



Outline Delivery Plan

Scoil Iognáid

Raleigh Row, Galway City

H91E364

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Purpose of Outline Delivery Plan

This Outline Delivery Plan contains concept designs of interventions to improve infrastructure outside and on the routes to school with the aim of increasing the number of children who walk, cycle or scoot to school. These proposed interventions are based on survey findings, audits, consultation with the school, the Local Authority, and (the NTA if applicable) and have been developed by the Safe Routes to School Officer. The plan will be submitted to the Local Authority, the NTA, and the school(s).

The proposed interventions will require further work including detailed design, and input from stakeholders such as landowners and the local community. Some interventions may require planning permission.

It is important to note that concepts and agreed solutions may not progress at the same time and some concepts may not be suitable, however, all parties aim to work together to improve infrastructure in and around schools.

There is currently funding available to Local Authorities from the NTA to progress works arising from the Safe Routes to School programme.

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Brief School Overview

- Scoil Iognáid is a co-educational primary school which teaches through the Irish language with over 525 students and approximately 40 staff attending the school daily.
- The school is located on a Raleigh Row, a narrow one-way street which functions as a '[School Street](#)' during school start and finishing times, since 2020.
- Staff parking takes place on Raleigh Row along the front of the school.
- Currently there are no cycling facilities leading up to the school, however cycle parking is available to the front of the school and on the school grounds.

Key Audit Findings

- The speed limit outside the school is: Fixed - 50km/h.
- There is scope to enhance the existing school street through including of art & placemaking elements & by improving pedestrian & cycle access to the school.
- Vehicles continue to access the school street during exclusion times. As such improved visibility & enforcement of the school street are needed.
- Permeability and pedestrian links need to be improved via:
 1. Improvements to paving in terms of surface and width, eliminating obstructions to footpaths, footpath protection and provision of new footpaths.
 2. Narrowing of junctions and improved pedestrian crossing facilities.
- There is scope to develop some cycle infrastructure in the wider school environment via the elimination of roadside parking and narrowing of carriage way width.

Supplementary Information

- Scoil Fhursa is located on St. Mary's Road at approximately 300m from the Scoil Iognáid.
- In addition to the existing [Galway City Park'N'Stride Locations](#), Galway City Council (GCC) has set in place Park'N'Stride agreement at the Bridge Club for Scoil Fhursa and Scoil Iognáid only (subject to review). GCC has also installed a crossing on Henry Street to encourage more drop-offs/ Park'N'Stride from Parkavera/ Mill Street. St Mary's College has paid-permit parking in place, used by some teachers.
- There is [plans for the front of school area](#) Galway City Council has a second phase of infrastructure improvements for the school street area which have been designed to align with the Safe Routes to School Design Guide. There is also plans for the surrounding areas under [Galway Transport Strategy \(GTS\)](#) & [Active Travel / Galway City Cycle Network](#).
- St. Mary's Rd., Shantalla Rd., St. Helen's St. & Newcastle Rd. form part of GTS Orbital Route this may impact on the type of works which can take place on these routes.

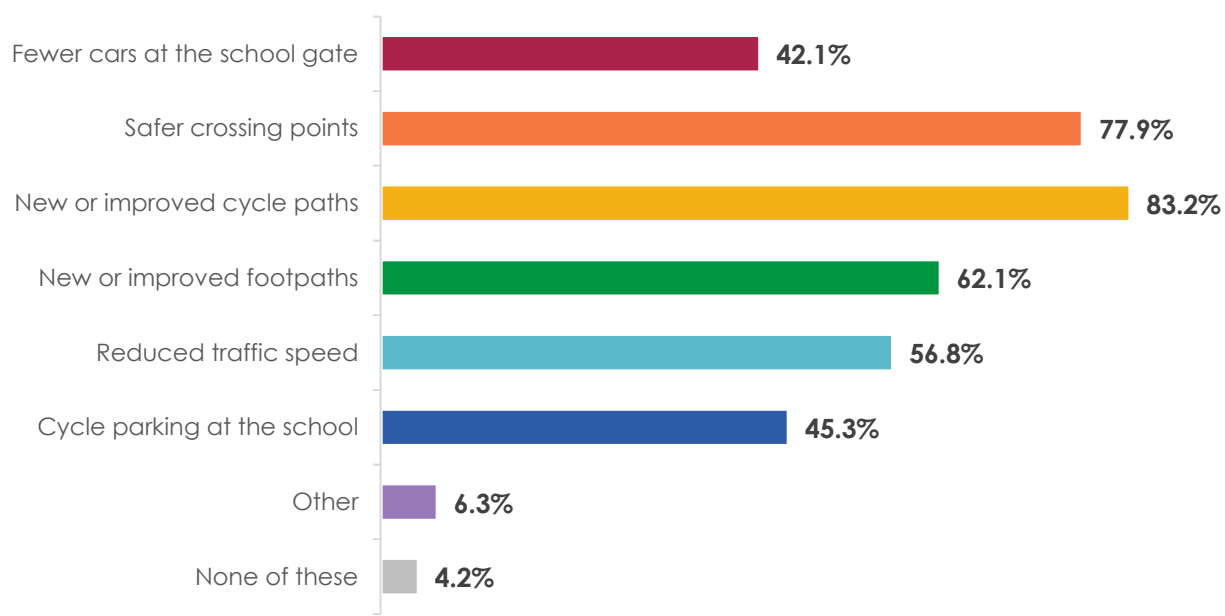


Key Survey Findings

The school sent the SRTS Parents Survey to all families of Scoil Iognáid in October 2021. This survey follows the School Streets pilot intervention (2020) which has already resulted in increased road safety and increased use of active travel modes to travel to school. There was a 27.2%* response rate to the survey.

