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Maynooth Transport Strategy – Phase 1 Consultation

Consultation Summary Document



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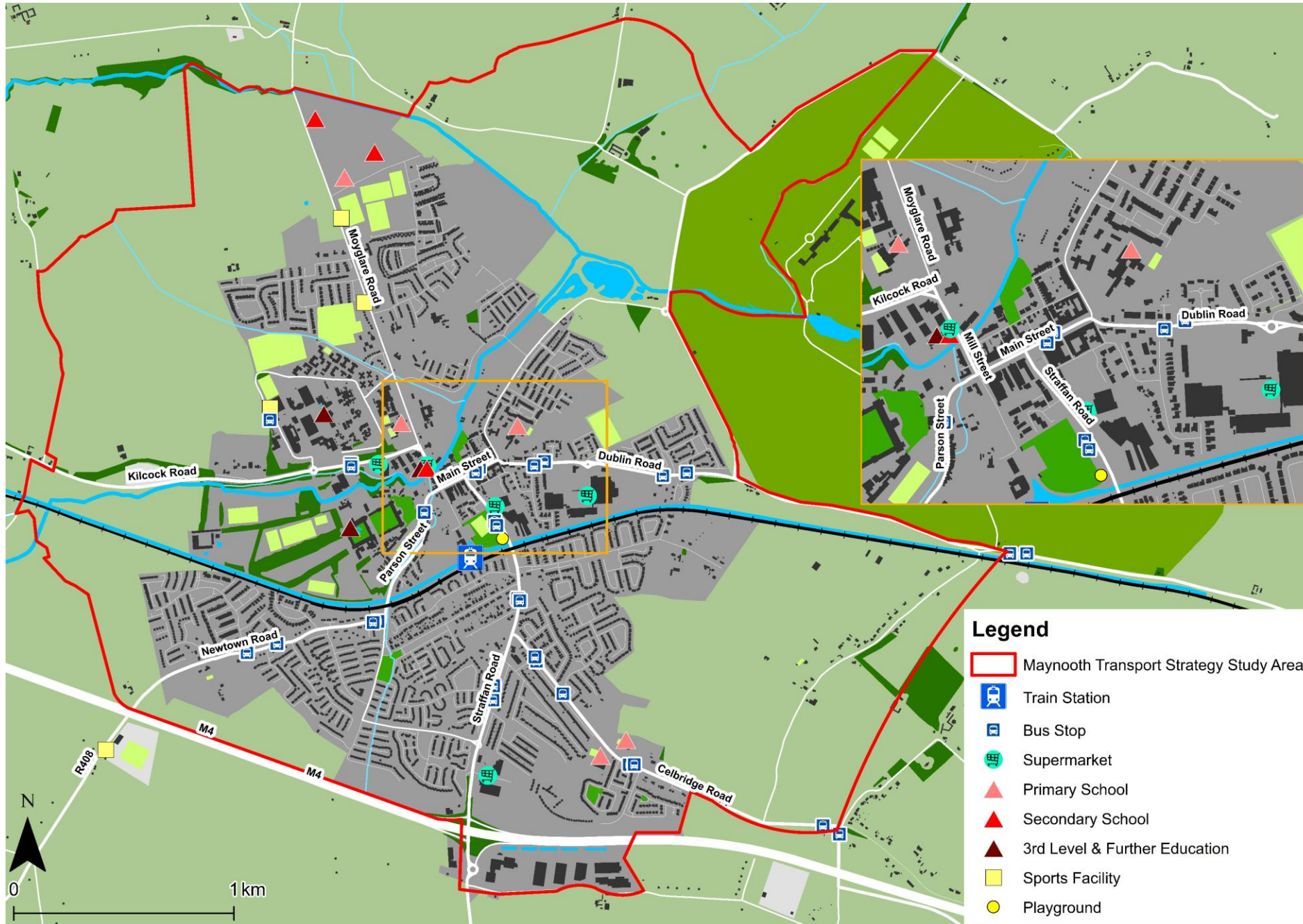
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- A transport strategy is being developed which will propose measures to improve walking, cycling, public transport, roads and parking in Maynooth and its environs
- The strategy will place particular focus on improving conditions for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users
- Measures from the transport strategy will be incorporated into the new Local Area Plan for Maynooth and its environs
- This document presents information based on Census 2016 to give an indication of the existing transport situation in the Maynooth. When developing the transport strategy, 2021 data will be used which is currently being collected.

