School Community & Neighbourhood Leaflet

Rosary College, Crumlin, Dublin 12

August 2025

Dublin City Council, with the support of the National Transport Authority, proposes to implement front-of-school works to improve the safety of students and vulnerable road users accessing and exiting Rosary College, Crumlin.

What are School Zones?

School Zones are built, infrastructural upgrades that are designed to give priority to students at the school gate by freeing up footpaths and reducing vehicle drop-offs, pick-ups and engine idling. The aim is to increase safety at the front of school and prioritise active travel (walking, cycling, wheeling and scooting) to and from school.

Image 1: Example School Zone at Star of the Sea School, Sandymount, Dublin 4

School Zones are implemented around the world in order to:

- Increase student safety;
- Reduce vehicle drop-offs, pick-ups and idling outside the school gate;
- Reduce congestion and prioritise active travel (walking, cycling, wheeling and scooting) to and from school;
- Encourage slow, safe driving in the area of the school;
- Promote considerate parking;
- Reduce emissions and pollution, and improve air quality and noise quality by reducing volume of traffic at schools and vehicles with engines idling.

Where will these works take place?

The works will take place on Armagh Road.

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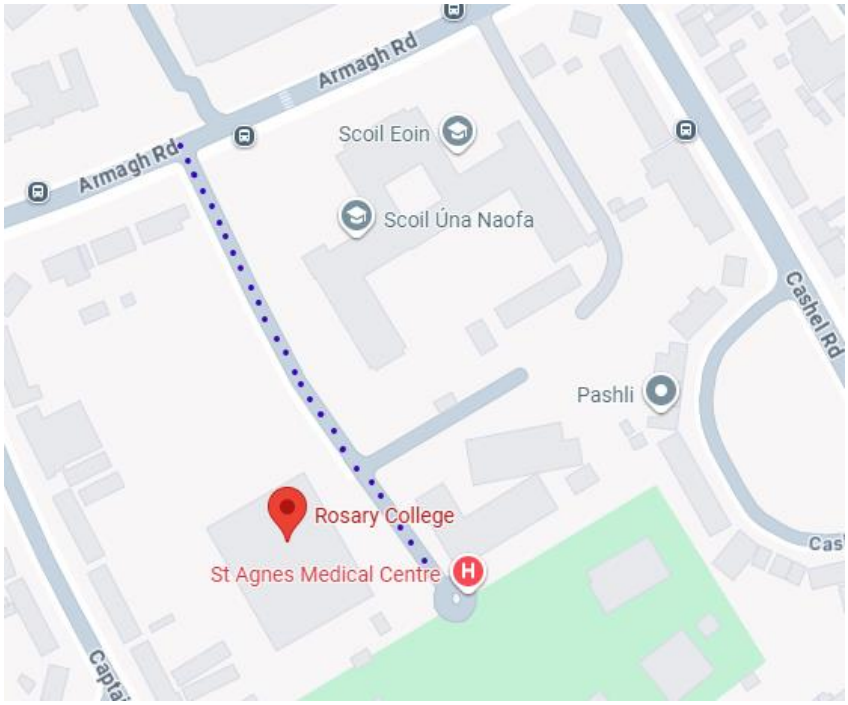

Image 2: Extent of works at Armagh Rd.

What works will take place at Rosary College, Crumlin?

The works will consist of:

Yellow Pencil Bollards will be placed along the edge of the cycle lane en route to Rosary College. To visually and physically separate the cycle lane from vehicular traffic and pedestrian areas. Their bright colour and pencil shape are child-friendly and highly visible, reinforcing the school zone environment.

Image 3: Example pencil bollards on footpath in Rathmines Rd Upper

Neutral flexible bollards & Flecta Bollards will be placed along the edge of the cycle lane at different points along the route to Rosary College. These are depicted as blue dots on the design drawing.

Image 4: Example of flexible bollards & Flecta Bollards along the cycle lane on Parnell Street.

A 'School Zone' road surface sign will be painted directly on Armagh road. This is to advise motorists they are in a School Zone and to drive accordingly.

Image 5: Example road surface sign for School Zone, Leinster Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6

Colourful road markings consisting of yellow and red circles will be painted directly on Armagh Road. These raise awareness of the presence of the school.

Image 6: Example 'Colourful Circle Road Markings' Scoil Fhursa Cromcastle

School Ahead signs with flashing amber signals to be placed on the northbound side of Armagh Road to warn drivers of the nearby school and encourage reduced speed.

Image 7: Example 'School Ahead' sign with flashing amber signal

The footway at the crossing points will be dished with **buff coloured tactile blister pavement inserts** added. This tactile paving prevents trips and slips. The paving is more user friendly for people with mobility and visual impairment needs.