- **69.5%** of parents surveyed agreed that **road safety** is a problem around the school
- **98.9%** of parents would support works at the **front of school** that improve student safety, putting pedestrians and cyclists first
- **98.9%** of parents would support works that would improve the **walking and cycling links** to school

Parents selected the following, when asked what improvements would support them walking, cycling or scooting to school:



Current Front of School Environment



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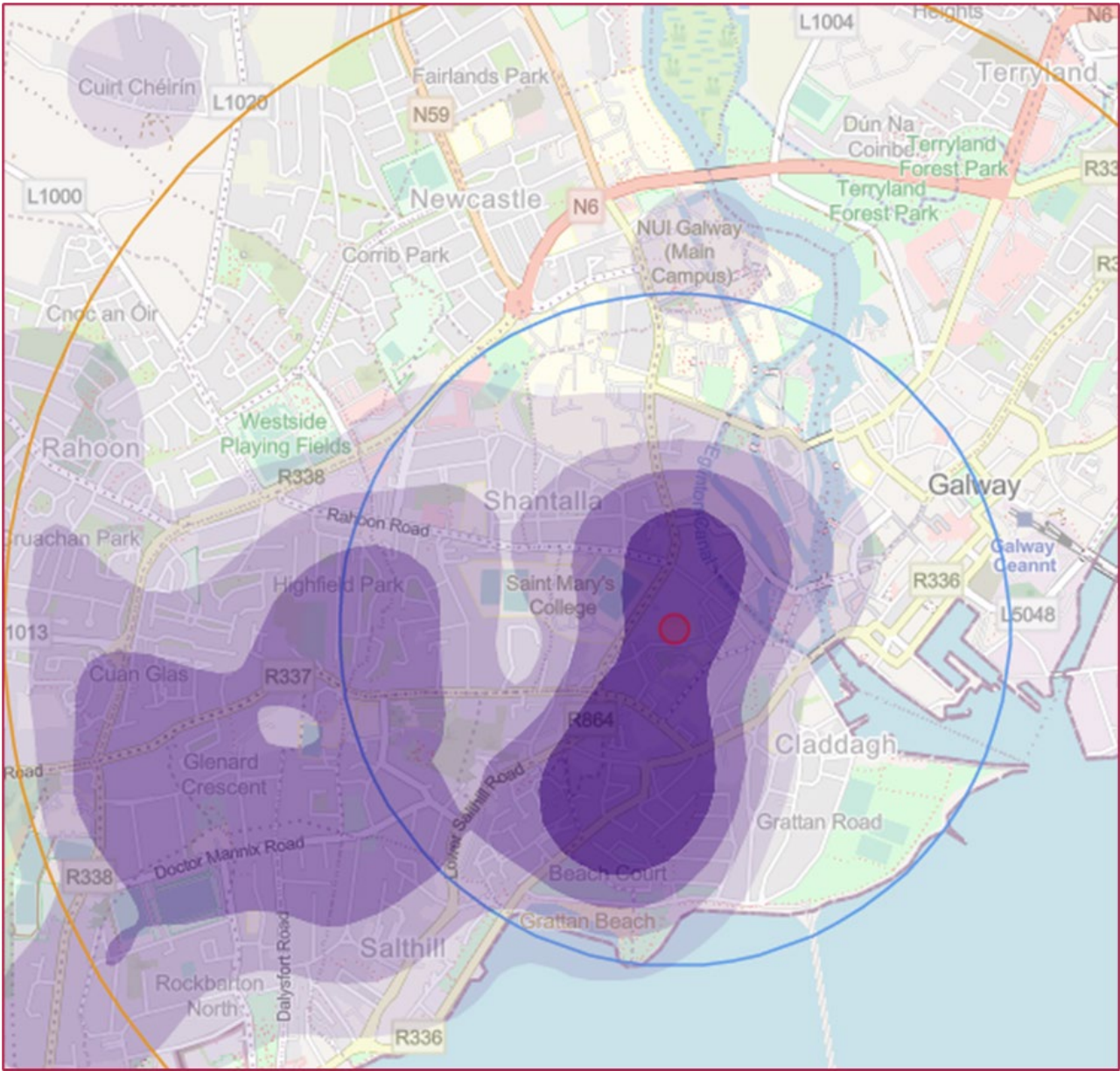
The school has cycle parking on the school grounds and immediately to the front of the school.






Access onto the school grounds is tight as the primary entrance is located off a narrow path immediately behind staff parking. Improved access paths onto the school grounds are needed.