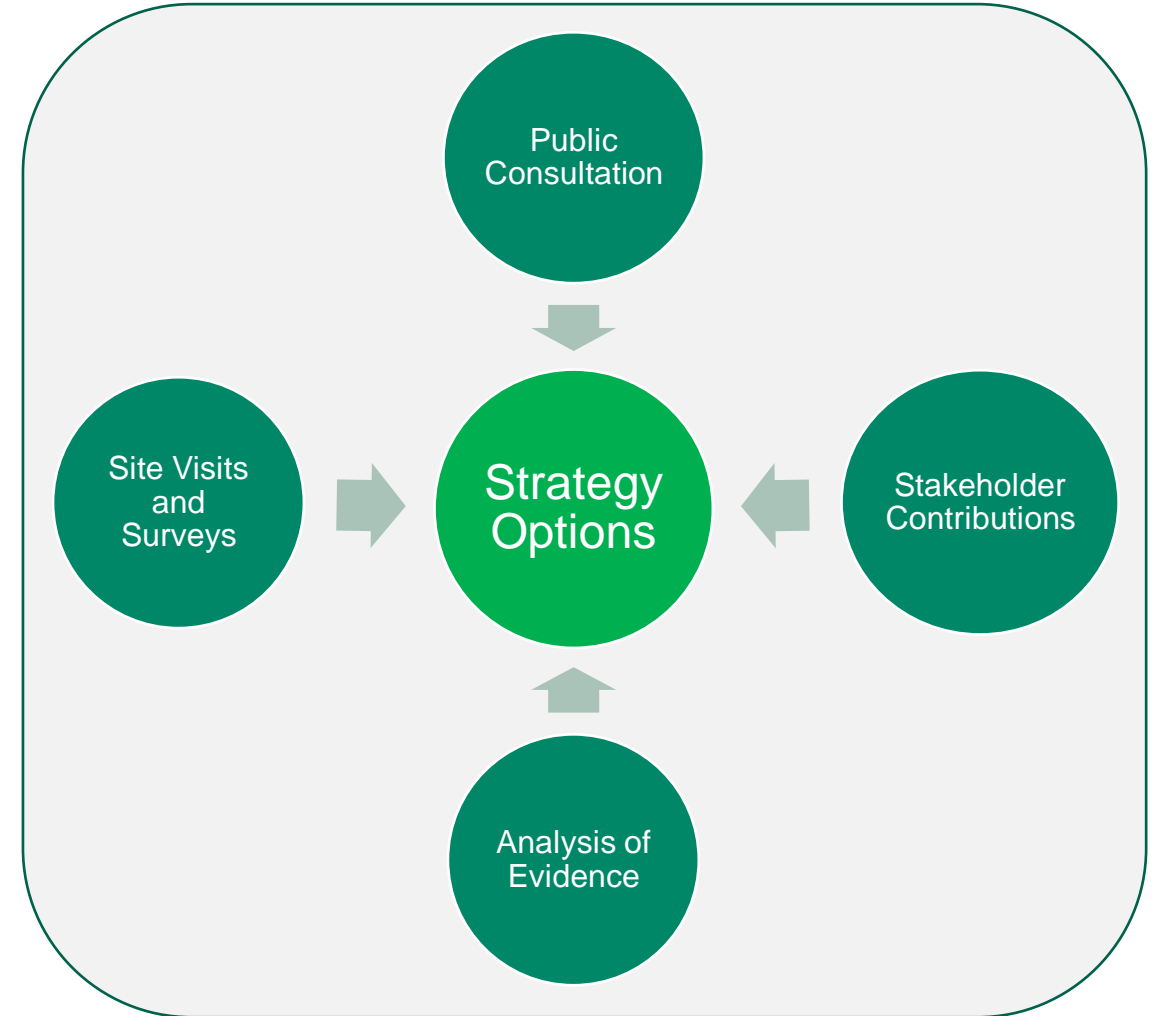


Transport Strategy Study Area



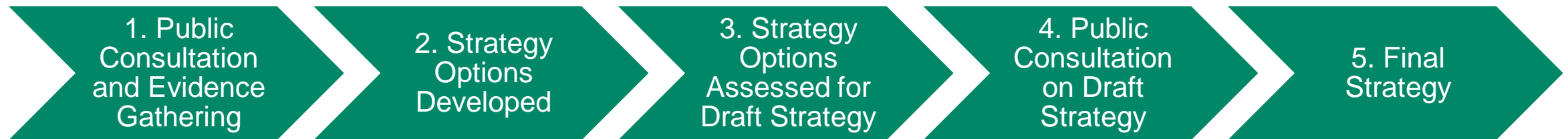
Purpose of Phase 1 Consultation Process

- This consultation process seeks to gather views on existing transport issues and ideas for improvements
- A survey of residents, visitors to Maynooth and organisations will start on 6th October
- Workshops are being held with Councillors, state agencies, schools and the university
- Information gathered during consultation will feed into the development of strategy options



Next Stages in Strategy Development

- This initial phase of consultation is taking place at an early stage in strategy development to inform the creation of options
- The views collected will be considered during the assessment of options to create the draft transport strategy
- In several months, there will be another stage of public consultation to consider the draft transport strategy and receive feedback on proposed measures