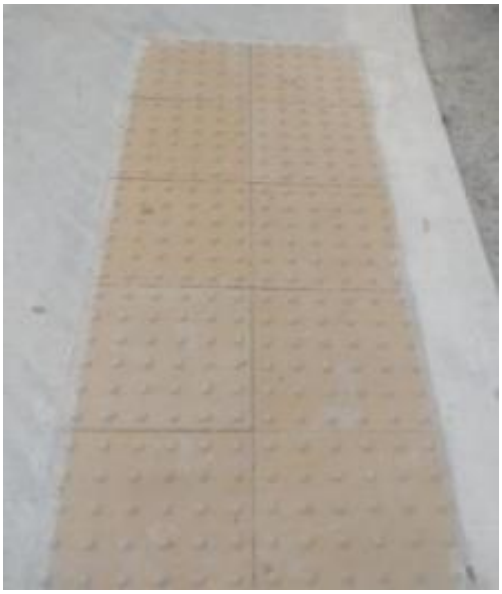

Image 8 : *Example and buff paving*

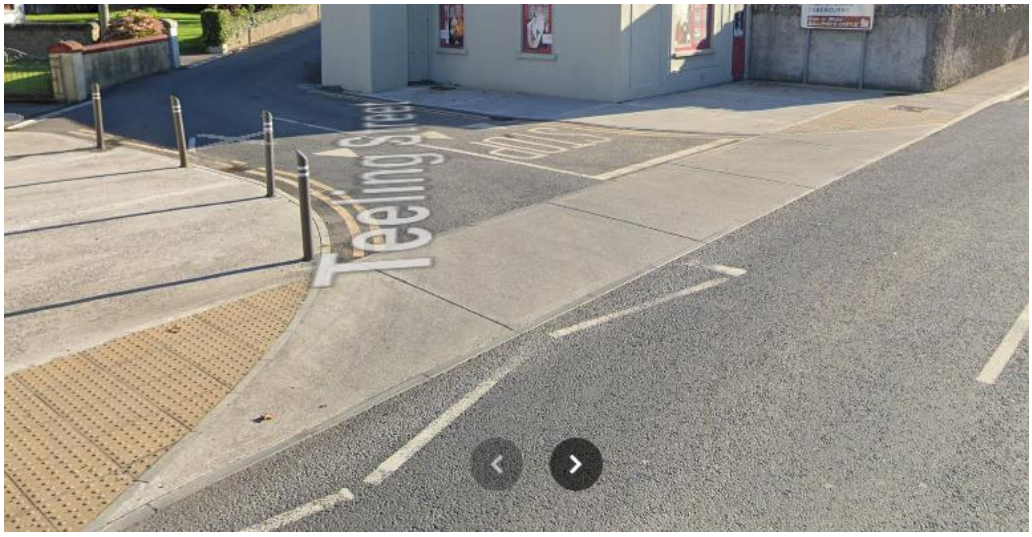

Image 9: *Example junction tightening with dished kerbs and blister paving (Ballymote, Sligo)*

Junction tightening will be implemented at junctions near Rosary College to reduce crossing distance for pedestrians and slow turning for vehicles, increasing safety and priority for pedestrians.

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General improvements and reconditioning will be implemented to the existing cycle lane on Armagh Road.

- Cycle track resurfacing
- Repainting of cycle symbols
- Repainting of cycle track direction arrows
- Repainting of cycle track edge lines

Why are we implementing this School Zone?

Traffic-related safety concerns have been reported and observed by the school, parents, neighbours, Dublin City Council's School Warden Service, Parking Enforcement and School Mobility Officer, including:

- Illegal vehicular parking along double yellow lines at the front of the school and near the Armagh Road junction creates safety risks by obstructing visibility for children crossing, narrowing road space for both vehicles and pedestrians, and forcing children to walk closer to traffic.
- Vehicles were observed using dropped kerbs at junction crossings to mount and park on the cycle track, undermining pedestrian accessibility and forcing children and cyclists into unsafe road conditions.
- Parked vehicles on the cycle track force cyclists, including children, to divert onto the main road.
- Despite the great provision of walking and cycling links at the front of the school, illegal parking and misuse of space prevent these facilities from being fully utilized, hindering the uptake of active travel for children and parents coming to school

Share your thoughts from 29 Aug to 13 Sept 2025

If you would like to share comments or thoughts on these works please contact us via:

- **Online survey**: https://engage.dublincity.ie/projects/proposed-front-of-school-works-rosary-college-crumlin
- **Email**: sustainablemobility@dublincity.ie (with Rosary College in the subject bar)
- **Phone**: Customer Services Desk (01) 222 2222 who will refer you to an available member of the School Mobility team
- **Postal Address:** School Mobility Programme, City Centre Transports Projects, Block 2, Floor 7, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, Ireland, D08 RF3F

This period of non-statutory consultation closes at midnight on 13 Sept 2025.