Where students are travelling from

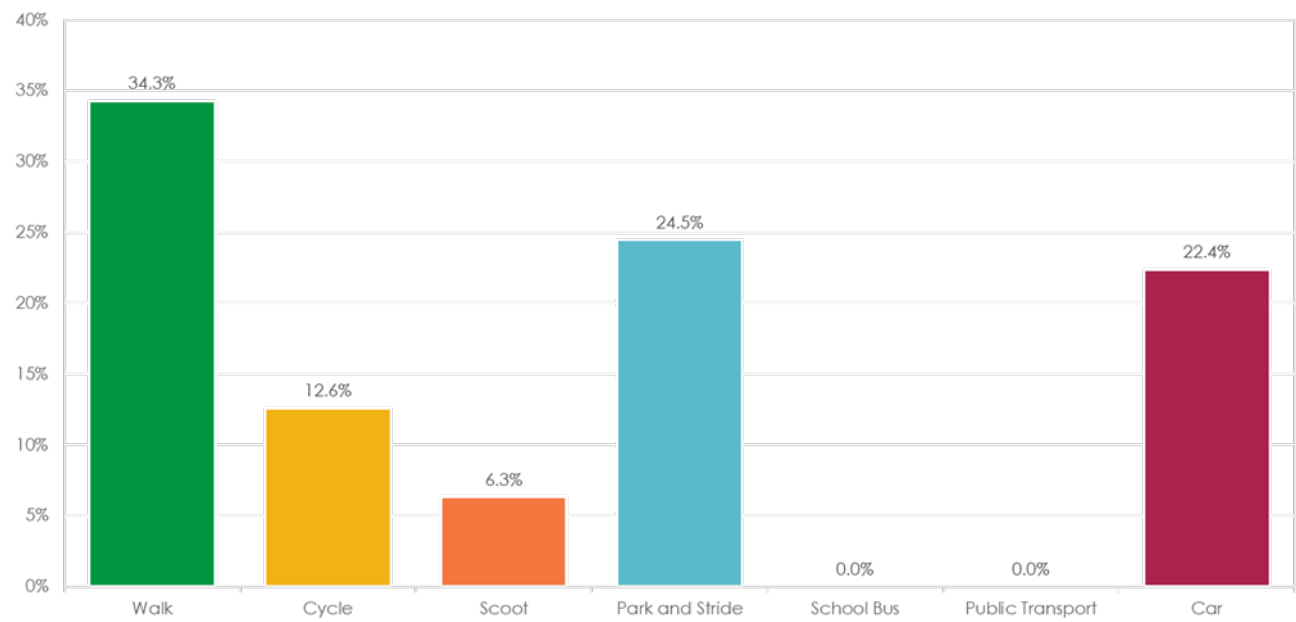
44.1% of students surveyed live within 2km of the school and 34.2% of the students surveyed live within 1km of the school.



-  School Location
-  High density of students travelling from this area
-  Low density of students travelling from this area
-  1km Radius from School
-  2km Radius from School



