

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Active School Travel

New Safe Walking and Cycling Routes



**Information and
Engagement Booklet**

What will the proposed routes involve?

The proposed routes aim to connect quiet residential streets with existing safe walking and cycling infrastructure, to create a joined-up network.

The majority of the proposed interventions to form these connected routes, will consist of wayfinding markings and signs on streets and on existing cycle and walking paths.

At key places and to allow a connected safe network, some physical interventions are proposed, which include:


- changes to existing road crossings and junctions to increase safety for cycling and walking;
- new protected cycle paths; and
- changes to traffic movements.


These proposed interventions are clearly marked and described in this booklet.




Safe Connected Routes

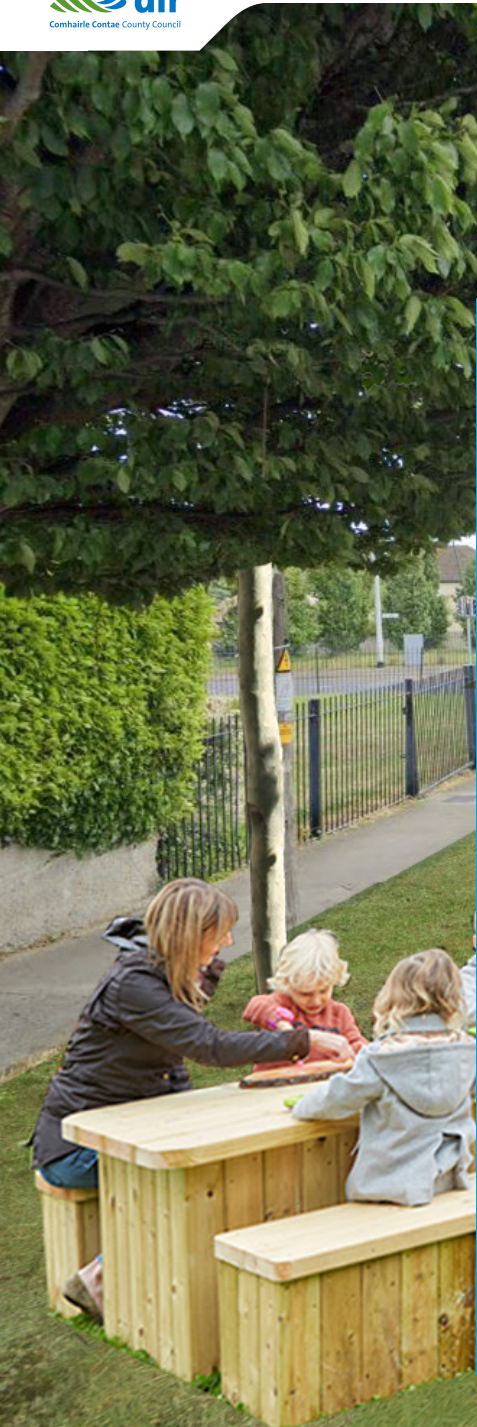
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is piloting 3 routes, to upgrade and connect the existing walking and cycling network in the County.

 These routes are part of the **Active School Travel** initiative aimed at encouraging increased walking and cycling to school. As part of the next phase of this initiative the Council is piloting three safe active travel routes across the county.

 Families have been keeping active during the COVID-19 pandemic, and wish to continue walking and cycling. The Active School Travel initiative has been launched to facilitate this. The pilot routes have been developed in consideration of the ongoing submissions received from schools, parents, residents and Councillors. This brochure and more information on the initiative can be found on the **Active School Travel** page of our website (www.dlrcco.ie/en/environment/active-school-travel).

 The following pages will explain where the new safe routes are planned and how to find your way. Overleaf are details on how to engage with us throughout the project.

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How to have your say:

Online:

Use the dlr Consultation Hub '**Citizen's Space**' available at <https://bit.ly/dlrWalkCycle>.

