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Submission on the Limekiln and Whitehall Road West Cycle Scheme

1.0 Introduction

Dublin Cycling Campaign is a registered charity that advocates for better cycling conditions in Dublin. Our vision for Dublin is a place with a cycle friendly culture, where everyone has a real choice to cycle and is encouraged to experience the joy, convenience, health and environmental benefits of cycling.

We welcome the proposed Limekiln and Whitehall Road West cycle scheme and in particular

- The two-way cycle track along Limekiln Lane
- The reduction in corner radii at side roads

This scheme will encourage a switch to cycling in this area, which will benefit residents by reducing traffic and the associated parking issues, noise and air pollution. We owe it to the children in the area to provide safe, enjoyable routes for them to cycle, walk

and scoot to schools, parks, playgrounds and sporting facilities. The scheme will also benefit less confident cyclists who prefer segregated cycling infrastructure.

We suggest that the following enhancements to the scheme:

- Reduction of speed limit to 30km/h along Limekiln Lane
- improvements to the traffic light sequence at the Whitehall Road West junction
- Continue the two-way cycle track as far as Greenhills Park and St Paul's Secondary School
- Inclusion of raised crossing ramps on more side roads to slow down traffic and signal to drivers that they are entering shared residential streets.

2.0 Detailed Comments

Sheet 1

We welcome the following:

- The two-way cycle track along Limekiln Lane.
- The reduction in the radii at some of the side roads.

Suggestions:

- The cycle lane along Whitehall Road should continue straight across the junction, to reduce the risk of cyclists being hit by left-turning vehicles.
- The two-way cycle track on Whitehall Road West should be continued as far as the junction with Kimmage Road West.
- The speed limit on Limekiln Lane should be reduced to 30km/h
- Improve the traffic light sequence at Whitehall Road W junction to enable cyclists travelling south along Whitehall Road W to cross to the two-way cycle track in one sequence.
- Include an adequate timed advance stop light at the Limekiln Lane / St. Peters Road junction to give a combined priority for pedestrians and cyclists (proceed at caution/ yellow) at certain hours of the morning/afternoon.
- Add raised crossing/ramps at the Limekiln Lane approaches to the junction.

Sheet 2

We welcome the following:

- The two-way cycle track along Limekiln Lane.

- The reduction in the radii at some of the side roads.

Suggestions:

- The two-way cycle track should be continued as far as Greenhills Park and St Paul's Secondary School

Sheet 3

We welcome the following:

- The reduction in the radii at some of the side roads.

Suggestions:

- Add a raised crossing/ramp at the Hillsbrook Avenue / Mountdown Avenue junction

Sheet 4

The scheme description mentions a reduction in carriageway width to 6m along Limekiln Road but no changes are shown.

Suggestions:

- Add a raised crossing/ramp at the Mountdown Park / Limekiln Road junction

3.0 Conclusion

This cycle scheme will benefit both cyclists and local residents by creating a quieter safer neighbourhood. For the full benefit of the scheme to be realised it needs to integrate seamlessly with improvements along the Dublin City section of the D12 Bike Bus route, and with other planned developments in South Dublin.

Yours sincerely

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