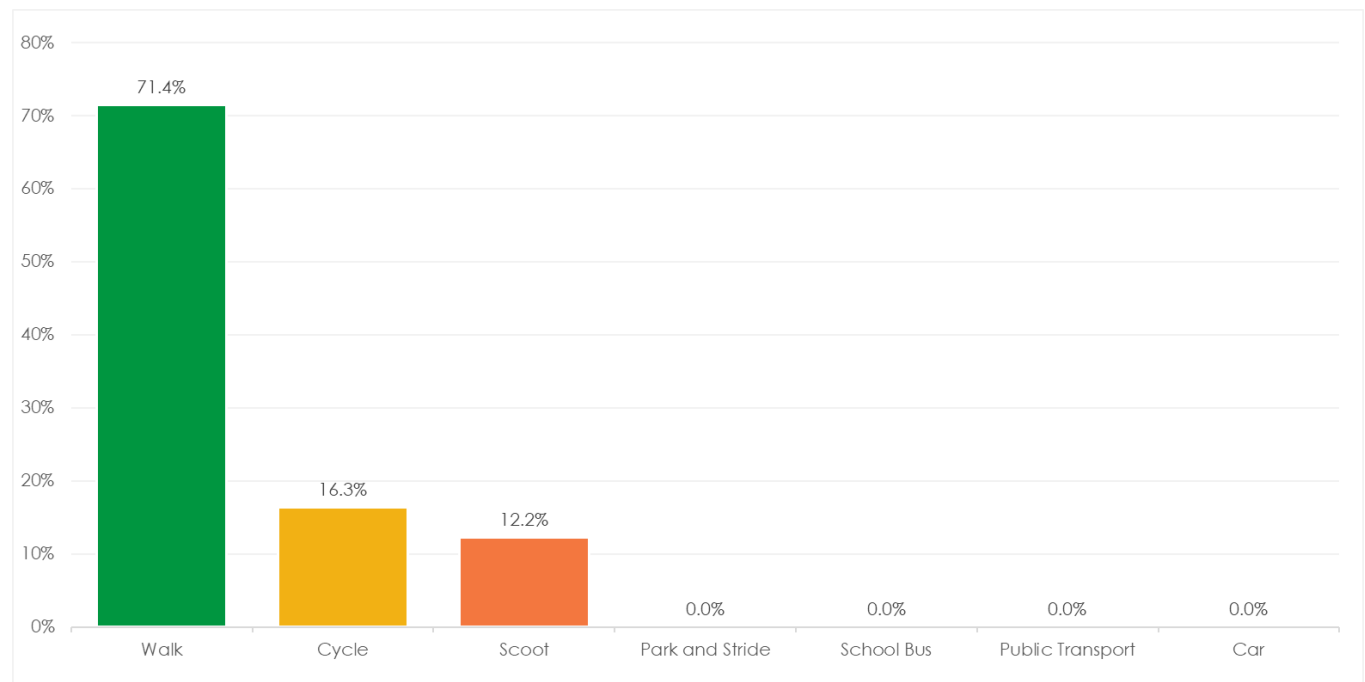
How students are travelling to school



Walking is now the dominant mode of transport for students traveling to school: 34.3% of students travel to school by walking. Car was the dominant mode prior

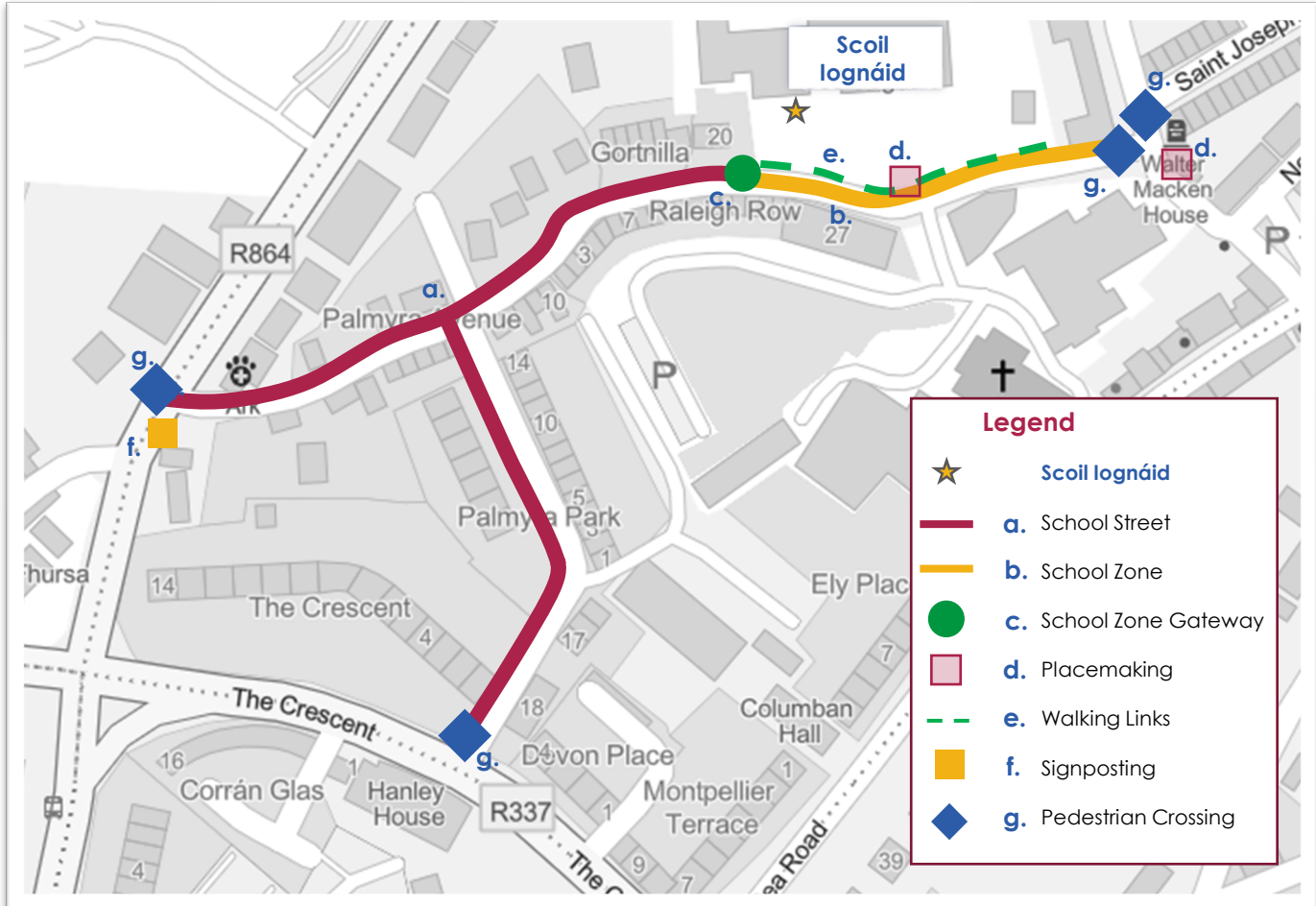
To the [School Street](#) pilot.

Within 1km of the school all students surveyed are using active travel modes to travel to school.