Post:

Active School Travel Project,
Infrastructure and Climate Change Department,
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council,
County Hall,
Marine Road,
Dún Laoghaire

Exact dates of each phase will be posted on the **Active School Travel** web page at www.dlrcco.ie/en/environment/active-school-travel





Have your say!

We want to hear from you! Your feedback and involvement is key to the success of these safe routes connecting communities across the County.

Phase 1 Current (4 Weeks):

We would like to hear your response to the proposed routes; you can do this online using the dlr Consultation Hub '**Citizen's Space**' or by post.

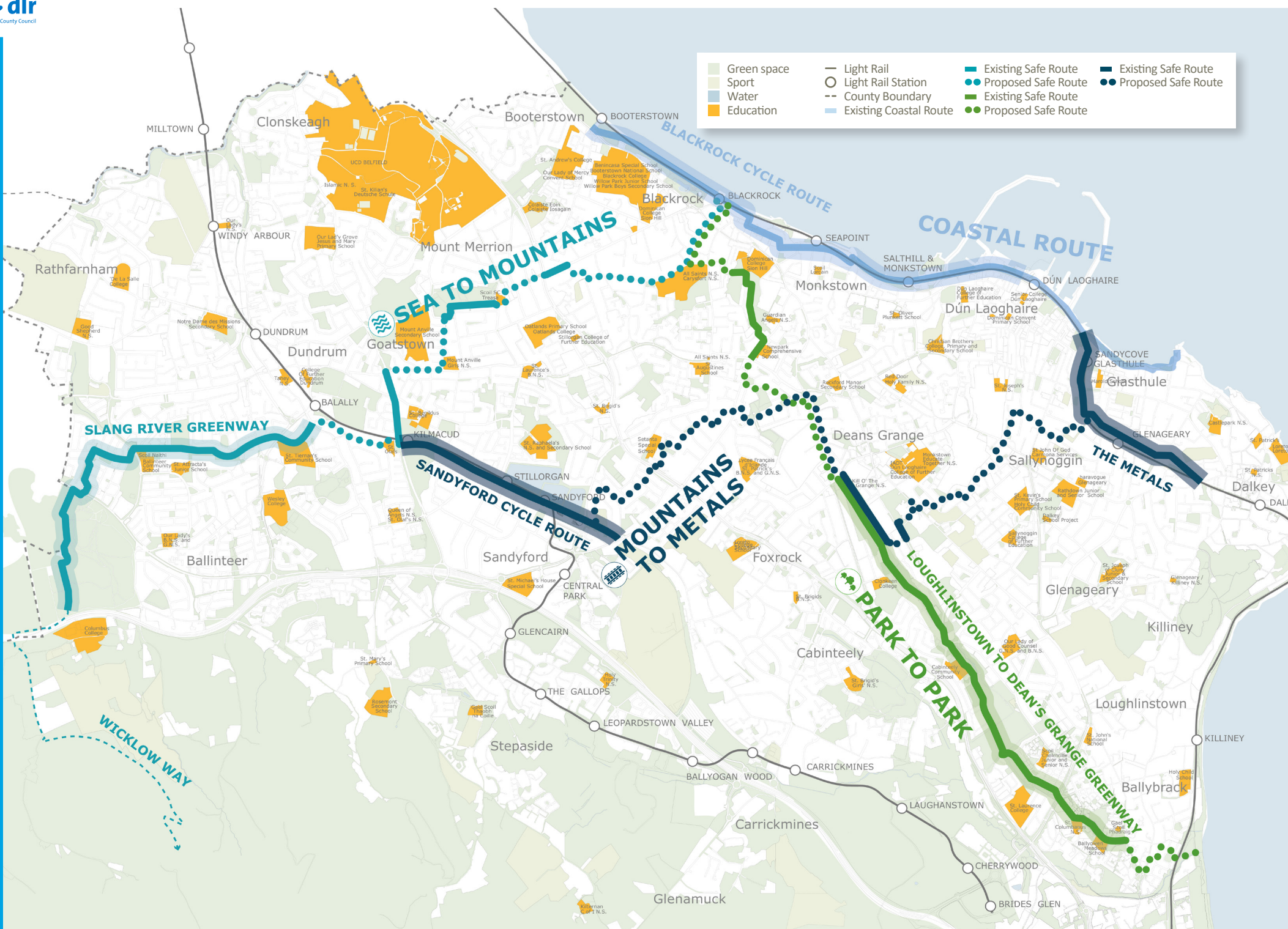
 **Phase 2 (2 months): Please engage with us** through the pilot phase in which we will be putting the routes on the ground, informed by your feedback from Phase 1. We will be gathering data on usage of the routes and hope to be able to engage directly with you through the PPN network; community groups, residents groups, business groups and schools. Please continue to engage with us online and by post throughout this phase.