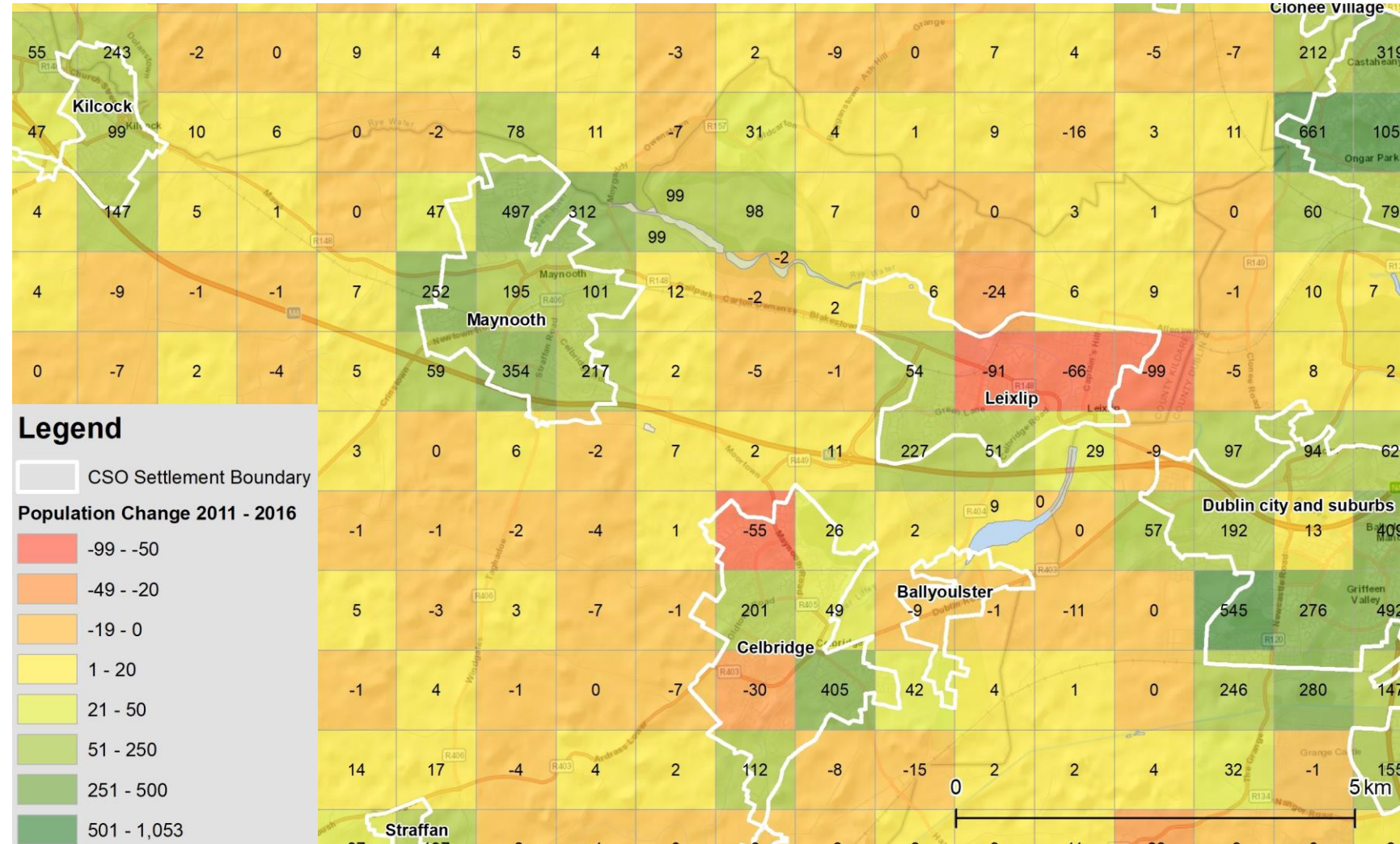
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Key Population and Transport Statistics in Maynooth

