

## Stillorgan Village Urban Framework Plan – Phase 2

DLR Cycle Advocacy Group is a branch of the Dublin Cycling Campaign, which is a registered charity that advocates for better cycling conditions in Dublin.

We welcome the proposed changes for Stillorgan Village, however we'd recommend a few changes to the cycling infrastructure that would make it safer for families and novice cyclists to cycle in the area. There's lots of opportunity for kids to cycle in the area given the two schools, Kilmacud Crokes, cinema and potentially in future, a local swimming pool in Glenalbyn. If only it was safe to do so.

We would like to see more raised cycle track and less painted cycle lane in this project. Painted cycle lane offers little protection to people on bikes. Raised cycle tracks are much safer.

There would be more raised cycle track if the bus stops were redesigned as island bus stops with a bypass for bikes. This also means that buses will not have to pull into the cycle lane. Island bus stops mean people on bikes and buses don't mix, which makes cycling much safer.



Example of a bus stop with a cycle bypass in Tallaght

The space exists for the two bus stops by the Mill House and the overflow car park to be converted into island bus stops.

The number of buses on Lower Kilmacud Road is to increase in the coming years. Under the BusConnects Network Redesign the number of buses per hour will increase from 2 to 6. Lower Kilmacud Road is also a designated orbital bus route in the GDA Transport Strategy 2016-2035. Given that bus numbers will increase in the near future it makes sense to try and reduce the number of bike/bus conflicts now as the road is upgraded.

We'd like to see five changes, which will increase safety for people on bikes:

- More raised cycle track and less painted cycle lanes
- More island bus stops
- More bike parking along the route, particularly near the shops
- More use of grass verges as segregation between road and cycle track, instead of on the outside of the cycle track
- More protection and priority for cyclists at junctions, particularly from left-turning drivers

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