

Brackloon National School Safe Routes to School

Section 38-Non-Statutory Public Consultation

Dear Residents / Business Owners /
General Public

What is in this Leaflet

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What's Proposed

- Introduce a periodic 30 km/h speed limit in the vicinity of the school, with accompanying warning signs to improve road safety, create a more child-friendly environment, and enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Junction tightening at Tawynnameeltoge road junction to reducing vehicles speeds, improve cycle safety and improve visibility.
- A raised zebra crossing to enhance traffic calming measures and improve accessibility and cycle conditions, providing safer crossing points for pedestrians accessing the adjacent car park and the Little Acorn Crèche.
- Pencil bollards to create safer environments around the school, prevent parking on footpaths, highlight the presence of a school zone to encourage drivers to slow down, and improve safety for both pedestrians and cyclists.
- Road markings, school zone banners, and a coloured gateway totem markings to demarcate the school zone and increase driver alertness.
- Creation of rain gardens to help manage surface water runoff and enhance the visual appearance of the area.



Things to Know

- The proposed changes are designed to improve safety and to encourage slower vehicle speeds at the front of the school. Slower speeds will improve safety particularly for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Enhancements include improved pedestrian crossing, junction tightening, signage and road marking.

Public Consultation runs from Tuesday, 2nd December
2025 to Tuesday, 6th January 2026

Why is this change proposed?

Brackloon National School currently faces several road safety challenges, particularly during school drop-off and collection times. These include high traffic speeds, poor visibility, and a lack of safe pedestrian and cycle infrastructure.

This proposal aims to address these challenges and provide the following benefits:

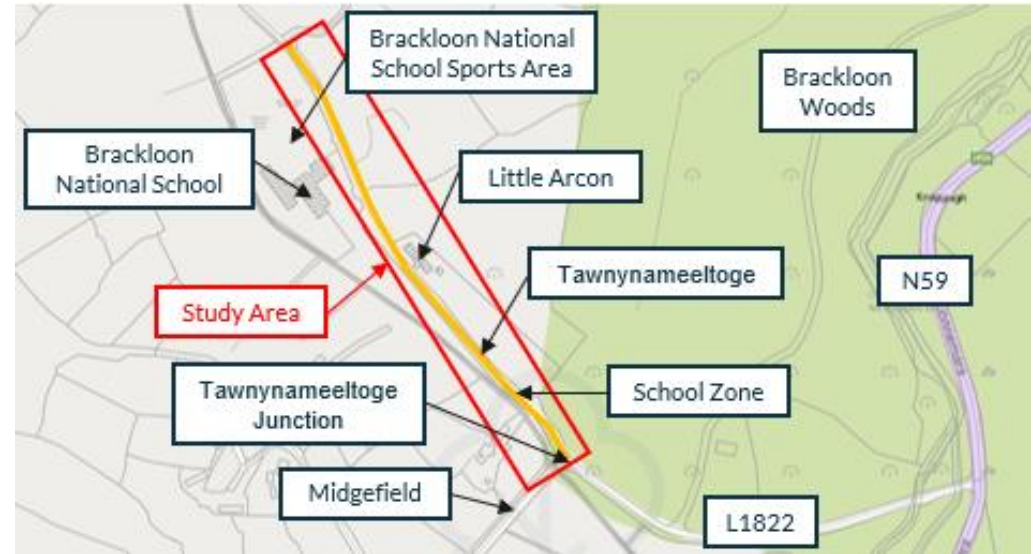
Local Benefits

- Improve safety and visibility for vulnerable road users such as children, pedestrians and cyclists.
- Increase opportunities to promote active travel, fostering healthier communities through physical activity.
- Reduce car dependency, contributing to cleaner air and a healthier environment.
- Upgrade local infrastructure to improve safety and accessibility.
- Reduce traffic congestion during school peak times.

Wider Benefits

Encouraging people to walk or cycle to reduce reliance on cars, where possible can also lead to broader community and societal advantages:

- Improve community wellbeing through increased physical activity and social interaction.
- Economic benefits for individuals and society, including reduced fuel costs and lower environmental impact.
- Enhance road safety, particularly for vulnerable road users such as children, pedestrians and cyclists.
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions, helping to mitigate climate change.



Next Steps following Non-Statutory Public

Consultation:

We are currently in Phase 4 Statutory Process of the National Transport Authority Project Approval Guidelines. Once we have completed the Section 38 process we will move into Phase 5 Detailed Design and Procurement where we will then seek NTA approval to move to Phase 6 Construction and Implementation.

How to engage

Submissions / observations can be made in writing marked 'Section 38 Notice – Safe Routes to School' and submitted to Mr. Seamus Ó Mongáin Head of Westport-Belmullet Municipal District, Mayo County Council, Westport Civic Offices, Altamont Street, Westport Co. Mayo F28 W248.

For more information about the scheme please visit:

www.mayo.ie/roads/activetravel

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