Population Growth in Maynooth

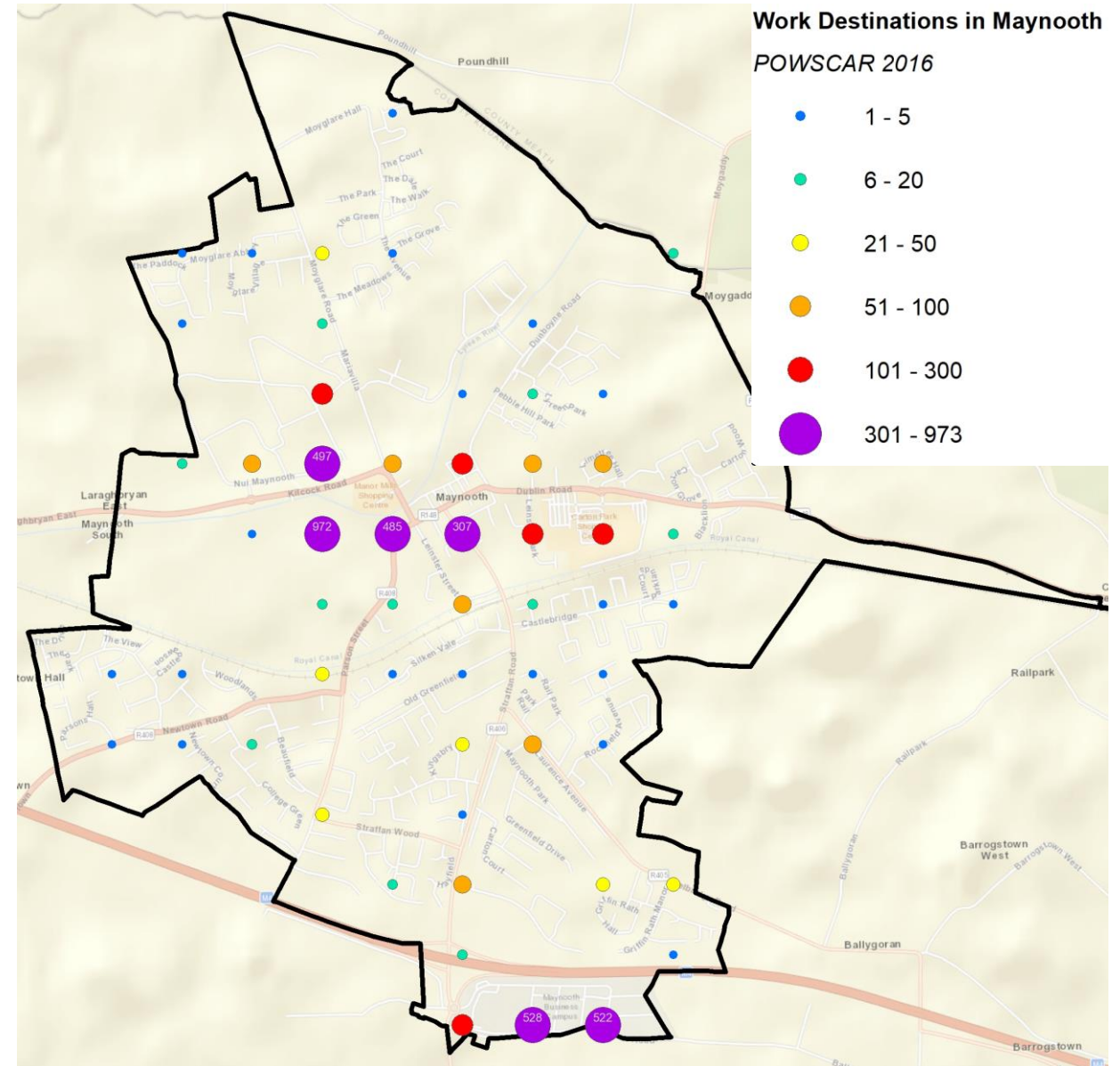
- Significant growth in population between 2011 and 2016 Census
- Substantial population increase expected in the 2016-2021 period



Map Description: Population Change for each Square Kilometre in 2011-2016

Location of Jobs in Maynooth

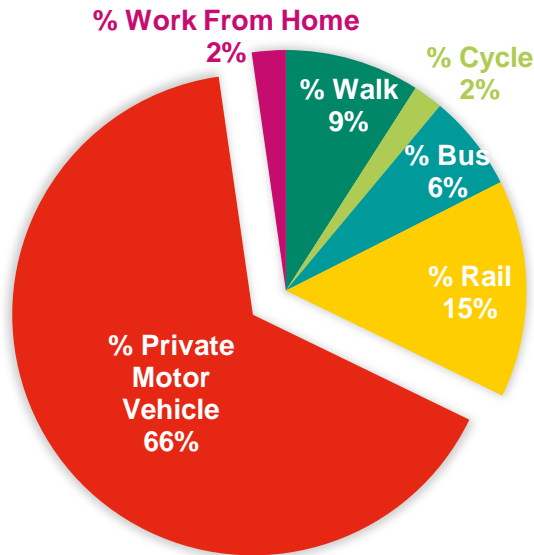
- Key local job destinations are the university, town centre and Maynooth Business Campus
- The suburbs of Maynooth are primarily residential with fewer nearby jobs
- The university and the town centre have the potential to attract a large number of walking and cycling trips if transport infrastructure is improved



