

## LONGFORD ROAD SAFETY ACTION PLAN REVIEW 2025

The following tables list actions related to these priority areas as outlined in the Government Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030 and the local actions which have been identified as being deliverable by the Longford Road Safety Action Plan 2022-2024.

### Priority Area

**Safe roads and roadsides** - Safe roads and roadsides involve the planning, design and operation of roads and roadsides and provides the framework for safe road and vehicle use.

### **Government Road Safety Strategy Actions**

Action Number	Action -High Impact Actions	Lead /Support Agency	Status
2	<p>Support the delivery of road safety improvement schemes and minor realignment schemes on national roads to create forgiving roadsides, self-explaining roads, and a safe environment for vulnerable road users.</p> <p>Main scheme in progress (design stage) is the N63 Farannyhoogan scheme. Detailed design to be progressed completed in 2026. Land acquisition in 2026. Works to commence potentially Q4 2026 but more likely 2027.</p> <p><b>Other Schemes</b></p> <p>N4 Edgeworthstown – Pedestrian crossing on the N4 on the Railway Station side of Goldsmith Roundabout. Feasibility report with TII for initial comments.</p>	TII/LA	Ongoing
4	<p>Implement Low Cost safety Schemes as identified on the Regional and Local Road Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2025 – Doherty’s cross – Phase 1 of improvements.</li> <li>• Improvement works at junctions at Fereghfad and Ballymakeegan.</li> <li>• Driver Feedback signs at Derraghan and Dublin Rd Longford.</li> </ul>	DoT, CCMA/ LA	Ongoing
5	<p>Schemes will be prioritised on an annual basis from the National Cycle Network over the period 2022 to 2025 for segregated walking and cycling facilities to be constructed on the National, Local and Regional road networks in County Longford, to provide safe cycling and walking arrangements for users of all ages</p>	DoT, NTA, CCMA /LA	On Track

Action Number	Action – Support Actions	Lead /Support Agency	Status
55	Support the implementation of the National Cycle Manual within Cycle Scheme design guidance aligned with the Safe System Approach and include appropriate training.	DOT, NTA/LA	Ongoing
56	Support the Review and recommendations on facilitating cyclists and pedestrians at junctions, including measures that do not require powered traffic signals.	DoT, NTA/LA	Ongoing across all active travel projects
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58	Undertake the Heavy Good Vehicle (HGV) mobility policy review for the County <a href="#">Due to Low Bridges HGV's are diverted around the town.</a> <a href="#">Low amount of HGVs coming into the town</a> <a href="#">2 Bye-laws in place for HGVs–</a> <a href="#">1. Restriction for driving through certain areas</a> <a href="#">2. for restricting of parking in paid parking zones</a>	LA	Consideration of HGV permits ongoing. HGV parking policy in Longford Town. No county wide policy re HGV mobility.
61	Continue to Complete LA 16 Collision Reporting and Evaluation Procedure forms where a fatality, or collision that is likely to become fatal, has occurred. Min 70% Target. <a href="#">No Fatalities in Co Longford in 2025.</a>	DoT, LA/TII	Ongoing programme in response to fatal collisions Complete 2025
62	Provide timely and appropriate road traffic collision data to local authorities, and agencies with responsibility for road improvement and maintenance, to inform their work. <a href="#">GDPR issues to be resolved by mid 2026.</a>	RSA, DoT, CCMA / LA	GDPR Issues to be resolved Nationally
63	Review and make recommendations for the provision of a dedicated road safety engineering resource in Longford to progress road safety schemes and strategy actions. <a href="#">Successful trial completed with 5 local authorities- Further trial to commence but Longford not selected for this phase.</a>	DoT, LA	Ongoing
64	Ensure correct people are identified locally to take part in all training provided on Design Manual for Urban Roads and streets (DMURS) and the National Cycle Manual (NCM)	TII,NTA,CCMA /LA	Training will be availed of where provided
66	Engage with TII on all training/Guidance on collision analysis and reporting from an engineering perspective, and design of roads utilising the safe system approach	TII/LA	No training in 2025 re collision analysis No specific training in 2025 re design of roads utilising safe systems approach, ongoing briefings at conference.