 **Phase 3 (2 weeks): Make your opinion heard.** After the routes have been completed and usage data gathered, you will be able to give us structured feedback on your experience of using the safe routes. The purpose of this feedback will be to help develop and implement permanent solutions. We will share more information on this at the end of Phase 2.



Active School Travel Routes

Green space	Light Rail	Existing Safe Route	Existing Safe Route
Sport	Light Rail Station	Proposed Safe Route	Proposed Safe Route
Water	County Boundary	Existing Safe Route	Existing Safe Route
Education	Existing Coastal Route	Proposed Safe Route	Proposed Safe Route



The Sea to Mountains route will link east to west across the County. Starting at Blackrock Dart Station, crossing the N11 to Deerpark. It will then continue south linking to the Sandyford Cycle Route and Kilmacud Luas Stop and on to the Slang River Greenway and Wicklow Way.

① The route will start at Blackrock Dart Station. It will run along Bath Place, linking into the centre of Blackrock Village, and cross to George's Avenue where a contraflow cycle lane is proposed. The cycle lane will run to Frascati Road, where the existing safe crossing will be used.

The route will continue along George's Avenue and Avoca Place to the roundabout at Carysfort National School.

② The route will continue along Avoca Avenue. To improve safety for walking and cycling at this location, the speed limit for motor vehicles will be reduced to 30km/h and there will be no through access on Avoca Avenue at Avoca Park for motor vehicles. The route will continue along Avoca Avenue to Priory Avenue and Woodlands Park to Mount Merrion Avenue.

③ The route will use the existing protected cycle way to the N11 junction. At the junction with the N11 the existing toucan crossings will be used for and walking and cycling.

The route will continue

along Sycamore Crescent joining to the existing walking and cycling track alongside the parking area at the Church of Saint Thérèse, past Scoil San Treasa and through the alleyway to North Avenue.

④ The route will cross North Avenue and enter Deerpark at the south eastern corner. A ramp is proposed to replace the steps. The route will continue through Deerpark to Mount Anville Park.

⑤ Mount Anville Park and Mount Anville Wood are quiet residential streets where the route will provide a link through this residential area.

The route will continue to Lower Kilmacud Road. A safe crossing is proposed to cross Lower Kilmacud Road. Protected cycle tracks are proposed to run along both sides of Lower Kilmacud Road to the junction with Eden Park.

⑥ At Eden Park, it is proposed that the junction will be altered to provide a continuous route that is safe for children to use. Traffic islands will be added to create a protected

intersection. The first part of Eden Park Road, closest to the intersection, will be closed off for cars.