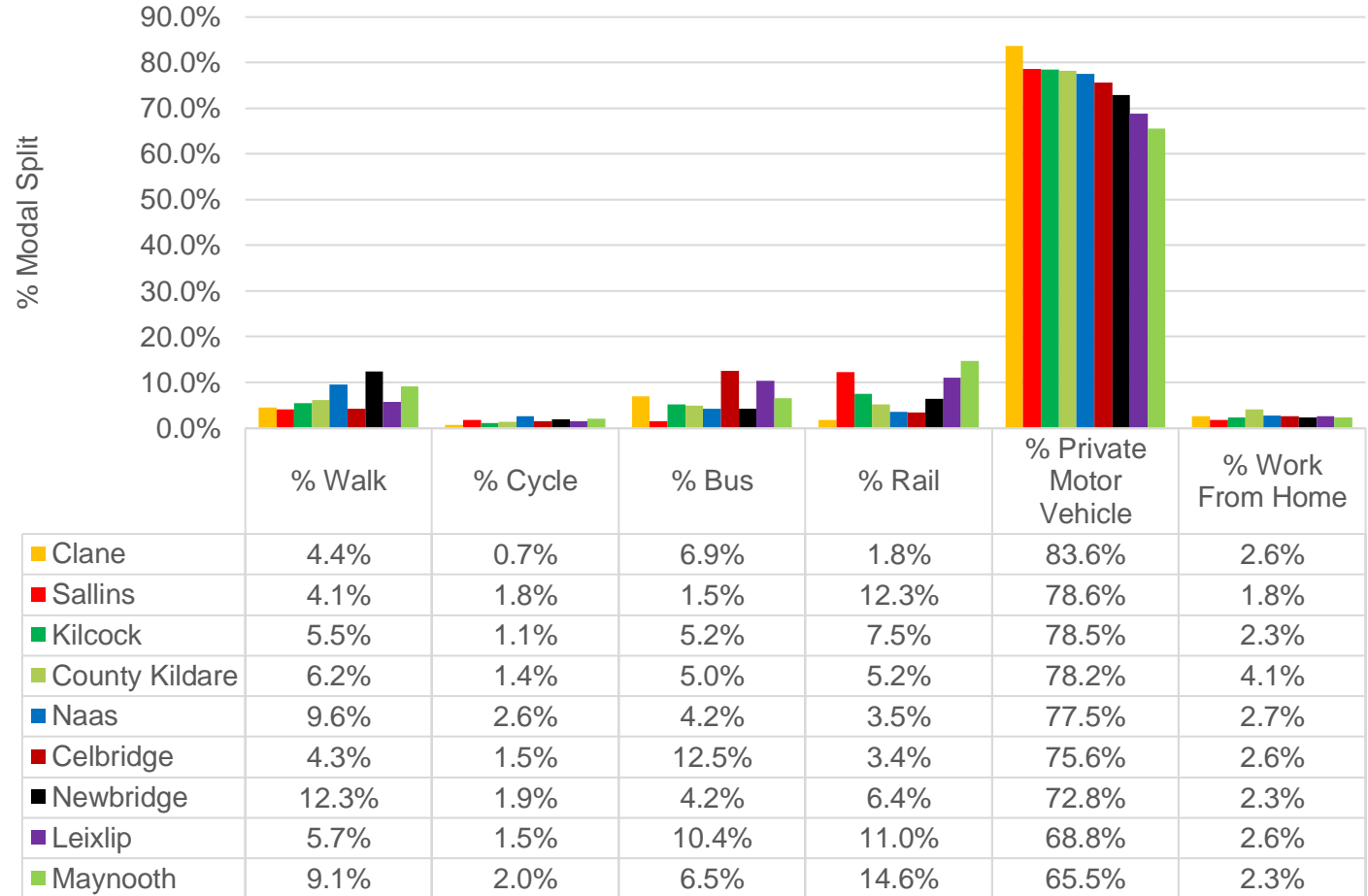
Map Description: Location of Jobs in Maynooth (2016 Census)

Modal Split – Work Trips (2016)

- 66% of residents drive to work
- Level of car use for work trips is high considering access to good quality rail and bus alternatives
- Strategy will encourage use of public transport and walking/cycling



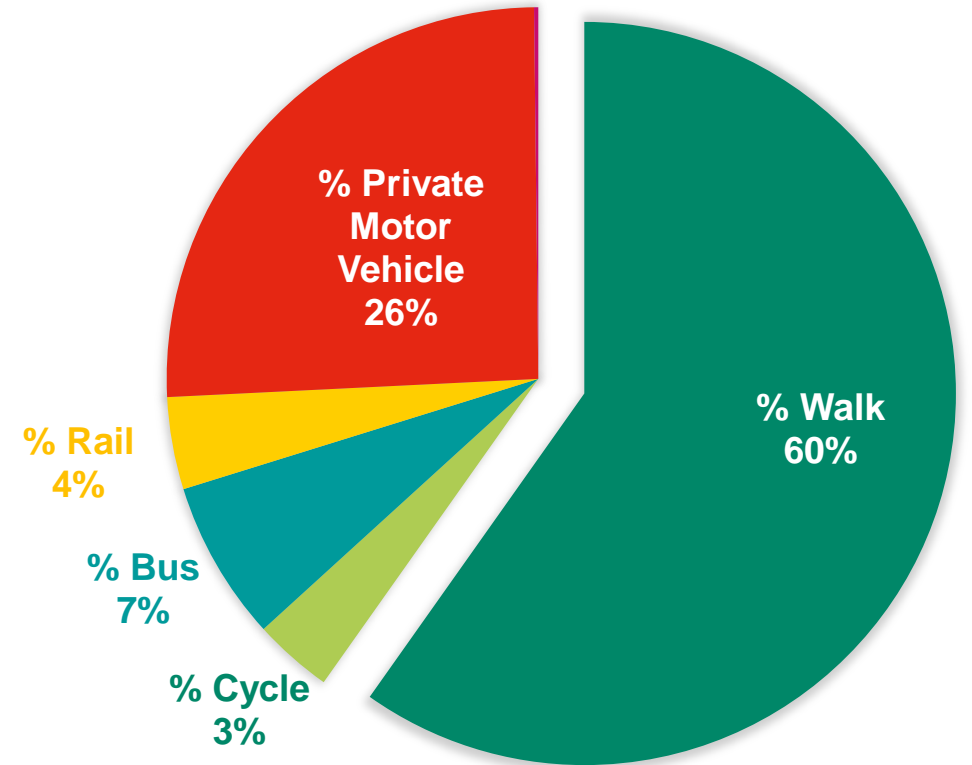
Graph Description: Mode of Travel Used by Maynooth Residents to Travel to Work (2016 Census)