			and standards updates. LCC will avail of any training where provided.
68	Publish/Renew the Councils prioritised plan on road building construction and maintenance (including footpaths and cycle lanes) on an annual basis.	CCMA,LA	Publish councils prioritised plan of roadworks Roadworks scheme book compiled annually and on PMS
69	Implement the upgrade of public lighting to appropriate standards using LED lighting to improve visibility and enhance safety for road users. <a href="#">Upgrade of Public Lighting continues annually. Approx 3% annually. Currently we are at approx. 85% LED.</a>	CCMA, LA	Ongoing
71	Facilitate the improvement of rural bus stop facilities in line with a Safe System approach on the National Road Network in line with a safe system approach <a href="#">Bus Stop Enhancement Programme ongoing with further bus stop upgrades to be carried out in 2026</a>	TII/LA  (NTA)	Ongoing
72	Work with the NTA and Bus Eireann to Improve visibility, lighting, and age friendly seating at regional and local bus stops in Co Longford to enhance safety for those waiting for a bus. <a href="#">Bus Stop Enhancement Programme ongoing with further bus stop upgrades to be carried out in 2026</a>	NTA/LA	Ongoing

### **Priority Area**

**Safe speeds** - Safe speeds are a central element of the Safe System approach. It involves consideration of road and vehicle planning and design, the setting of injury-minimising speed limits, as well as public education and awareness, and the enforcement of these limits.

<b>Action Number</b>	<b>Action - High Impact Actions</b>	<b>Lead /Support Agency</b>	<b>Status</b>
6	Stakeholders will co-operate locally with recommendations from working group set up to examine and review the framework for the setting of speed limits. Speed limit reviews will be carried out in accordance with DOT Guidelines , 30 kph zones implemented in housing estates <a href="#">Guidance now in place. Urban Speed Limit Review in 2026.</a>	LA/DOT	Ongoing in accordance with DoT instructions.

7	LCC will maintain and promote the Collision Prevention programme to ensure communication and co-operation between LCC and other agencies	LA/TII/AGS/ DOT	Ongoing
8	LCC and AGS will continue to review traffic speeds and conditions at schools and high risk locations and implement safety works where appropriate <a href="#">Some new go safe zones. Information on locations will be issued by AGS</a>	TII,NTA,AGS /LA	Ongoing
<b>Action Number</b>	<b>Action – Support Actions</b>	<b>Lead /Support Agency</b>	<b>Status</b>
76	Deliver and support education and awareness interventions to raise awareness of the benefits of and build community support for 30 kph zones in urban areas <a href="#">Guidance now in place. Urban speed limit review in 2026.</a>	RSA/CCMA, LA	Ongoing
78	Extend the number of 30kmh speed limit zones in high-risk locations (urban city/town centres) for Vulnerable Road Users in line with best practice models and National Guidelines. <a href="#">Urban speed limit review in 2026.</a>	LA/DoT	Ongoing
79	Examine the feasibility of 30kmh speed limit or lower in school vicinities and report on progress. <a href="#">Urban speed limit review in 2026. Schools will be part of this.</a>	LA/DoT	Ongoing

### **Priority Area**

**Safe road use** - Safe road use incorporates a wide range of safety behaviours such as compliance with the posted speed limit, driving without impairment (due to alcohol, drugs, fatigue or distraction), helmet wearing, seat belt wearing and correct use of child restraints.

### **Government Road Safety Strategy Actions**

<b>Action Number</b>	<b>Action – High Impact Actions</b>	<b>Lead /Support Agency</b>	<b>Status</b>
22	Promote the Governments Road Safety Strategy and the Councils Road Safety Plan amongst Stakeholders and the Public <a href="#">Phase 2 – Road Safety Plan 2025-2027 adopted</a>	RSA/LA/AGS	Ongoing
<b>Action Number</b>	<b>Action – Support Actions</b>	<b>Lead /Support Agency</b>	<b>Status</b>
94	Maintain the Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG) to co-ordinate multi-agency Road Safety policy and implementation at a local level	RSWTG All Stakeholders	Established and meetings taking place

95	The RSWTG to publish a multi-agency Road Safety Action Plan and to publish an annual review on progress with implementation.  Road Safety Plan Phase 2 Action Plan 2025-2027 is complete and adopted by Longford County Council in November 2025	RSWTG All Stakeholders	complete
133	Implement specific educational measures aimed at protecting vulnerable road users.	RSA/LA/ AGS	Ongoing
136	Develop and Launch a standardised guide to reducing road safety school gate risk.	RSA/various agencies	Awaiting Standardised Guide, currently using NTA Guidance under the Safe Routes to School Programme
137	Deliver and support road safety campaigns targeting drivers to highlight the risks faced by Vulnerable Road Workers	RSA/LA, AGS	Ongoing
140	Empower local community groups to strive for safer and more liveable streets in their locality by providing them with the tools, checklists and supports necessary to be proactive participants in road safety	LA/AGS/Various Groups	Ongoing
151	Prepare, implement, and share with partner agencies an annual Garda Roads Policing Operations Plan.	AGS/various agencies	Ongoing

