



## Transport & Mobility Forum

### **Cork City Council**

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*Via online consultation portal*

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### **Public Consultation – Response**

## **Active Travel Improvement Works Tory Top Road, Ballyphehane**

Dear Sir/Madam,

*Thank you for giving the general public and stakeholders the opportunity to feed into the Tory Top Road Scheme.*

*The Transport and Mobility Forum, Cork (TMF) is a cross-sectoral representative group of organisations who have a common interest in sustainable travel \*. The TMF fully supports sustainable modes of travel measures and policies. Sustainable and Active Travel helps reduce congestion on roads, improve air quality, supports a low carbon economy, reduces noise pollution and improves public health.*

We would be obliged to further participate in the discourse and planning processes around the development of Tory Top Road Cycle Scheme as we feel that TMF can provide a valuable input into the process. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time under [tmfcork@gmail.com](mailto:tmfcork@gmail.com).



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### **Overview**

We broadly support this proposed scheme as it will improve the safety, accessibility, and desirability of this section of road for pedestrians and cyclists, in particular.

### **Wide protected cycle lane uphill welcomed**

We welcome and support the provision of an approximately 2 m wide cycle lane inside parking on the uphill section of the scheme, while the risk of death or severe injury due to “dooring” is far lower when cyclists are knocked “in” on to the footpath rather than out into traffic the risk still exists and ideally a protective buffer between the “door zone” and cycle lane should still be provided where possible.

### **Raised tables at junctions**

It is slightly unclear from the drawings but it appears that raised tables are provided at junctions if this is the case we strongly support it and if not it should be considered.

### **The Urban realm**

It is welcome that it is possible to implement this scheme while retaining the vast majority of the existing urban trees. We note however that the amount of parking provided is in excess of what is currently available or required and the trees outside No.’s 2,12.34 & 38 could be retained by removing a small number of parking spaces.

### **Possible improvements and critical analysis.**

While we agree and support that it is correct to provide the cycle lane on the uphill direction, if it can only be provided in one direction, it would be better if a lane could be provided in both directions.

We have some concerns that the linkage/continuity at either end of the scheme. At the western end a safer transition onto the carriageway (Friars Walk) is required. with the previously planned Curragh Road scheme is not ideal and redesigned design of the junction to include integration with the Tory top scheme would be ideal. If this is not possible, we would suggest looking at a safe transition at the Lower End of Tory Top road.

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