Graph Description: Mode of Travel Used by Maynooth Residents to Travel to Work – Compared to Other Towns in Kildare (2016 Census)

Modal Split – Education Trips (2016)

- 26% of education trips (school and college combined) take place by car but this percentage is higher for primary school trips
- New schools in the north of the town, constructed since the 2016 Census, may reduce walking trips due to longer distances



Graph Description: Mode of Travel Used by Maynooth Residents to Travel to School and College (2016 Census)



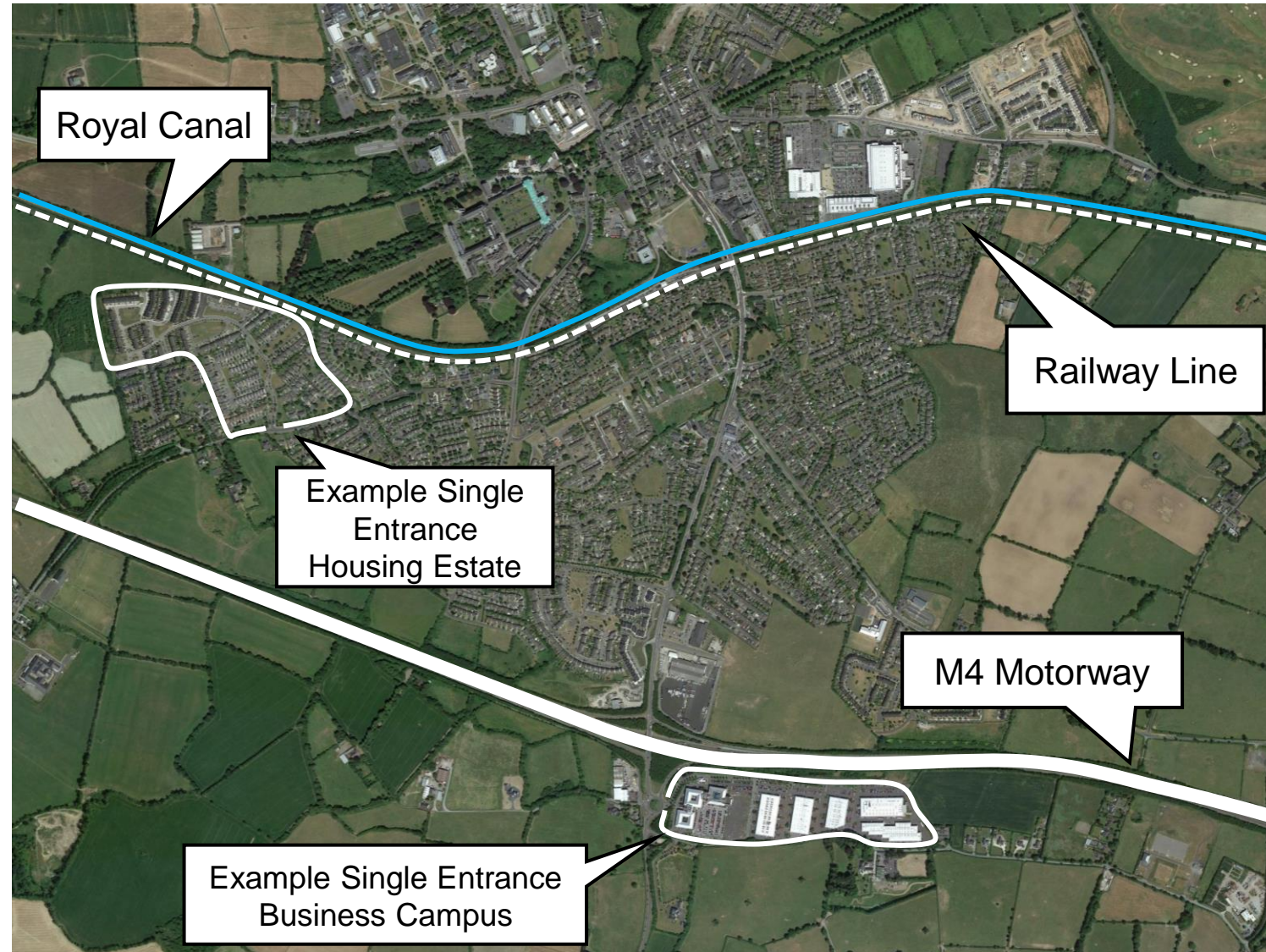
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A Brief Overview of Several Transport Issues in Maynooth

