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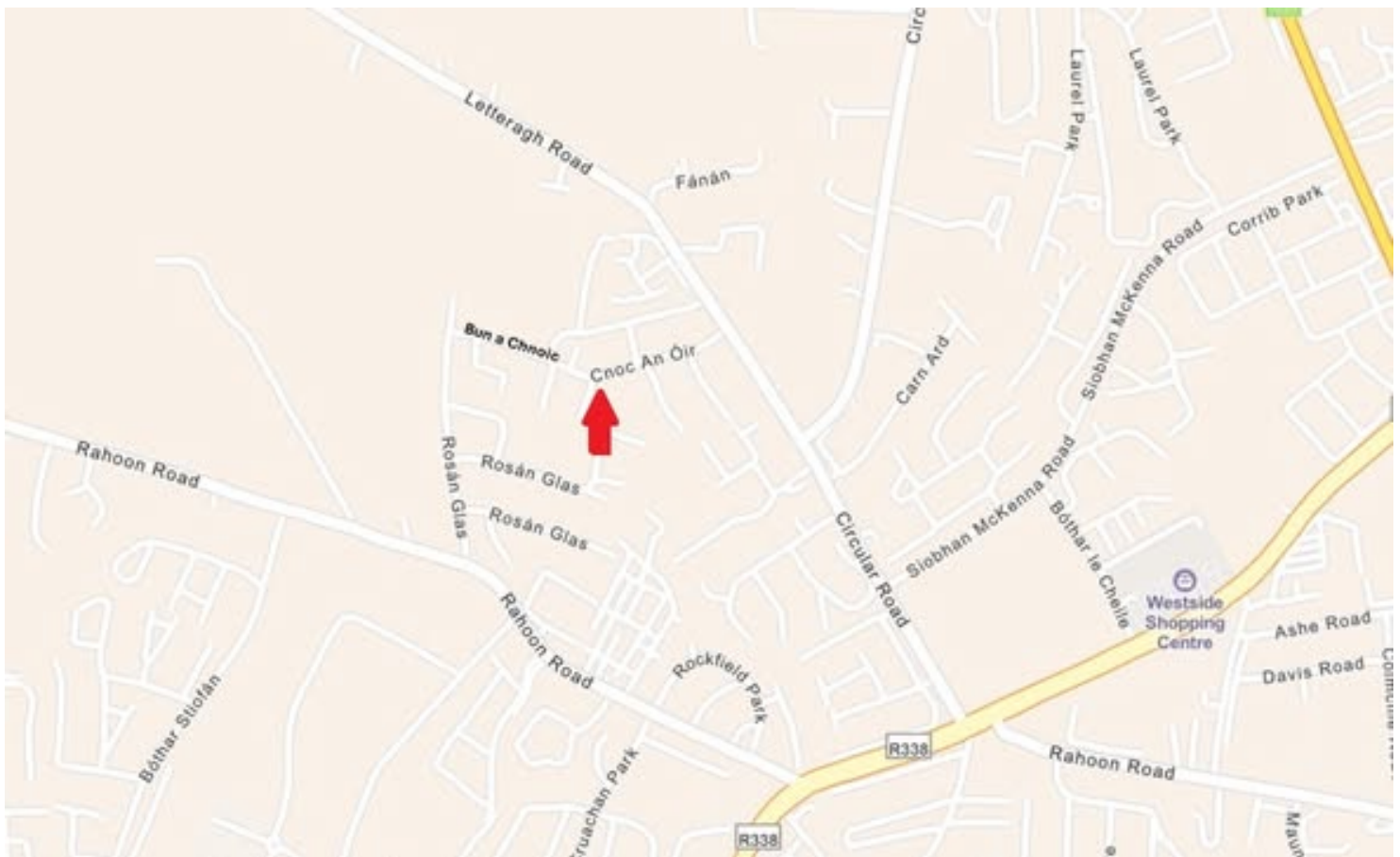
Proposed Bus Gate – Bun a Chnoic / Cnoc an Óir

Galway City Council is seeking to carry out works in Bun a Chnoic and Cnoc an Óir in order to facilitate the expansion of the Galway City Bus Network to this area.

This would entail the removal of an existing planter and replacing it with a bus gate which would allow buses to travel between both estates. The new bus gate would not allow cars to pass through, but could be designed to allow access for walkers, wheelers and cyclists. This proposed project will be funded by the National Transport Authority, and will allow for the expansion of the city's Bus Network, which is due from 2027.

Important points to note

- Constructing this bus gate would connect hundreds more people to the new bus network, offering a convenient service to the apx. 1,200 people living near here.
- These plans are in their early stages. No design works have been carried out.
- The bus gate will prevent cars from travelling directly between both estates. Walkers, wheelers and cyclists may be accommodated.
- If the bus gate is not built, the proposed new bus route will bypass this area and hundreds of people would have to travel further to get to their nearest stop.



