% neutral sentiments towards the proposals.

On review of the submissions it was evident that there were a number of key recurring themes and issues raised, such as the need for improved segregation and protection for cyclists, the requirement for enhanced pedestrian safety and the need for better junction design. The design team determined the need to carry out a review of the design taking on board the submissions whilst also improving the interim proposals. This review also provided the opportunity to provide more permanent infrastructure along the scheme and to align with new National Transport Authority (NTA) design guidance relating to pedestrian and cycle infrastructure, such as the NTA Rapid Build Advice Note (February 2023) and new Cycle Design Manual (September 2023).

In August 2023, Consultants Jacobs were appointed to the new Active Travel Design Office and in October 2023 they commenced a review of the NCR (Dorset Street Lower to Amiens Street) preliminary designs for the interim walking and cycling scheme. As part of the design review process, site surveys, tree surveys and traffic modelling have been undertaken. Appropriate changes are being proposed along the route such as the use of concrete kerbs/islands to segregate the cyclepath from traffic instead of bollards. Significantly improved cyclist protection and controlled pedestrian crossing points are also proposed at the major junctions, in particular the Belvedere Road and Fitzgibbon Street junctions. The Consultants are currently working through the preparation of the revised design drawings and have prepared a Rapid Build Option Report which will be issued to the NTA for their review and approval. A Public Consultation Report for this scheme is expected to be published following approval by NTA of the Rapid Build Options Report and the revised design. The Active Travel webpage will provide further information and updates as this project progresses.

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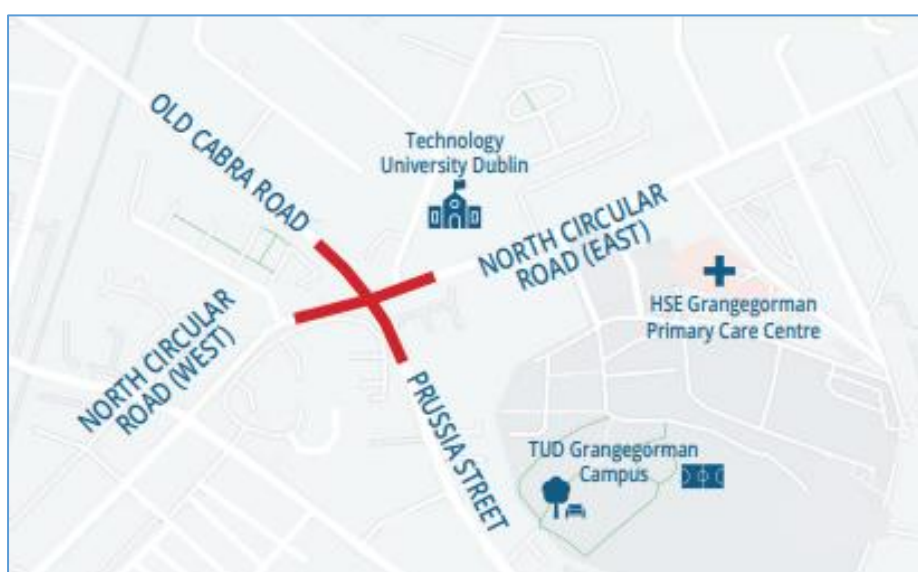


Figure 1- Extent of the Hanlon’s Corner Scheme illustrated in red

In 2022 Dublin City Council developed designs to implement interim measures to improve the walking and cycling facilities at Hanlon’s Corner junction. These are advance improvement works ahead of more extensive alterations to this junction which are expected in the coming years as part of the Blanchardstown to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Bus Connects project. Non-statutory public consultation was undertaken on the scheme design between December 2022 and February 2023 with a public information day at the Holy Family Parish Centre, Prussia Street on 25th January, 2023. A total of 109 responses were received with the submissions indicating 69% positive, 18% negative and 13% neutral sentiments towards the proposals.

On review of the submissions a number of key issues were raised, such as the need for better junction design, improvement to the road surface, better protection for cyclists and the requirement for an improved pedestrian environment. As part of the design process a review of the design is required be carried out taking on board the submissions received. This review will also ensure that it aligns with the new National Transport Authority (NTA) Cycle Design Manual which was published in September 2023. In late 2023 a tender competition was undertaken for the engagement of Consultants to develop the detailed design and bring the scheme through procurement of Contractor and the Construction Stages. Following the procurement process Consultants AtkinsRéalis were identified as the most economically advantageous tenderer and they were appointed in January 2024. The consultant has begun the review the preliminary design and following the development of detailed drawings a tender for the works contract will be issued (subject to funding approval from the NTA). A Public Consultation Report for this junction is expected to be published over the coming Quarter. The Active Travel webpage will provide further information and updates as this project progresses.