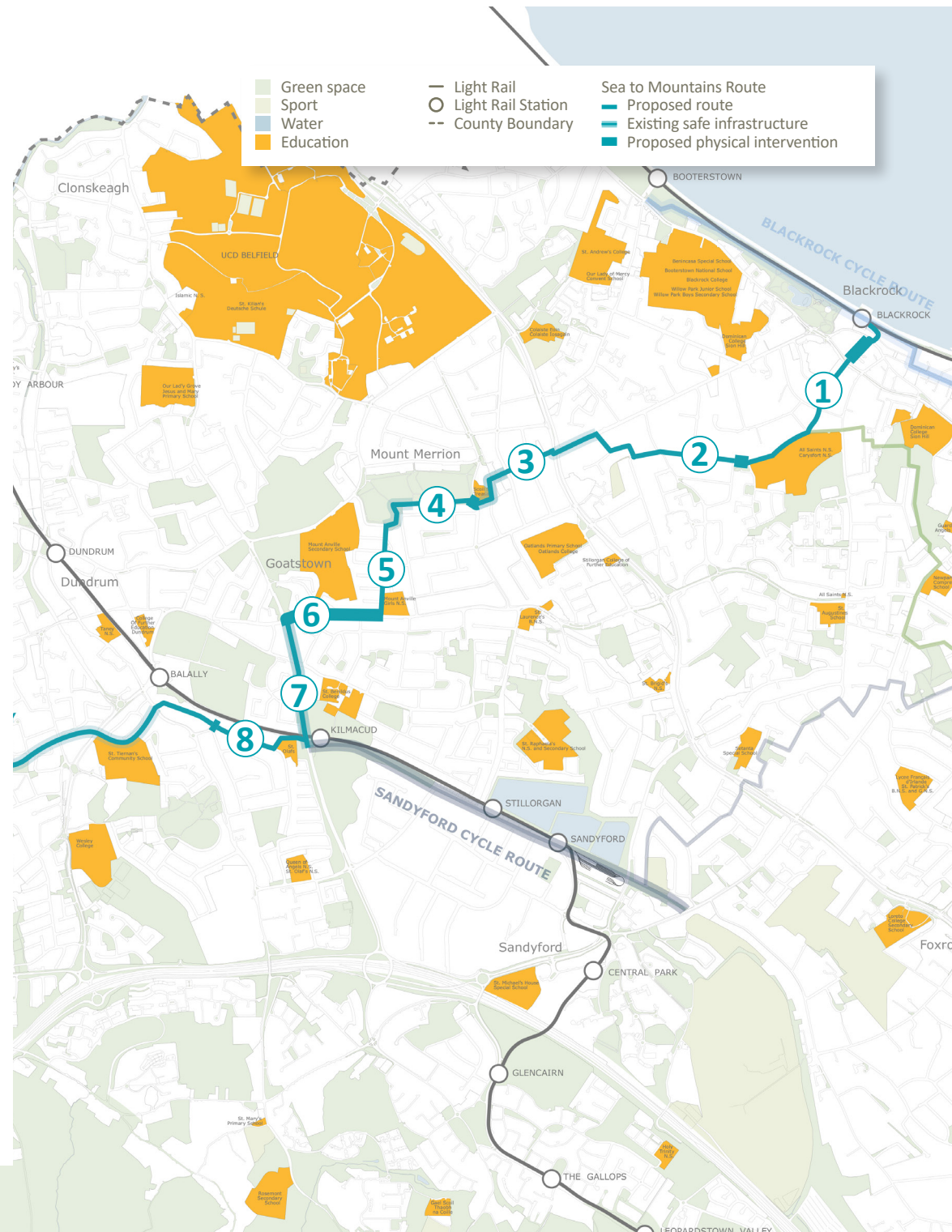
⑦ From this junction the route will connect to the segregated cycle tracks on both sides of Drummartin Road.

The route will continue to the Kilmacud Luas Stop and the junction with Benildus Road. Here the route will meet the Sandyford Cycle Route and the River to Metals route.

⑧ At this junction the existing pedestrian crossing will be used to connect to the pathway around St. Olaf's National School.

From this point the route will continue along Balally Drive. It is proposed to alter the roundabout on Balally Drive to provide a safe and continuous walking and cycling route by closing one side of the roundabout and creating two separate junctions.

At the end of Balally Drive the route will cross Sandyford Road at the existing toucan crossing and connect to the Slangriver Greenway.