Existing School Street & School Zone Environment

The works directly in front of the school will enrich the existing school street through the use of placemaking elements and will thereby improve school visibility. Prioritisation of safe pedestrian and cycle access to the school grounds are subject to 3rd party agreements nonetheless their achievement would enhance active travel possibilities for students. Further signposting & placemaking will also improve the school's visibility. Student safety will be improved through the inclusion of pedestrian crossings and the inclusion of bollards to prevent illegal parking. Propose that the speed limit be reduced to 30km/h.



a. School Street

- Existing School Street.
- Inclusion of pencil bollards (SZ-109) to prevent illegal parking:
 - On the bend of Palmyra Park (adjacent to no. 1 & no. 15 Palmyra Park).

b. School Zone

- Combination of antiskid road markings (SZ-116) & circle road markings (SZ-114) applied within School Zone.

c. School Zone Gateway

- Road Markings.

d. Placemaking

- Incorporate elements of art (SZ-139) & street furniture (SZ-132) along the front of school.
- Incorporate elements of art (SZ-139), street furniture (SZ-132) & planting (SZ-135) in green space on St. John's Place. *Third-party approvals needed: This is private land where residents have installed a community garden.*



Existing School Street & School Zone Environment Continued...

e. Upgrade to Existing Paths

- Resurface & remark existing paths to provide safe access to school entrances & introduce pencil bollards (SZ-109) for protection from vehicles. Path leading to western entrance needs to be widened to facilitate safe pedestrian and cycle access. *Third party approvals needed for Parking Changes. Work here is subject road safety assessment: ensuring rear of cars do not encroach on live traffic lane. for Parking Changes.*

f. Signposting

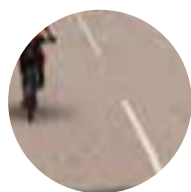
- Further signposting is needed to improve visibility and use of the School Street using coloured totem (SZ-134). :
 - On St. Mary's Road to highlight the presence of the school, school street & its operating times. *This is subject to ground investigation as there is rock close to the surface level.*

g. Pedestrian Crossings

- Uncontrolled pedestrian crossing on a raised table (SZ-105) on:
 - Palmyra Ave at Jn. with St. Mary's Rd.
 - Palmyra Park at Jn. with The Crescent.
 - Raleigh Row at Jn. With St. John's Place.
 - St. St. John's Pl. at Jn with Joseph's Ave.