## Priority Area

**Safe and healthy modes of travel** - Safe and healthy modes of travel acknowledge that there is a substantial difference in fatal and serious injury risks across different modes of travel. To promote and protect road users engaging in public or active transport.

### **Government Road Safety Strategy Actions**

<b>Action Number</b>	<b>Action -High Impact Actions</b>	<b>Lead /Support Agency</b>	<b>Status</b>
39	LCC will cooperate with the TII , NTA and other agencies to seek approval for the development of Active Travel Networks and Greenways	TII/NTA,LA	Ongoing
40	LCC will continue to seek funding for improved active travel infrastructure	DoT/ LA, NTA, RSA	Ongoing
41	Encourage modal shift to support Environmental, Safety and Health objectives by promoting the use of sustainable and active modes of travel.	DoT/ LA, NTA,	Ongoing
42	Promote and support an expanded Cycle Right training programme which includes online theory and practical skills for children and adults. <a href="#">8 week programme in schools</a>	DoT/ LA	Ongoing
<b>Action Number</b>	<b>Action – Support Actions</b>	<b>Lead /Support Agency</b>	<b>Status</b>
176	Collaboration between the LA, TII and NTA to develop comprehensive cycle network plans covering the Longford Area	NTA/TII/LA	Complete
177	Roll out of the Safe Routes to Schools Programme and provide “front of school” treatments to those schools agreed with the NTA and An Taisce - 2 Schools announced in 2022 - 2 schools announced in 2023 - 2 schools announced in 2024 - <a href="#">3 schools announced in end of 2025 progressing in 2026/2027</a>	NTA, CCMA, LA/RSA	On Track

By implementing the four priority intervention areas of the safe system approach, we are delivering international best practice.

Of the seven safe system Priority areas, the council has no lead or support role under the following three priority areas.

### **Priority Areas**

- **Safe work-related road use** - Safe work-related road use involves the planned, systematic safety management of work journeys on the roads, aiming to reduce the risk of death and serious injuries.
- **Safe vehicles** - The safe vehicles element of the Safe System approach addresses the safety of road users both inside and outside the vehicle through legislative standards, consumer information, public procurement and industry initiatives.
- **Post-crash response** - Post-crash response concerns the rescue, treatment and rehabilitation of survivors of road traffic collisions and aims to reduce the severity and consequences of injuries in the event of a collision

The logo for Vision Zero, featuring the words "VISION" and "ZERO" stacked vertically in a bold, teal, sans-serif font. The letters have a slight 3D effect with a darker teal shadow on the right side.

**Highlights of works undertaken in 2025 in line with the Action Report are as follows:**

**Action 2** - Support the delivery of road safety improvement schemes and minor realignment schemes on national roads to create forgiving roadsides, self-explaining roads and a safe environment for vulnerable road users.

Roads Safety Improvement schemes on National Roads

- N63 Farranyhoogan – currently at design stage. Land acquisition to commence in 2026.
- N4 Edgeworthstown – Pedestrian crossing on the N4 on the railway station side of Goldsmith Roundabout. Feasibility report with TII for initial comments

**Action 4** - Implement low cost safety Schemes as identified on the Regional and Local Road Network  
Low cost safety Schemes implemented on the Regional and Local Road Network 2025

- R-194 Doherty's Cross, Esker – Improve sightlines.
- L-7009 & L-7008 Ballymakeegan – Traffic calming.
- L-1167 & L-11673 Carrowroe – Improve sightlines.
- L-1058 and L-1057 Carrickduff – Improve sightlines.
- R-393-232 Dublin Road between Golf Club and Viewmount – Driver feedback/warning signs.
- R-393 Derraghan – Driver feedback/warning signs.
- L-1010, L-1027 Cooney Cross to Corneedan – Improve sightlines
- R-393-414 Fereghfad – Resurface/remove wide shoulder

**Action 5** - Schemes will be prioritised on an annual basis from the National Cycle Network over the period 2022 to 2025 for segregated walking and cycling facilities to be constructed on the National, Local and Regional road networks in County Longford, to provide safe cycling and walking arrangements for users of all ages.