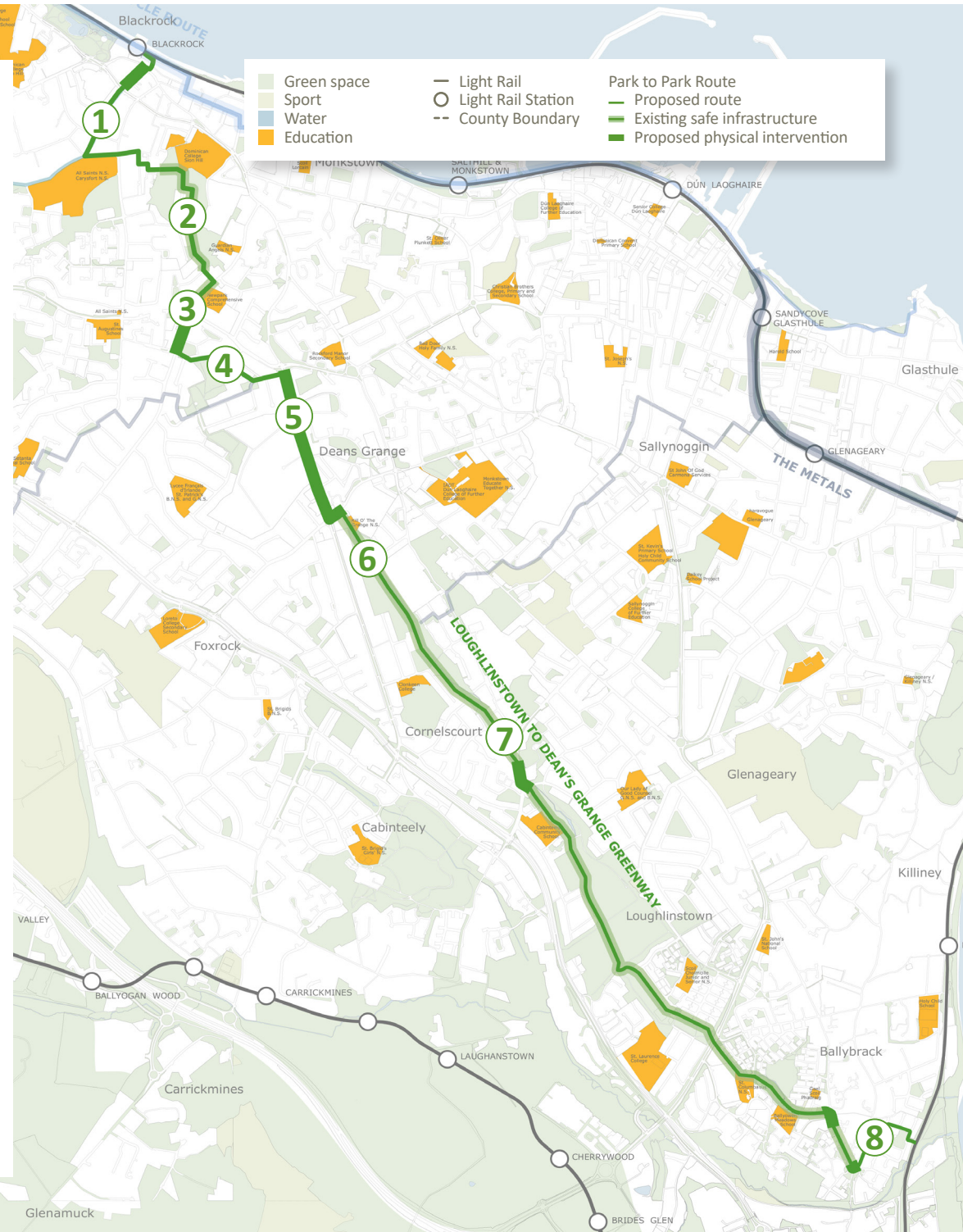


The Park to Park route will link north to south across the County. Starting at the coast at Blackrock Dart Station then joining to the existing pathways in Rockfield Park. From there it will continue south along Dean's Grange Road linking to the Loughlinstown to Dean's Grange Greenway and ending by linking south to the coast.