Elements of Proposed Scheme



High Friction Surface



Pencil shaped bollards



Coloured gateway totem



Raised Table



School zone banners



Low level shrub planting in low planters

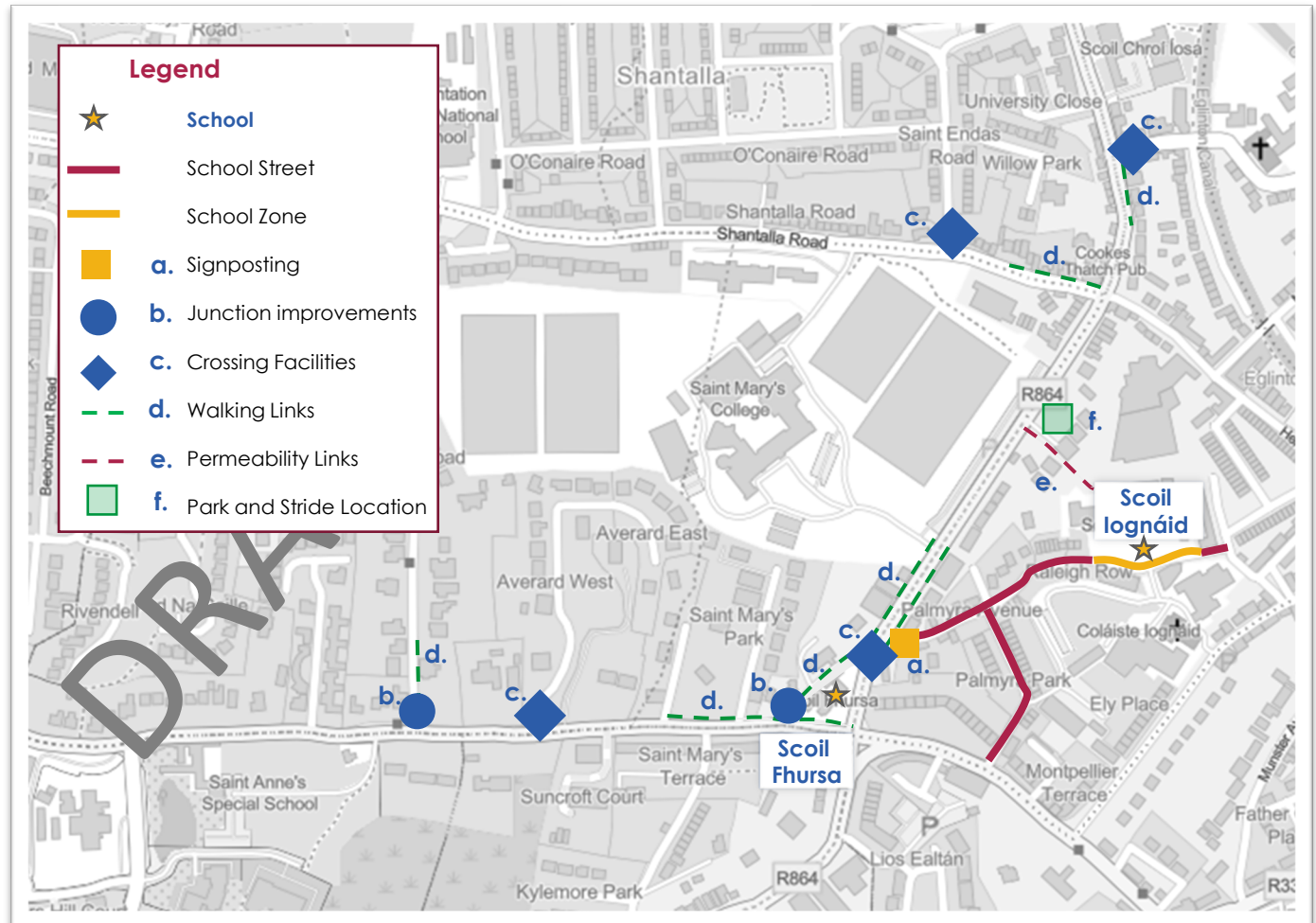


Micro art in footpath



Link A

The focus along Link A is on improving permeability links, pedestrian & cycle access to the school via footpath upgrades, improved permeability links, junction tightening, & additional pedestrian crossings. Much of the works suggested along Link A cannot be carried out instantaneously but are included in the delivery plan so they can form considerations for future works: Some of the suggestions will form considerations for other schemes being carried out by GCC, and some of the suggestions will be subject to third party agreement and may have to form part of longer-term plans for the area.



a. Signposting

- As detailed in School Zone Area Section above.

b. Junction Upgrades

- Taylor's Hill / Maunsells Road:
 - Consider junction tightening & entry treatment on Maunsells Rd. (SZ-105) including a new controlled crossing (SZ-103). *Third-party approvals are needed. This will have to form part of longer-term work.*

b. Junction Upgrades Continued...

- Taylor's Hill / Sherwood Avenue:
 - Consider junction tightening & entry treatment on Maunsells Rd. (SZ-105) including a new controlled crossing (SZ-103). *Work on this junction falls under the Sea Road / Crescent Scheme being carried out by GCC.*



Link A continued...

c. Pedestrian Crossings

- Consider additional Uncontrolled pedestrian crossings:
 - Entrance to Averard West. *This crossing would be subject to a Third-party agreement.*
 - On Bóthar Éinde.
 - Presentation Rd.
- Consider additional controlled pedestrian crossings:
 - On St. Mary's Rd. between junctions with Sherwood Ave, & Palmyra Ave.

d. Walking Links

Upgrade to Existing Paths

- Consider increased width (where possible) & eliminating obstructions (where possible) & eliminating parking on footpaths with the use of bollards on stretches of:
 - Taylor's Hill. *Work on Taylor's Hill falls under the Sea Road / Crescent Scheme being carried out by GCC.*
 - Sherwood Ave. *Work on Sherwood Ave. falls under the Sea Road / Crescent Scheme being carried out by GCC.*
 - St. Marys Road.
 - Shantalla Road.
- Repair sections of footpath surface on:
 - Newcastle Rd.

New Paths

- Consider a pedestrian path (SZ-124) connecting the existing path on the eastern extent of Maunsell's Rd. to Taylor's Hill. *This would require third-party approval. Likely to form part of longer-term work.*

e. Permeability Links

- Consider a permeability link (pedestrian) (SZ-124) to Scoil Iognáid from St. Mary's Rd. *This would require third-party approval. Likely to form part of longer-term work.*