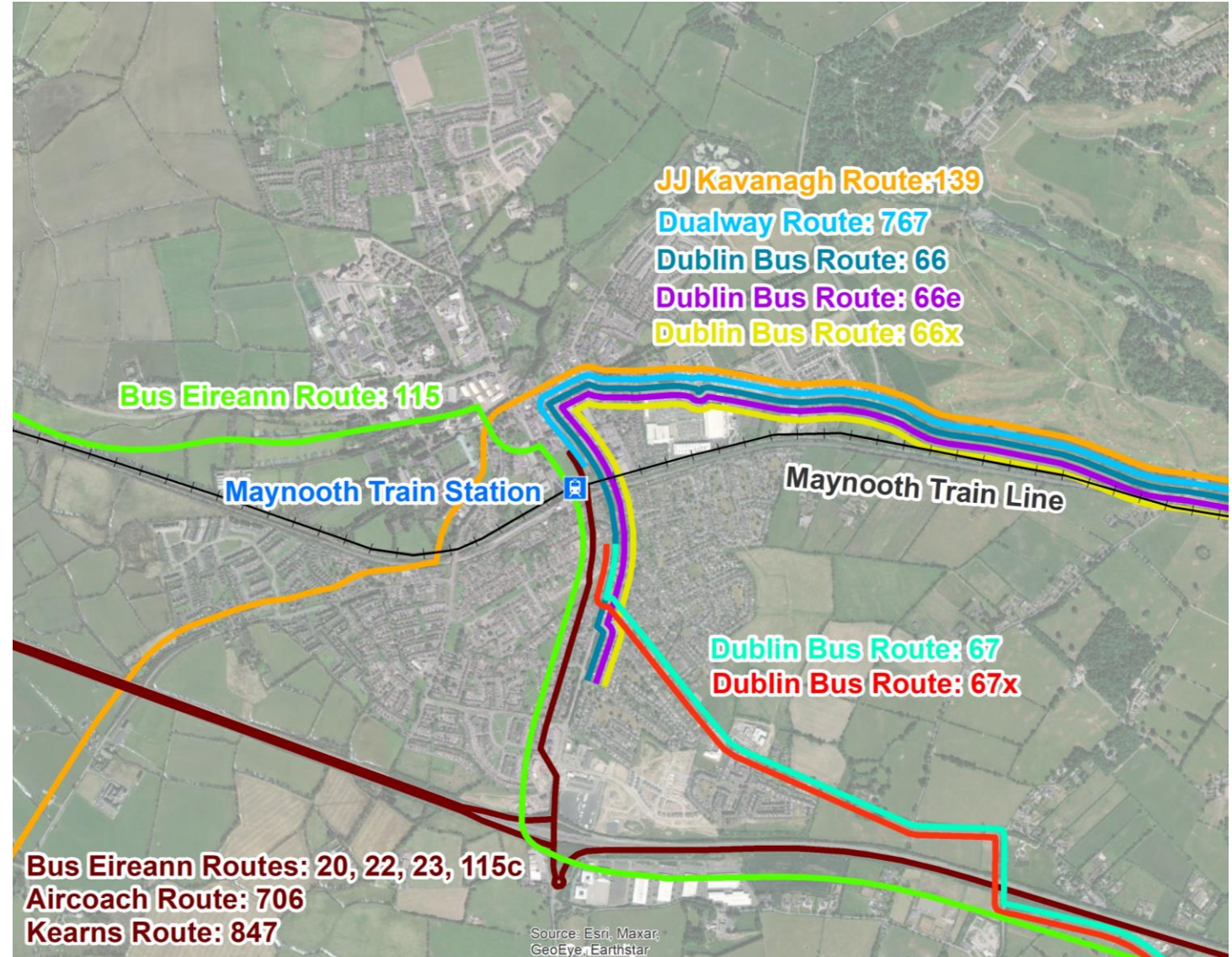
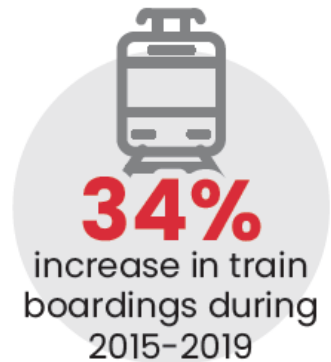
Walking and Cycling Barriers

- Shorter distance trips encourage the use of walking and cycling
- Linear barriers (e.g. canal, railway, motorway) can result in longer journeys which encourage car use
- Single entrance developments can make it hard to travel between nearby areas, causing longer indirect walking and cycling trips
- The strategy will seek to make it easier and quicker to walk and cycle to destinations



