

Westport Deerpark Active Travel Scheme Non-Statutory Public Consultation

Dear Resident / Business Owner

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What's Proposed

- 2 new raised pedestrian zebra crossings across the N59 to allow safe access to local schools, the GAA club, and Westport town centre for people walking and cycling.
- Upgrade existing footpaths and a new footpath between Deerpark East and Cedar Hill.
- Improve side road pedestrian crossings to make it easier and safer for people walking to cross at Pinewoods, Deerpark East, King's Hill, and Cedar Park.
- Widen the existing greenway to make it safer and more comfortable for all users, including walkers, cyclists, and families with prams or wheelchairs.
- Re-orient the greenway on Pinewoods to make it less steep, improving safety and accessibility for people with mobility impairments, those pushing prams etc.
- Traffic calming measures to reduce speeds, improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and reduce traffic noise.
- Provide new green areas and planting along the corridor which contributes to sustainable management of surface water.
- Aligns with draft Westport Local Transport Plan & An Táisce's Safe Routes to School Outline Delivery Plan for Holy Trinity National School



Things to Know

- No impacts to trees or parking in the area.
- Roads will remain two-way, with no reduction in vehicular capacity. The changes are designed to enhance safety for people walking, wheeling, and cycling while maintaining current traffic flow.

Public Consultation runs 4th Dec. to 18th Dec. 2024

Why is this change proposed?

There can be an uncertainty around any street changes, and it can be hard to imagine the future. Here are some reasons for this change.

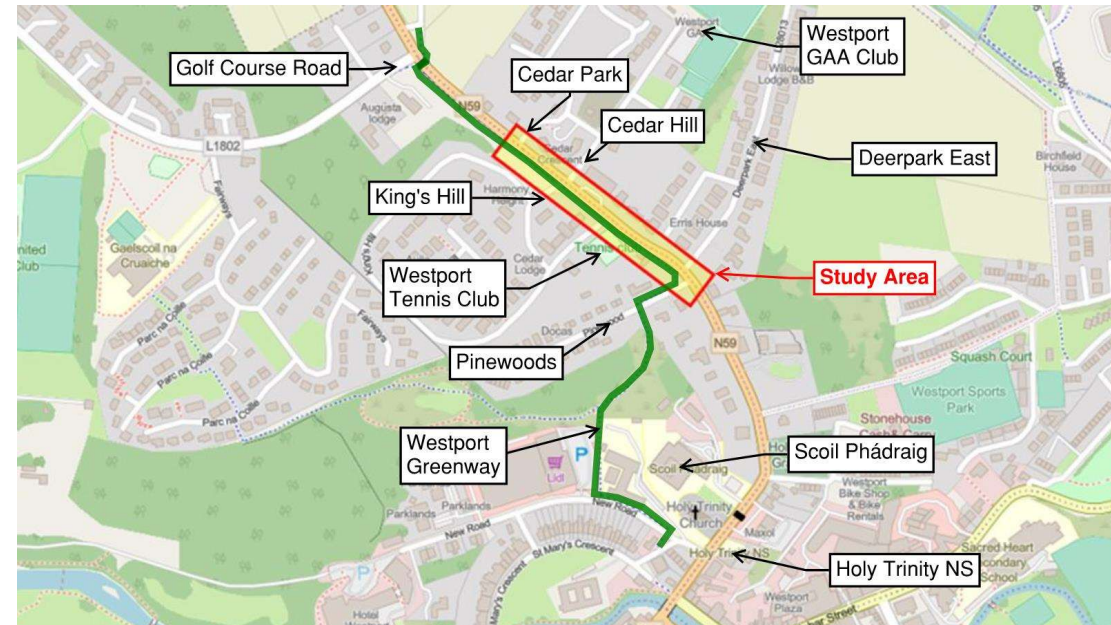
Local Benefits – What's in it for our area?

- Safer walking and cycling facilities help more people to choose to walk or cycle for short trips, promoting healthier lifestyles.
- The scheme connects residential areas with important places like schools, parks, the Westport Tennis Club, and the GAA club, making it safer and quicker to walk or cycle.
- Safer facilities will encourage more children to walk or cycle to nearby schools like Scoil Phádraig and Holy Trinity National School, where 60% of students live within 1 km.
- Carriageway narrowing and the introduction of raised crossings can reduce traffic speeds, making our streets safer for everyone, while still being able to handle the same amount of traffic.
- New areas of planting will improve the local environment and contribute to sustainable management of surface water.
- Improve accessibility & connectivity to Westport's footpath and cycle networks.

Wider Benefits

Encouraging people to walk and cycle rather than driving when they can, helps:

- Reduce emissions causing climate change
- Improve our overall mental and physical health
- Creates economic benefit for individuals and society



How to engage

Mayo County Council want to hear from all parts of the community to ensure fair input into the design process.

For more information about the scheme please visit:

www.consult.mayo.ie

General Queries can be made to the Active Travel team by

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Next Steps Following Non-Statutory Public Consultation:

Public Consultation for the 'Part 8' consent process – Q1 2025