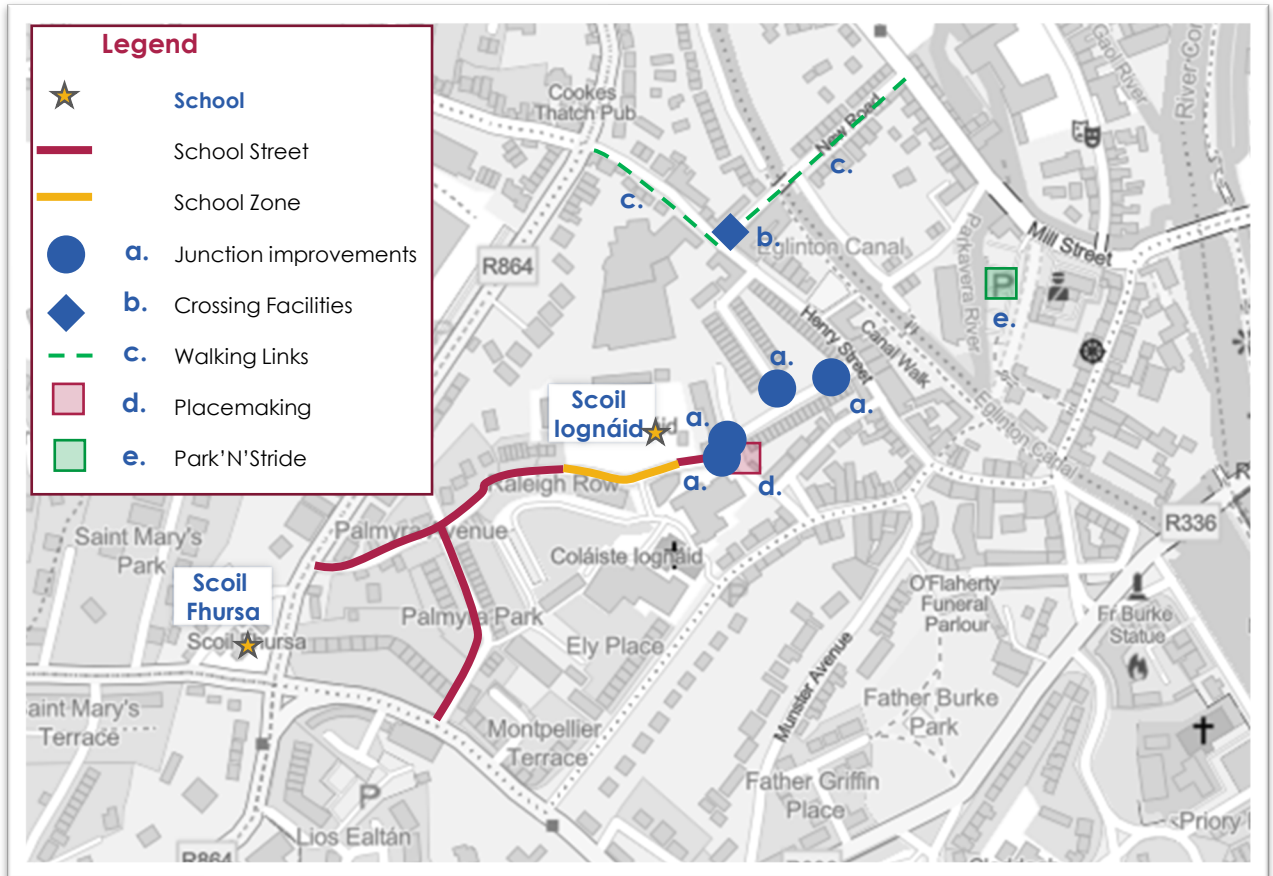
f. Park'N'Stride

- Park'N'Stride at:
 - Galway Bridge Club (at 100m via permeability link). *Agreement is in place for use as Park'N'Stride for use by Scoil Iognáid and Scoil Fhursa, only. This agreement is subject to review.*



Link B

The focus along Link B is on improving pedestrian & cycle access to the school via footpath upgrades, junction tightening, & additional pedestrian crossings. Much of the works suggested along Link B will be carried out as medium-term works.



a. Junction Upgrades

- Henry St. / St. Joseph's Ave.:
 - Suggest junction tightening & entry treatment on St. Joseph's Ave. (SZ-105). This will include a new uncontrolled crossing (SZ-101).
- St. Joseph's Ave./ St. John's Terrace:
 - Suggest junction tightening & entry treatment on St. John's Terrace (SZ-105). This will include a new uncontrolled crossing (SZ-101).
- St. St. John's Pl. / Raleigh Row / Small Crane: Joseph's Ave /
 - Suggest including new uncontrolled crossings (SZ-101) along St. John's Pl. & Raleigh Row on Raised tables (SZ-123).

b. Pedestrian Crossings

- Consider additional Uncontrolled pedestrian crossings:
 - On New Road at Junction with Henry St. / St. Helen's.

c. Upgrade to Existing Paths

- Suggest surface repair, increased width & eliminating obstructions (where possible) on:
 - New Road.
 - St. Helen's St.

d. Planters & Placemaking

- As detailed in Existing School Street & School Zone Environment section above.