- 2025 seen the completion of the Battery Road Pedestrian and cycle scheme in Longford town which sees the creation of over 1.3km of dedicated new cycle and footpath facilities on the town.
- At Aghaduignan a new shared path footpath was completed along with new footpath link at Farnagh Hill both in Longford town
- In Granard, two projects were completed which combined, deliver a new footpath connection to Ard Scoil Phadraig on the Longford road from the Main Street of Granard at Barrack Lane.
- Works commenced on a new shared path facility at Aghafad in November 2025
- Two other projects in Longford town on the Lower Battery Road and Templemichael Bridge to the Mall are at Preliminary design stage.
- On the N63 at Farranyoogan, a new Active Travel project is at detailed design which will see construction of dedicated cycle tracks on both sides of the N63 linking from the Royal Canal to the Railway Bridge on approach into town.
- Part 8 planning was acquired for a pedestrian and cycle scheme in Ballymahon that will link from the Moigh Road Junction to St. Matthews National School and is currently at detailed design.



*Battery Road Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme*

**Action 22** Promote the Governments Road Safety Strategy and the Councils Road Safety Plan amongst Stakeholders and the Public

- Phase 2 of the Longford County Council Road Safety Action Plan 2025-2027 was prepared in consultation with the Road Safety Working Together Group. This plan aligns with the objectives of Irelands National Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030 and outlines targeted actions for implementation at national and local level. In September, the Physical Development SPC recommended the plan for consideration and adoption by the CPG and the full council. In November the CPG considered and approved the plan for consideration and adoption by the full council. At the council meeting which followed the plan was unanimously adopted by the elected members. The adoption of this plan represents Longford County Council's leadership in promoting safer roads, responsible road use and sustainable transport systems within the county.
- Review and publish the Longford Road Safety Action Plan 2025.



*Adoption of the Road Safety Action Plan 2025-2027*

**Action 40** LCC will continue to seek funding for improved active travel infrastructure

- Longford County Council acquired and fully utilised almost €3.25m in grant funding from the NTA in 2025. This comprised of continuation of existing projects underway together with new successful project grant applications in 2025.

**Action 42** Promote and support an expanded Cycle Right training programme

- LCC Cycle Right trained tutors are scheduling schools for training on an ongoing basis.
- 22 schools are booked under the 8-week Cycle Right Scheme for 2025/2026
- 6 secondary schools (342 students) participated in guided Cycle Days along the Royal Canal Greenway-incorporating safe cycling talk and input from local community gardai.

**Action 55** Support the implementation of the National Cycle Manual within Cycle Scheme design guidance aligned with the Safe System Approach and include appropriate training.

- Specialists consultants procured and appointed on 12 separate Active Travel projects to deliver designs in line with the new cycle designs manual.

**Action 56** Support the Review and recommendations on facilitating cyclists and pedestrians at junctions, including measures that do not require powered traffic signals.

- A total 5 Raised priority uncontrolled pedestrian crossings were installed and a further 7 no. raised Zebra crossings also installed at locations in Granard, Drumlish, Keenagh, Legan and Clondra.

**Action 71** Facilitate the improvement of rural bus stop facilities in line with a Safe System approach on the National Road Network in line with a safe system approach.

- 6 new bus stops installed at locations in Granard, Legan and on Battery Road Longford.
- 10 bus stops have had designs prepared and have been adopted under Section 38 of the Roads Act for construction in 2026.

**Action 133** Implement specific educational measures aimed at protecting vulnerable road users

- Longford Fire Service organized a series of open days throughout 2025 in the towns of Longford, Granard, Ballymahon, Edgeworthstown and Lanesborough, aimed at raising awareness about fire prevention, fire safety, and road safety. These events provided a valuable opportunity for the community to engage with local firefighters and gain essential knowledge on these critical topics. One of the highlights of the open days was the use of virtual reality (VR) headsets, which allowed attendees to experience immersive simulations demonstrating the devastating impacts of road traffic accidents. Firefighters conducted a practical road traffic exercise in the yard showcasing their skills and the procedures they follow during emergency situations.
- National Bike week took place in May with cycling events all over County Longford organised by Longford Sports Partnership. As part of Bike Week and the Road Safety Programme Longford County Council ran a “Road & Bike Safety Colour Poster Competition” for primary schools in the region. Fabulous colourful pictures from the students were submitted and the Road Safety Team visited schools in June with prizes and spoke of the importance of road safety and safe cycling practises.
- An Garda Síochána and multi-agency checkpoint promoting compliance, protecting road users and keeping our communities safe.
- Kids Court Road Safety Initiative- Work with Longford Community Safety Partnership and An Garda Síochána Longford to deliver up to 8 Kids Court activities in Primary Schools across Longford. Schools will be selected based on An Garda Síochána recommendations around the levels of speeding issues reported in an area/by a school. The aim of this initiative is to empower young people to have an active role in community safety in their area, to increase driver awareness of speed limits and their own driving behaviour in towns/villages near schools and for overall community awareness to help reduce speeding.



