



Trinity College Dublin

Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath

The University of Dublin

Submission to Dublin City Council for the Fitzwilliam Cycle Route Non-Statutory Public Consultation

Submitted by Healthy Trinity: Smarter Travel Committee

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Background:

Trinity is a community of approx. 20,000 people who travel daily to and between campuses throughout Dublin including on College Green, in Dartry (Trinity Hall), and in other locations such as St. James's and Tallaght Hospitals.

Trinity has car use of less than 2% and despite Trinity's College Green Island campus being served by all forms of public transport except segregated cycling, bicycle use in Trinity is 14%. This exceeds national cycling targets of 10%, average cycling rates in Dublin of 8% and average rates in other third level institutions of 6%¹.

In 2017 Trinity committed to the following statement:

Trinity has embraced Smarter Travel and in particular, cycling. Trinity regards cycling as an important tool in achieving its strategic aim of demonstrating institutional leadership by being a sustainable campus.

Cycling is environmentally friendly, quick, cost-effective, healthy and flexible. Trinity would like to see improved cycling infrastructure in Dublin City between its main campuses and the residences it provides for students and staff. Both Trinity and Dublin would benefit.

Trinity will respond to the Fitzwilliam Cycle Route Non-Statutory Public Consultation in light of our university's commitment to cycling.

Response to Fitzwilliam Cycle Route Plans

Support for the Fitzwilliam Cycle Route

Trinity welcomes the Fitzwilliam Cycle Route and urges complete segregation of cycling along the proposed route. In a 2018 survey of the Trinity Community (n=3,912) 87% questioned the safety of cycling in Dublin and 91% felt segregated cycle lanes and quiet ways would increase cycle safety. Although Trinity has very high modal share for cycling, since 2011 that share has decreased from 22% to 14%. We believe the planned route will improve the perceived and actual safety of cycling along the route and will encourage more students and staff to cycle.

Trinity Hall

1,200 Trinity students travel daily from Trinity Hall in Dartry to our city centre campuses. In the coming years, that will increase to 1,600. The Healthy Trinity: Smarter Travel Committee promotes cycling and recommends a safe route and a fast route² from Trinity Hall to Trinity's College Green Island campus.

¹ <https://www.tcd.ie/collegehealth/promotion/travel/Stats.php>

² <https://www.tcd.ie/collegehealth/promotion/travel/Cycling.php#Route>

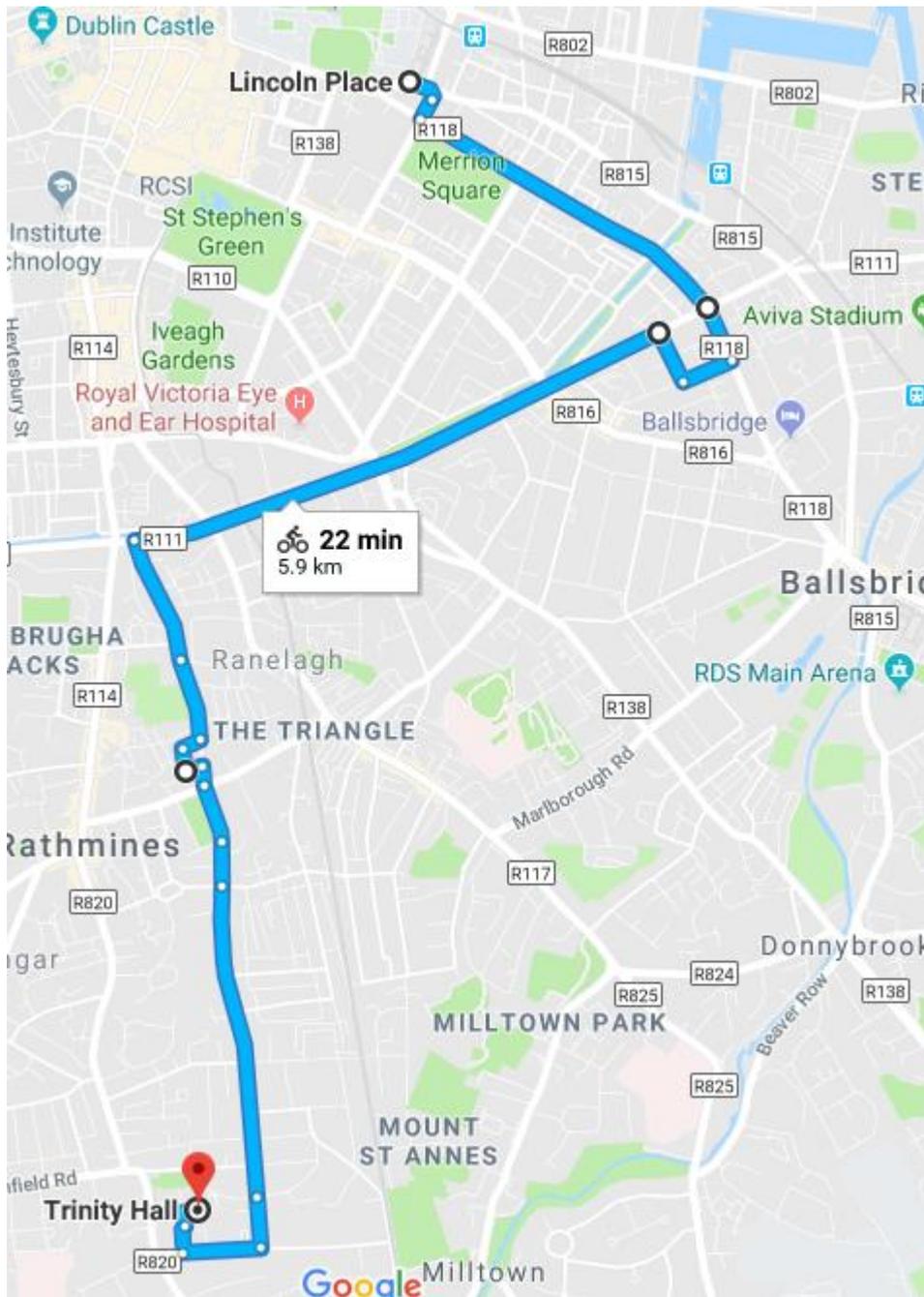


Figure 1: The route recommended as safest from Trinity Hall to Trinity's College Green Island Campus.

An image of the safe route currently being promoted in Trinity is shown in figure 1. It aims to limit cycling near motorised traffic by recommending students travel on quieter residential streets to the canal segregated cycle route and to move as quickly as possible to the Lincoln Gate of Trinity's Island Campus. The Fitzwilliam Cycle Route would add further segregation of cycling to this route and therefore increase both perceived and actual cycling safety.

Design of the Route

Trinity would like segregation of cycling to continue near the Dublin Bikes stand on Merrion Square East, traffic calming measures should be installed on Lad Lane and Fitzwilliam Lane should have a raised table on the road so that vehicles understand they must yield to cyclists.

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