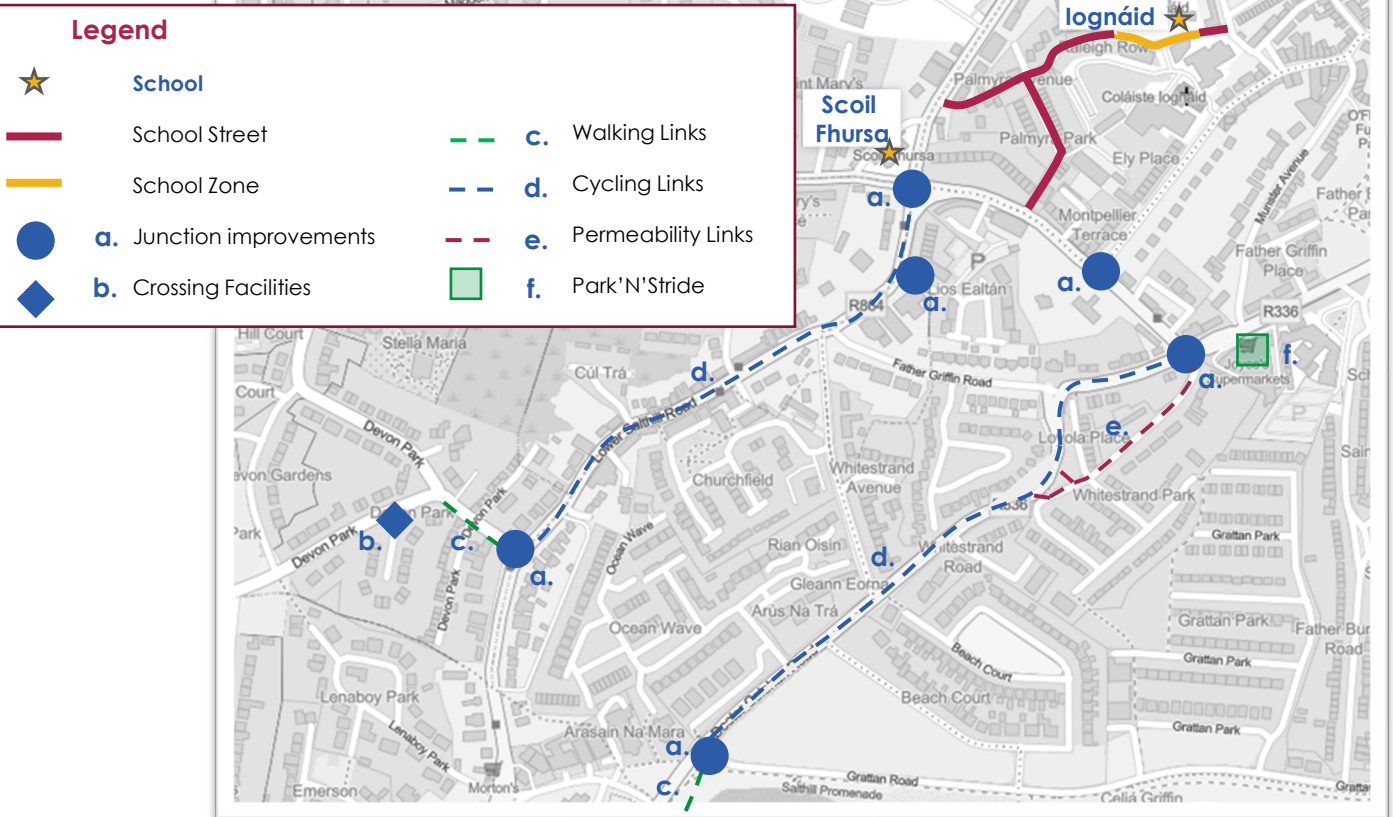
e. Park'N'Stride

- Existing Park'N'Stride location at Mill Street Car Park: [Galway City Park'N'Stride Locations](#)



Link C

The focus along Link C is on improving pedestrian & cycle access to the school via improved permeability links, reduced on-street parking, provision of cycle infrastructure, junction tightening, & additional pedestrian crossings. Improvements to signalisation at the Father Griffin Rd. / Father Griffin Ave./ Whitestrand Rd. is to be improved. The remainder of the works suggested along Link C cannot be carried out instantaneously but are included in the delivery plan so they can form considerations for future works.



a. Junction Upgrades

- Father Griffin Rd. / Father Griffin Ave./ Whitestrand Rd.:
 - Signalisation at this junction to be improved for pedestrians. Some push buttons are currently missing and timing to be checked.
 - Consider Jct. tightening & entry treatment on The Crescent & Whitestrand Rd. (SZ-105). This will involve new controlled crossings (SZ-103).
- St. Mary's Rd. / The Crescent / Salthill Rd. Lower / Taylor's Hill:
 - Consider Jct. tightening & entry treatment on St. Mary's Rd.
- The Crescent / Sea Rd.:
 - Consider Jct. tightening & entry treatment on Sea Rd. (SZ-105).

a. Junction Upgrades continued...

- Dr. Colohan Rd. / Grattan Rd.:
 - Consider Jct. tightening & entry treatment on Grattan Rd..
- Salthill Rd. Lower / Lois Ealtán:
 - Consider Jct. tightening & entry treatment on Lois Ealtán.
- Salthill Rd. Lower / Devon Park:
 - Consider Jct. tightening & entry treatment on Devon Park.

b. Pedestrian Crossings

- Consider additional uncontrolled pedestrian crossings:
 - On Devon Park.



Link C continued...

c. Walking Links

- Consider resurfacing of existing footpaths along Devon Park and inclusion of bollards to eliminate parking on footpaths near junction with Salthill Rd. Lower.
- Cordier widening & resurface path connecting Grattan Rd./ Doctor Colohan Road junction to the Seapoint Promenade.

d. Cycling Links

- Consider creating raised cycle paths adjacent to footpaths (SZ-106) on both sides of the road along:
 - Whitestrand Rd.
 - Salthill Rd. Lower.

e. Permeability Links

- Consider improvements to permeability links from Whitestrand Pk. to Whitestrand Rd. by replacement of existing bollards, inclusion of dipped curbs, inclusion of new surface & markings.

f. Park'N'Stride

- Existing Park'N'Stride location at Crescent Court (Joyce's): [Galway City Park'N'Stride Locations](#)