*Kids Court - St Sinneachs National School, Colehill*

**Action 137** Deliver and support road safety campaigns targeting drivers to highlight the risks faced by Vulnerable road workers

- The Lifesaver Project by An Garda Síochána is continuing which is a hard hitting Road Safety Educational Programme aimed at having a real and lasting positive influence on how people behave on the roads—Target audience is TY students
- Longford County Council provide ongoing Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) training for employees who drive council vehicles.

**Action 140** Empower local community groups to strive for safer and more liveable streets in their locality by providing them with the tools, checklists and supports necessary to be proactive participants in road safety

- A number of initiatives undertaken by different stakeholders in 2025 e.g. Road Safety Department, Community Department and An Garda Síochána in the promotion of the Road Safety Plan, and road safety campaigns to provide the local community with the tools, checklists and supports necessary to be proactive participants in Road Safety. Examples of these were engagement at the Longford Microsoft Dreamspace showcase, targeting in excess of 400 Primary School Children, Longford Community Safety and Wellbeing Expo targeting in excess of 700 TY Students, Old School New School Motor Show event and presence at numerous walking/running events throughout the county.
- Longford County Council Road Safety team attended the “Safer Roads” Road Safety Conference at the INEC, Gleneagle, Killarney on the 28 & 29 May. Over 230 delegates and officials attended from various Local Authorities and Garda Divisions across Ireland, the RSA, NTA, TII, RMO, National Ambulance Service, Fire Service, Cycling Ireland and Road Safety Advocates. The conference showcased two days filled with informative, insightful, engaging, and thought-provoking discussions and topics related to road safety. Participants had the opportunity to share ideas, learn from the experts, and explore solutions to enhance road safety for all users.
- Road Safety week ran from 6-12 October. During the week, Longford County Council hosted several road safety initiatives, including a motorcycle safety radio campaign over the October bank holiday, social media awareness campaigns, and information stands in council buildings and local libraries. In collaboration with Local GAA clubs and An Garda Síochána Longford County Council launched a GAA campaign promoting road safety specifically targeting 18-35 year olds - the demographic most affected by road traffic accidents. The campaign launch took place at Glennon Brothers Pearse Park in Longford Town with new signage carrying the hard-hitting message: "Be a team player. Think road safety. A mistake on the field could cost the game; a mistake on the road could cost you your life."



St Johns National School, Edgeworthstown

**BE A TEAM PLAYER  
THINK ROAD SAFETY**

A mistake on the field could cost you the game.  
A mistake on the road could cost you your life!

- 1 Phone Down
- 2 Slow Down
- 3 Belt Up
- 4 Never Drink or Drug Drive



**Action 176** Collaboration between the LA, TII and NTA to develop comprehensive cycle network plans covering the Longford Area

- A cycle network plan has been developed by the NTA in conjunction with Longford County Council for both Longford town and the Longford County. A new Local transport plan has also been created by Longford County Council for Longford Town which also identifies the cycle network.

**Action 177** Roll out of the Safe Routes to Schools Programme and provide “front of school” treatments to those schools agreed with the NTA and An Taisce

-2 Schools 2022

-2 schools 2023

-2 schools 2024

- In 2025 works were completed at St. Teresa’s National School Clontumpher and at Scoil Mhuire Clondra under the Safe Routes to School programme. At the end of 2025 a further 3 schools were announced under the programme bringing to 9 the number of schools that have been completed/being worked on.
- Outside of the programme a further 5 schools have had school zone enhancement works carried out in 2025 at Drumlish, Melview, Lanesborough, Keenagh and Legan, all funded through the NTA Active Travel programme.



*Safe Routes to School – Scoil Mhuire Clondra*