



# MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN NOTES

## March 2019



### Cycling for All

Maynooth Cycling Campaign has joined the *Cycling for All* campaign in support of high quality cycling infrastructure. Cycling has a positive impacts on 11 of the 15 UN Sustainable Development Goals and Irish political parties of all persuasions have called for increased cycling to remedy a range of problems in society ranging from congestion, to unhealthy communities, environmental problems and climate change. Despite central government and local authorities providing cycle infrastructure for nearly twenty years, the level of cycling in 2019 is much the same as it was in 2000.

Why is this? Learning from places where intervention by government has succeeded, there are two main reasons – provision of adequate funding and high quality infrastructure. Maynooth Cycling Campaign, in partnership with Cyclist.ie, already campaigns in favour of increased funding through the *#Allocate4Cycling* campaign. Now as part of *Cycling for All*, we are joining a campaign which primarily focuses on quality.

The main elements include

- Space
- Priority
- Continuity and Quality
- Permeability
- Contra-flow for cycling
- Integration and connectivity

Further information on the above is available at <http://cyclingforall.ie/solution/>.

The campaign also looks for funding for walking and cycling amounting to at least 20% of the national capital transport budget every year. This is in accordance with the recommendation of the United Nations Environment Programme and is consistent with the *#Allocate4Cycling* target of 10% of capital funding for cycling.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign urges all members, if they have already not done so, to sign the *Cycling for All* petition at <https://my.uplift.ie/petitions/cycling-for-all-in-ireland>. In due course we will also be contacting councillors and prospective councillors asking them to sign up to the principles of *Cycling for All*.

## **Carton Avenue**

Now from the sublime to the ridiculous – Carton Avenue. Although the measures taken to date are in line with council policy, Kildare County Council continues to dither over completion of the works at Carton Avenue.

The issue was discussed at the February meeting of the Kildare Cycle Forum and the general view is that what is proposed will lead to problems. We consider three measures should be carried out

1. The width of the new path on the Avenue side of the gateway/bridge (ie after the gateway) should be reduced to 3m.
2. The new path should join the existing at right angles (and with a slight flair) instead of the unsightly fork.
3. Further works are required within the estate in order to correct substandard construction.

## **Now You See Me, RTE 1 Mondays 7:30pm**

RTE 1 has been broadcasting a new four part programme on cycling at 7:30pm on Mondays. As well as looking at cycling in Ireland, it also looks at the experience in a number of different European cities and shows how they have succeeded in providing a safe environment for their cyclists. If you missed it first time round, catch it on the RTE Player!

*Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Further information on meetings and activities is available on our website.*

*We are affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation.*