Proposed Bus Gate – Bun a Chnoic / Cnoc an Óir

We Want Your Views

- Further information is available from our online consultation portal at <https://consult.galwaycity.ie/>
- Alternatively, you can make your submissions by email via ActiveTravel@GalwayCity.ie or by writing to **Active Travel Department, Galway City Council, City Hall, College Road, Galway, H91 X4K8.**

Deadline For Submissions – December 5, 2025



No design works have been carried out on the proposed bus gate. Proposals could include:

1. A barrier which would lift to allow bus access only; or
2. Retractable bollards, which would descend when buses approach.

Other options may be considered.

The final design will be informed by public feedback from this exercise and would be subject to a future planning application.



Bóthar Stiofáin Cycle Network - Construction Update



Construction has been underway on the scheme since early September 2025 and is expected to be complete within 12 months. The contractor is Jons Civil Engineering and the works are being done on the Eastern (City) side first.

The works to date include:

- The stone wall along the Northern end towards Ragoon Road has been removed and rebuilt to create space for the new footpath and cycle track.
- The footpath is being built from North to South and preparation for the cycle track following along so that the works will be completed on one side before switching to the Western side in the new year.
- All other works to provide improved public lighting, new and pedestrian crossings are well underway.

Project Specifications

- New infrastructure for walking and cycling will be constructed along the full 870m length of Bóthar Stiofáin, from the Ragoon Road to the Western Distributor Road.
- New and upgraded footpaths will be constructed as part of this scheme.
- New, fully segregated cycle tracks will be constructed along both sides of the road.
- Four new raised pedestrian (zebra) crossings will be constructed, and the existing crossing at the approach to the Western Distributor Road roundabout will be retained.
- The width of the roadway will be reduced in line with the approved plans.
- Existing public lighting will be upgraded.
- New trees will be planted along sections of the road

Bóthar Stiofáin Cycle Network - Construction Update



Ballybane Road and Castlepark Road Active Travel Scheme



Construction continues to progress on schedule on the Ballybane Road and Castlepark Road Cycle Network Scheme.

In recent months, works have been completed on the Eastern side of Ballybane Road and the south side of Castlepark Road. Crews are now working on the other side of the road, with works again progressing on both roads simultaneously.

On Ballybane Road, works in the vicinity of Monivea Road junctions (East and West) are getting underway. Some works will take place at night - this is to reduce disruption and to help ensure the timely completion of the overall scheme. Overnight works will last for approximately three weeks. Local residents have been informed. The road will remain open to traffic at all times, though some disruption is expected.

Works on this project began in February 2025 and are due to be substantially completed in Q3 2026.

In total, 19 individual junctions will be upgraded with raised crossings and straight through cycle lane crossings to prioritise cyclists' movements. The scheme will further benefit walkers and wheelers by the inclusion of new signalised junctions and 13 pedestrian crossings. 15 bus stops are also being constructed.

Salmon Weir Bridge Pedestrian Crossing



Construction works on a new pedestrian crossing at the Salmon Weir Bridge began on November 3, 2025. The project is due to be completed in February, but works will be paused for a time over the Christmas period. The contractor is Brian Conneely and Co Ltd.

Works are beginning on the Northern (University) side, and will include:

- The associated underground works for the crossing infrastructure including ducting, chambers, retention sockets for the traffic signal poles.
- To accommodate a level crossing accessible by all, a section of the footway and kerbing is being removed and reinstated to new levels.
- Improved public lighting requiring the extension of the existing lighting towards the bridge will require the removal of the footway for the installation of ducting to connect the new lighting column, with full footway reinstatement.

Small areas of isolated works in the vicinity of Salmon Weir Bridge Crossing and Droichead an Dóchais will be undertaken in December, with limited disruption to pedestrians.

The Salmon Weir Bridge Pedestrian Crossing Project entails the construction of a temporary pedestrian crossing across the R863 University Road at Galway Cathedral. This will be a toucan crossing (i.e. signal signal-controlled crossing for use by walkers, wheelers and cyclists). It will connect the footway on University Road near Fisheries Field to Droichead an Dóchais and will improve safety for all road users.

Some of the works will take place at night. Works will be paused from before Christmas until January 6, 2026.

