

N81 Brittas Village Traffic Calming Urban Renewal Scheme Road Safety Improvement Scheme

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South Dublin County Council (SDCC), in conjunction with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) are working with Kildare National Roads Office on a design to facilitate Traffic Calming and Urban Renewal as part of a Road Safety Improvement Scheme along the N81 National Secondary Road through the village of Brittas, County Dublin. The purpose of this non-statutory consultation is to provide notice of South Dublin County Council's intention to carry out these works under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, and to keep you up to date on the progress of the scheme.

Background

The scheme proposes to reduce vehicle speed through Brittas village along the N81 by implementing traffic calming features. South Dublin County Council have received several complaints regarding this section of the N81 national secondary road including:

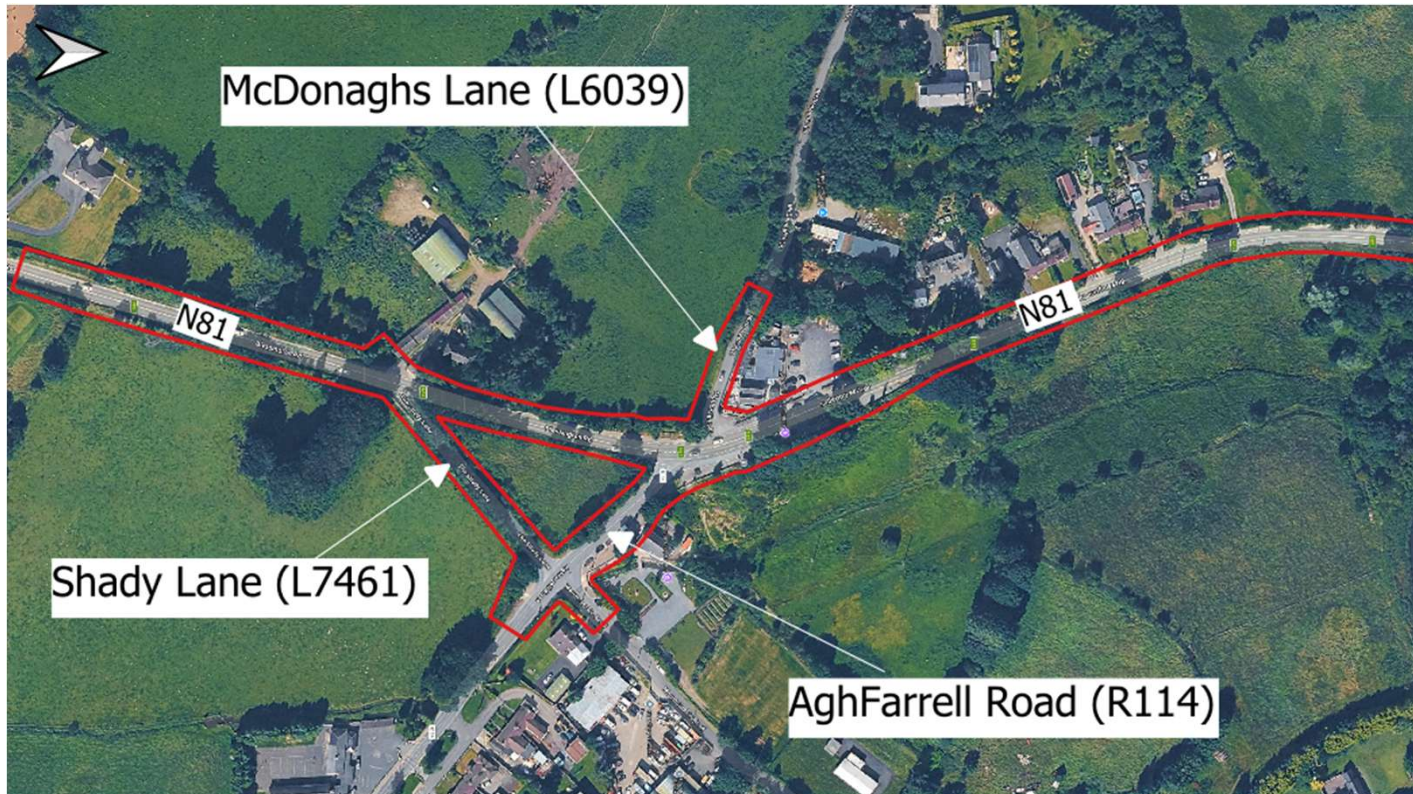
- High volume of vehicles travelling through Brittas Village at excessive speeds (i.e. above the sign posted speed limit of 60km/h).
- No designated crossing point for pedestrians to safely cross the N81 to access bus stops, other side of village etc.

Scheme Objectives

- 1) Incorporate traffic calming measures to reduce speed through village.
- 2) To provide facilities to promote safety for local residents / pedestrians.
- 3) Reduce road traffic collisions.

Section 38 Procedure

The Section 38 procedure, under the Road Traffic Act 1994, enables South Dublin County Council (SDCC) to implement traffic management and road improvement measures. This includes schemes such as junction upgrades, traffic calming, and pedestrian and cycle infrastructure. The process requires a period of public consultation, during which details of the proposed scheme are made available and submissions are invited. Following this, SDCC reviews all feedback and may amend the proposal before a final decision is made by the elected members.



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Proposed Design

The scheme proposes to reduce vehicle speed along the N81 through Brittas village by implementing traffic calming features such as:

- Installation of “traffic calming” gateways at both southern and northern approaches to the village.
- Narrowing of existing carriageway to 6.5m (kerb to kerb).
- Removal of left-hand deceleration lane on N81 at junction with R114.
- Upgrade of 3No. Side Road Junctions (McDonagh’s Lane, R114, and Shady Lane) providing suitable turning radii and adequate sightlines.
- Provision of raised Zebra Pedestrian Crossing centrally in village.
- Landscaping / introducing vertical elements to create narrowing effect for traffic calming.
- Provision of new bus shelters and consolidation of existing bus stops to a single location in Village centre.
- Provision of new (and widening of existing footpaths) providing better connectivity for pedestrians.
- Amendment of Shady Lane to be Left out, Right in Only and limited to Light Goods Vehicles (less than 3.5tonne vehicle gross weight).
- Installation of kerbing so that mainline is kerbed on both sides of N81.
- Upgrade of existing drainage system including Sustainable Urban Drainage systems where suitable.
- Pavement Resurfacing Works.
- Upgrade of Public Lighting along the N81 between both traffic calming gateways.
- Hedge Trimming, tree removal if required, repainting of road markings and maintenance of existing signage.
- Landscaping with provision of Amenity Areas, pocket parks and teen spaces and recognition of the old Dublin Blessington Steam Tram that passed through the area.

Next Steps

Following public consultation, and the conclusion of the Section 38 process, the detailed design of the ‘N81 Brittas Village Traffic Calming and Urban Renewal – Road Safety Improvement Scheme’ will commence, with construction anticipated to start in early 2027 (subject to funding).

