

Key Features

- The Bóthar Stiofáin Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme is 870m in length, stretching from the junction with Western Distributor Road at the south to the junction with Rahoon Road at the north. The proposed scheme involves the provision of a 14m wide cross-section with 2m raised adjacent cycle tracks on both sides of the road which will require some landtake from the eastern side.
- The existing zebra crossing, at the approach of Bóthar Stiofáin to the roundabout junction with Western Distributor Road, is proposed to be retained.
- 4m wide raised zebra crossings with red tactiles, belisha beacons and flashing amber signals are proposed at an average rate of 1 every 130m along Bóthar Stiofáin, at the following approximate locations:
 - South of the junction of Linn Bhuí;
 - At the pedestrian access to RSA Ireland/Aviva;
 - South of drop off area, south of the junction with Riasc Na Rí;
 - South of the junction with Caiseal Úr; and
 - North of the junction with Sliabh Ard.
- The existing public lighting and services are proposed to be upgraded. 8 no. trees are proposed to be removed with 18 no. trees proposed to be planted
- The scheme will involve limited realignment of the existing carriageway to facilitate the new cycle infrastructure.
- New road marking and signage.
- Other necessary associated works including improved landscaping.

Share your feedback

Details of the scheme are available on <https://www.galwaycity.ie/Bothar-Stiofain-Cycle-Network>

Galway City Council welcomes your support, questions and feedback on the Bothar Stiofáin Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme proposals:

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All submissions will be considered, and incorporated into the proposed design, where feasible within the design constraints, and beneficial for the scheme.



Bóthar Stiofáin Cycle Network Scheme

Part 8 Submission: Supplementary Booklet

Introduction

Galway City’s generally flat topography is conducive to cycling. However, the volume of vehicular traffic on the city streets contributes to an environment that is neither appealing nor perceived as safe for cycling.

The current mode share of cycling in the City is approximately 5%. As is evident with the bus network, and noted within the Galway Transport Strategy (GTS), the existing network of cycle infrastructure is limited and discontinuous.

In order to deal with the ever-growing congestion problem in the city it is important to reduce the number of vehicles entering the city by **facilitating access by alternative, more sustainable, modes**. As an area of relatively flat topography and a compact city centre, **Galway is well suited to cycling as a means of transport**.

The overall purpose of the **Bóthar Stiofáin Cycle Network Scheme** is the delivery of a pedestrian and cycle network on the west side of the city which will provide a safe and attractive active travel route, catering for all users including commuters, leisure and family cycling groups.