- ① The route will follow the Sea to Mountains route to the roundabout at Carysfort National School. From here it will run to Rockfield Park. The route will go along Convent Road crossing Carysfort Avenue at the existing signal crossing on to Brookfield Terrace. Then south onto Brookfield Place, through Brookfield Court and then in to Rockfield Park next to the Carraig Lawn Tennis Club.
- ② The route will follow the existing cycle paths in Rockfield Park. It will exit the park in the south on to Castlebyrne Park and connect to the new cycle infrastructure on Newtownpark Avenue. Here the existing crossing can be used. The route will follow the new protected cycle track south to the junction with Rowanbyrn.
- ③ From here it is proposed to extend the protected cycle track to Mount Albany and also adjust the junction with Rowanbyrn to allow safe walking and cycling crossing.
- ④ The route will continue along Mount Albany and

- Springhill Avenue where it will join the Mountains to Metals Route. The route will join Dean's Grange Road from Springhill Avenue.
- ⑤ The route will then run along Dean's Grange Road. This section would provide a key safe active mobility link north to south in the county whilst also reducing car traffic on this residential street.
- The proposal is to prioritise walking and cycling by implementing a protected two-way cycle track on Dean's Grange down to Kill Lane. To provide the space needed for the protected cycle track the proposal is to change Dean's Grange to one way for cars and buses north to south whilst retaining on-street parking.
- Northbound buses will be redirected to Abbey Road and use the existing bus stops, southbound buses will remain. The impact on northbound car traffic will be monitored.
- ⑥ At the junction with Kill Lane into Clonkeen Park the route will cross using the existing crossing. Between

- the junction and Clonkeen Park a short section of protected two-way cycle track is proposed.
- The route will then join up to the Loughlinstown to Dean's Grange Greenway next to the Kill O the Grange Church. From here the route will be protected through the park.
- ⑦ At the junction with Johnstown Road the existing junction will be used with segregated foot and cycleway which will link safely into Kilbogget Park. Here the route continues safely through the parks to Shanganagh Road.
- ⑧ At Shanganagh Road it is proposed to connect the facilities in the park to Achill Road. The route will follow the existing track along Shanganagh Road to the roundabout with Killiney Hill Road. This roundabout will be altered to include safe cycling and walking crossings. The route will continue through Bayview Estate to link to the coast.





Mountains to Metals

The Mountains to Metals route will link east west across the County. Starting at the Sandyford Cycle Route, linking to the Sea to Mountains Route, the route also links up to the Park to Park route, north through residential areas and new developments and on to the Metals.

Green space	Light Rail	Mountains to Metals Route
Sport	Light Rail Station	Proposed route
Water	County Boundary	Existing safe infrastructure
Education		Proposed physical intervention

1 The route will start at the Kilmacud Luas stop, linking to the Sea to Mountains Route and the Sandyford Cycle Route.

The route will turn north to Leopardstown Park. It will follow this quiet residential street up to Leopardstown Avenue and continue on to Leopardstown Grove. Here there is an existing walking and cycling route to Rocwood. At the end of Rocwood the route will use the safe crossing across the N11.

2 From this safe crossing the route will follow Belmont Terrace (alongside the N11) to Belmont Green. The route will follow this quiet residential street and cross Belmont Lawn where it will link into Ardagh Crescent. This link would require an opening in the wall in Ardagh Crescent.

From here the route will link to Newtownpark Avenue via Ardagh Drive, Park Road, Close then along the pathway to Meadow Close.

3 At Newtownpark Avenue a new safe crossing is proposed this would also improve access to the existing bus stop. From this crossing the route will continue on to Pine Lawn and Crescent which are quiet residential streets.

The route will follow the edge of Springhill Park and along Springhill Avenue. The route will continue along these quiet residential streets to Brookville Park where it will join the Park to Park Route.

4 Both routes will run on to Dean's Grange Road. It will continue south into Clonkeen Park using the same proposed cycling and walking infrastructure, please see Park to Park Route for details.

5 The route will separate and leave the Park to Park Route at McIntosh Park. It will continue to Pottery Road. The route will use the existing cycle track and then link through the National Rehabilitation Hospital.

At the other side of the hospital grounds on Rochestown Avenue a protected two way

cycle track is proposed to Sefton.