What happens next?

We will review all the comments and observations and, where appropriate, make required changes to the design. Works will then be scheduled for installation.

For the School Zone front-of-school treatment to work effectively, parents who need to drive must be willing to change their drop off and pick up habits. **Parents and guardians will be encouraged not to collect and drop off within the School Zone.** They must park respectfully and legally outside of the School Zone by not blocking other entrances, mounting footpaths or double parking.

Full drawings and School Zone guidance documents are available online at

A hard copy poster of the design will be on view at the school gate.

Image 9: Snippet of design drawing for Rosary College, Crumlin.

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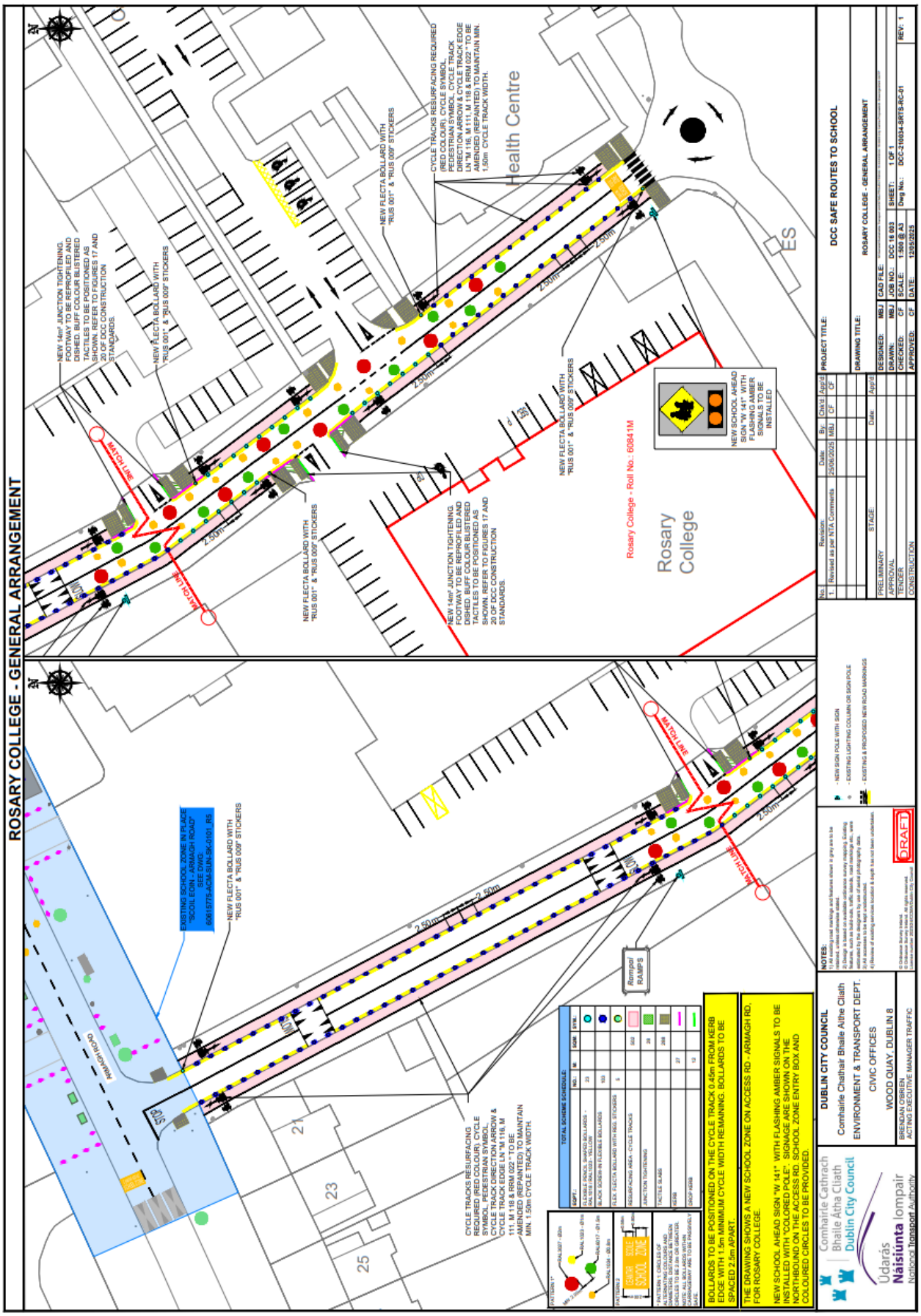

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