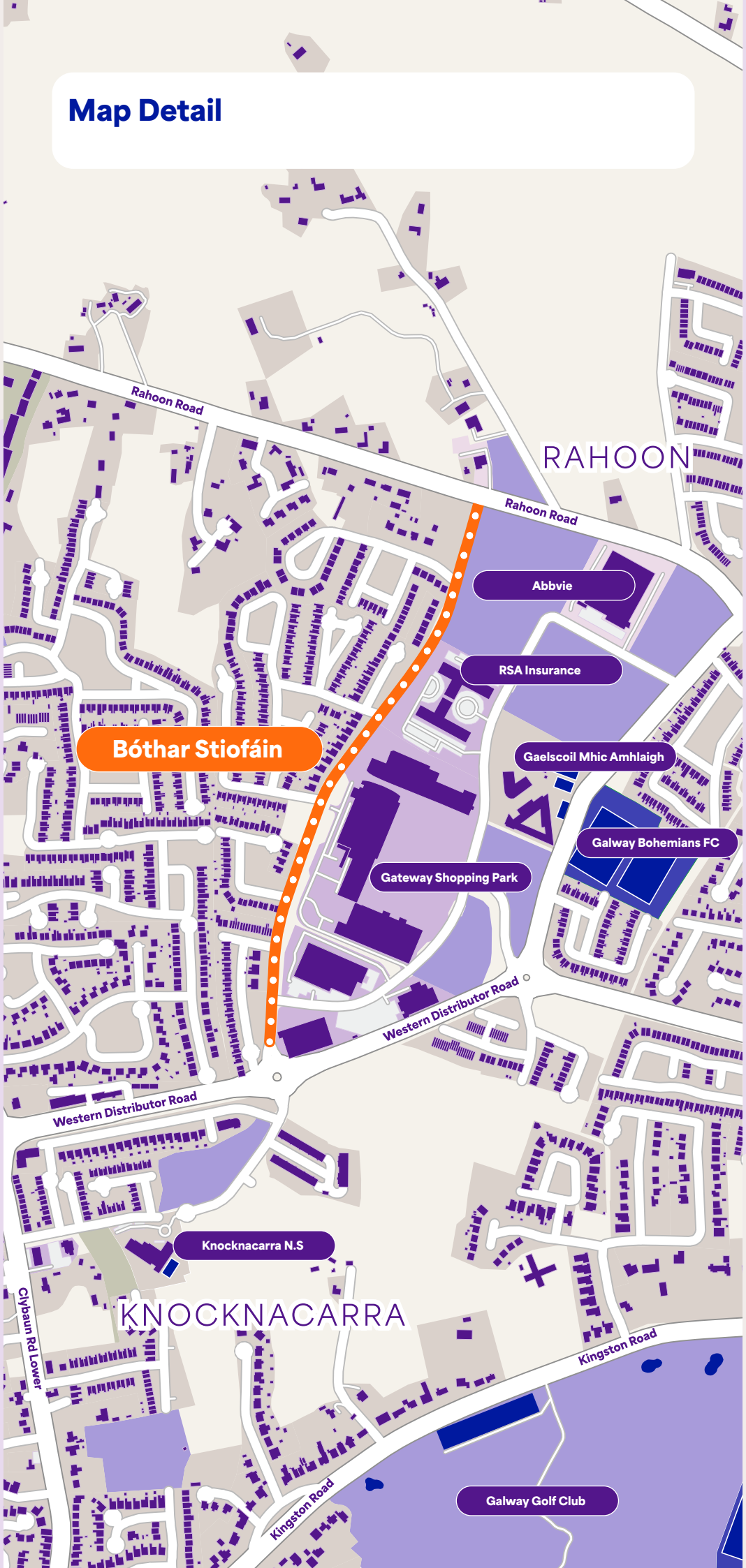
Ultimately when the route is delivered, it will **improve safety, reduce vehicle speeds**, and **contribute towards an increased number of trips in the area by pedestrians and cyclists**.

This proposal comprising of Bothár Stiofáin (which is identified in the GTS as a Primary Cycle Route) is now being progressed under Part VIII, Article 81 of the Planning Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).




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The route connects residential areas with Gateway Retail Park, employment hubs, Gaelscoil Mhic Amhlaigh and Galway Bohemians FC. The route also provides a link to the Western Distributor Road and which has a large employment, educational and retail catchment.





Map Detail



Strategic Objectives

-  **GCC Development Plan 2023-2029**
Promote, facilitate and maintain maximum connectivity and permeability for pedestrians and cyclists in the design and management of new public and private projects and in upgrading and retrofitting existing developments
-  **Galway Transport Strategy**
To provide a safe and comfortable environment for cyclists in Galway City and the surrounding catchment. The proposals would facilitate increased pedestrian and cycle movement within the city improving connectivity and permeability whilst creating a more attractive, inclusive and vibrant public realm.
-  **National Climate Action Plan 2023**
To reduce transport related emissions are set to reduce by 51% by 2030. The CAP23 calls for a significant cut in transport emissions by 2030 in order to meet this sectoral emission ceiling. This includes a 20% reduction in total vehicle kilometres, a reduction in fuel usage, and significant increases to sustainable transport trips and modal share.

Route Objectives

-  **Route Development**
To develop Bóthar Stiofáin to provide both a utility network (to connect residential, shopping, work and education centres for functional cycle trips) and a recreational network (to provide a route of sufficient length and quality to cater for exercise, social and tourism trips).
-  **Public Transport**
To provide for improvements to bus stop infrastructure for the existing bus services along the route.
-  **Community Facilities**
To provide improvements for those travelling to Gateway Retail Park, employment hubs, Gaelscoil Mhic Amhlaigh and Galway Bohemians FC.
-  **Other Schemes**
To allow for future tie-ins to adjacent proposed schemes (i.e. the proposed BusConnects Galway and any proposed cycle improvements along Western Distributor Road).