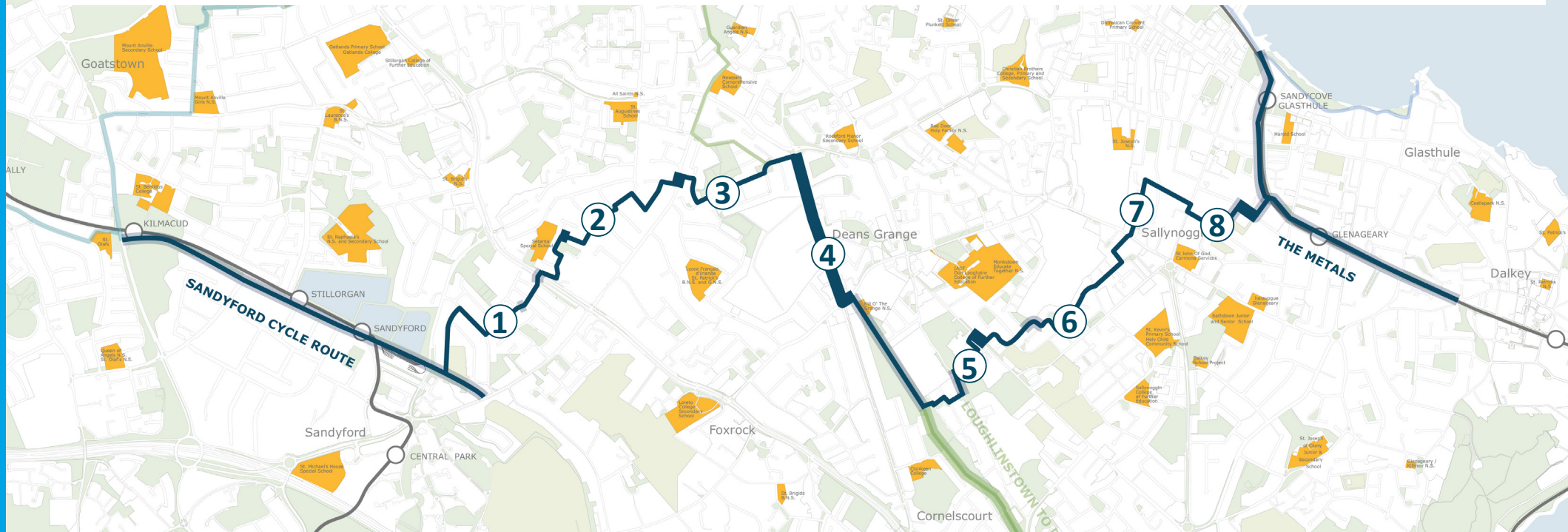
6 The route will run along Sefton to the pedestrian and cycle track which links to Sallynoggin Park. The route will continue along Sallynoggin Park to O'Rourke Park.

7 From O'Rourke Park the route will run north along Rollins Villas and St Kevin's Villas where it comes to Glenageary Road Upper. Here the existing crossing will be used to cross to Glenageary Woods.

8 From Glenageary Woods

the route will run north to Holmston Avenue. At the end of Holmston Avenue the route will cross Glenageary Road Lower using the existing crossing. From here it will continue onto Silchester Park and Crescent where there is an existing walking and cycling link to Silchester Road.

On Silchester Road a short section of two way cycle track is proposed which will link to the Metals.





Find your way

The three safe routes focus on connecting communities across the County. Each route will be signed with these colourful symbols on signs and on the ground:

-    Sea to Mountains
-    Park to Park
-    Mountains to Metals

On two-way protected cycle routes and walking routes signage will be provided along this formal infrastructure to clearly show direction of travel through statutory signage and route symbols.

In quiet residential streets, parks and car free spaces wayfinding markings will be provided. It is important to note that cyclists should continue to cycle in the lefthand lane while following the wayfinding marking along the centre of the route.

Bollards, and other signage will be provided along the route at junctions and changes of direction.





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