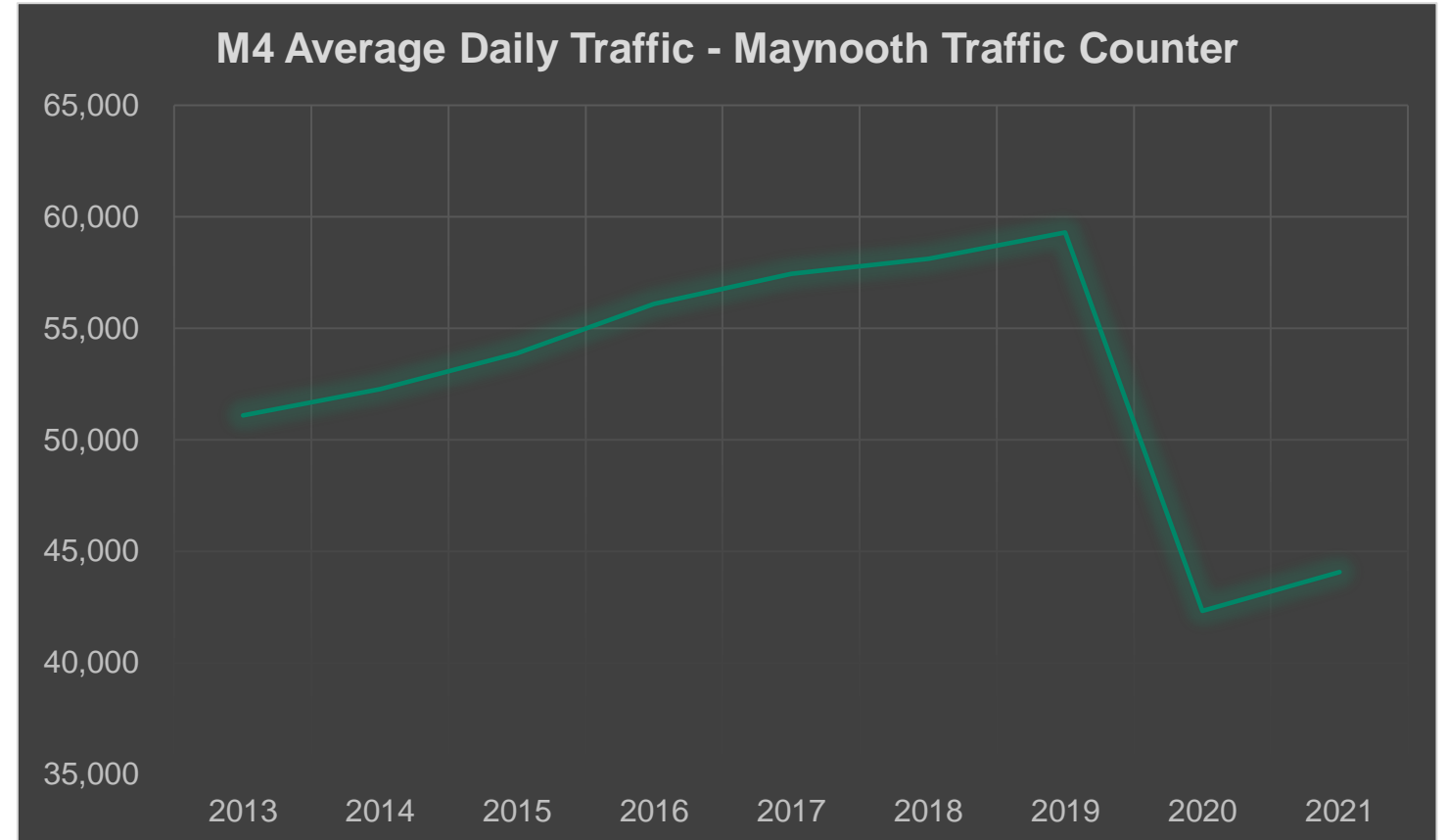
Public Transport

- Maynooth has a train station with regular services
- Significant growth in rail use at Maynooth station since 2015
- Maynooth is served by many bus routes but there is poor coverage in northern areas
- BusConnects will improve bus access in northern Maynooth with a new orbital bus route



Traffic Levels

- Prior to Covid-19, traffic was growing steadily on the M4
- While greater amounts of remote working may reduce traffic levels in the future, managing congestion will remain an issue
- The road strategy will seek to facilitate population growth, while managing traffic in the town centre to support travel by active modes and buses



Steady growth in traffic volumes 2013-2019

Impact of Covid 2020-2021



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Public Consultation – How to Contribute to the Transport Strategy

Information on Phase 1 Consultation Process

The Phase 1 Public Consultation Process is taking place from Wednesday 6th October to Wednesday 17th November 2021

An online survey will gather views from the public on transport issues in Maynooth

Numerous stakeholders will also be contacted as part of the consultation, including schools and state agencies

A workshop will take place with Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Councillors

- Kildare County Council wishes to invite feedback from members of the public on transport issues in Maynooth, and its environs, to inform the development of a transport strategy

Link to the Consultation Survey

- An online survey will run between **Wednesday 6th October and Wednesday 17th November 2021** on the Kildare County Council's Public Consultation Portal

Link: <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/surveys>

- Submissions or observations can also be made in writing to:

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