Chambers Ireland Award Nomination for Scoil Iognáid



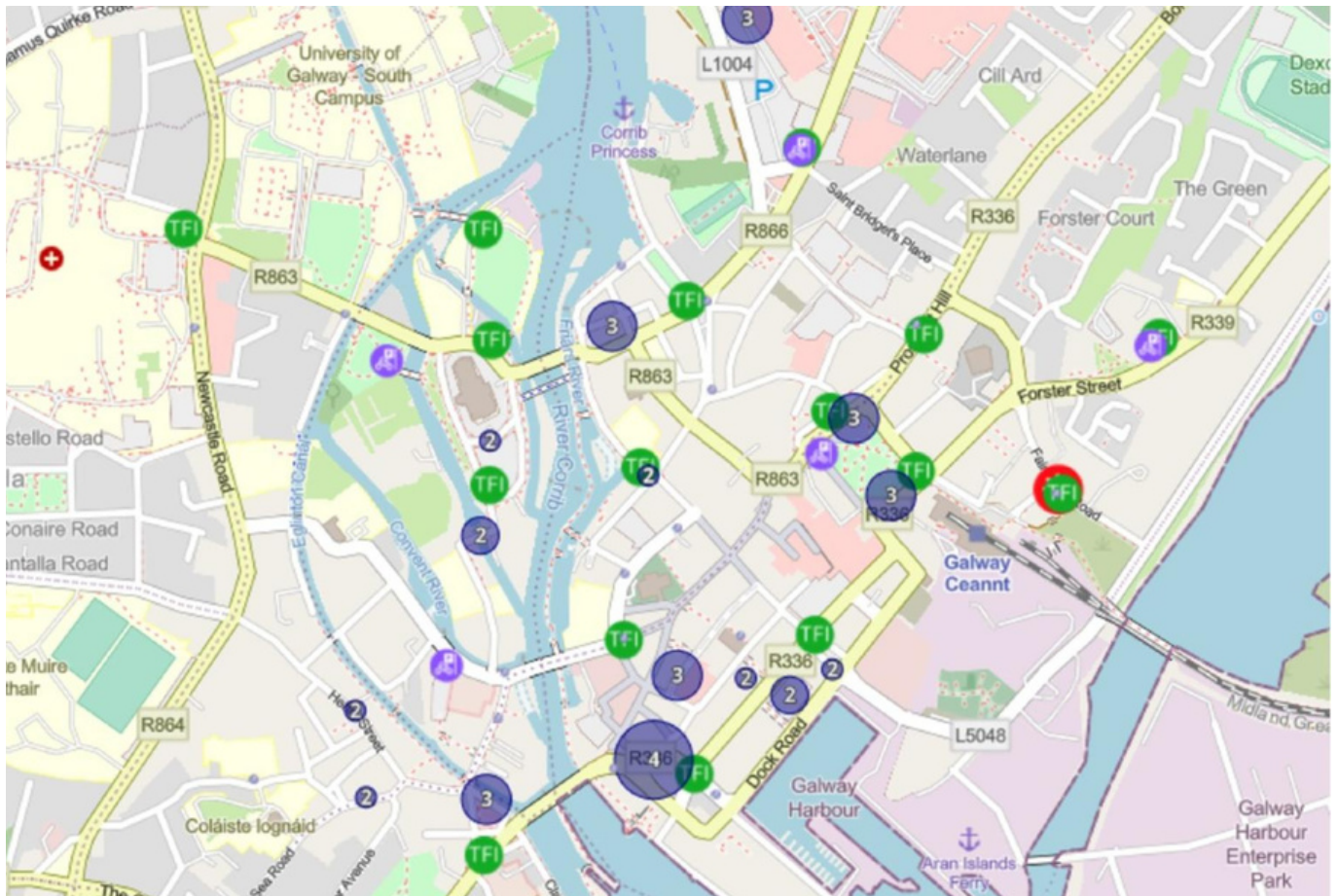
Ireland's first ever city-centre school street has been shortlisted at the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Award.

The school street initiative at Scoil Iognáid, Raleigh Row, has been nominated for the Urban Revival award at the event which will take place later this month in Dublin.

Scoil Iognáid has been home to the first city-centre School Street in Ireland since the project opened on an initial pilot basis in November 2020. [A Report into the Pilot Project](#) found that the scheme has reduced car use (down 14%) and increased the number of children walking (up 11%), cycling (up 7%) and scooting (up 3%) to school. Galway City Council's Active Travel Team have further supported the School Street with a suite of additional works at Scoil Iognáid and along Raleigh Row and in adjoining areas.

The project is one of four from across Galway City Council which have been shortlisted for the prestigious awards. The winners will be announced at a ceremony in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dublin on Thursday November 27.

Cycling in Galway Webpage



Galway City Council has developed a new webpage to support members of the public in cycling in Galway.

The page includes a newly developed interactive cycle parking map (screenshot above), which highlights the availability of free bike parking spaces for over 1,600 bikes throughout the city. In addition, the map also highlights locations from where TFI bikes can be rented, as well as the locations of bike repair stands throughout Galway. [The cycle parking map is available by clicking on this link.](#)

In addition, the Cycling in Galway webpage offers advice on repairing and maintaining bicycles, the benefits of cycling, keeping bikes secure and on cycling infrastructure available across the city. The page will be maintained and updated as further services and facilities are developed throughout the city over the coming period.

The new resources can be accessed via the Active Travel page of the Galway City Council website

An aerial photograph of a bridge spanning a river. The river has a rocky bed and some rapids. On the left side of the bridge, there is a paved walkway with a grassy area and a stone wall. Several people are walking on the path. On the right side, there is a road with a yellow line down the center. A few cars are driving on the road, and more people are walking on the sidewalk. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**Thank you for reading.
Your feedback and
questions are always
welcome.**

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