



New Galway bus network

Realignment of new route 44 in Rahoon

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Galway City Council carried out a public consultation during November and December 2025 on proposals for a bus gate in Ragoon. It would allow buses on new route 44 (formerly known as route 3) to travel between Bun a Chnoic and Cnoc an Óir. The results are published at [Proposed Bus Gate – Bun a Chnoic / Cnoc an Óir | Galway City Council](#). There were 67 responses of which 51 opposed the bus gate. However, 56 responses supported improved bus services, in principle. There were suggestions for alternative alignments. **Following the consultation, the bus gate proposal has been dropped, so a new bus route alignment is needed. Five options were considered and one has now been selected.**

Firstly, there were two suggestions which involved **new road infrastructure**: (i) running via an extension of Bóthar Diarmuida and the Letteragh Road; or (ii) running via a new road to the north of Bun a Chnoic. The approximate locations are shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Bóthar Diarmuida extension or new road north of Bun a Chnoic

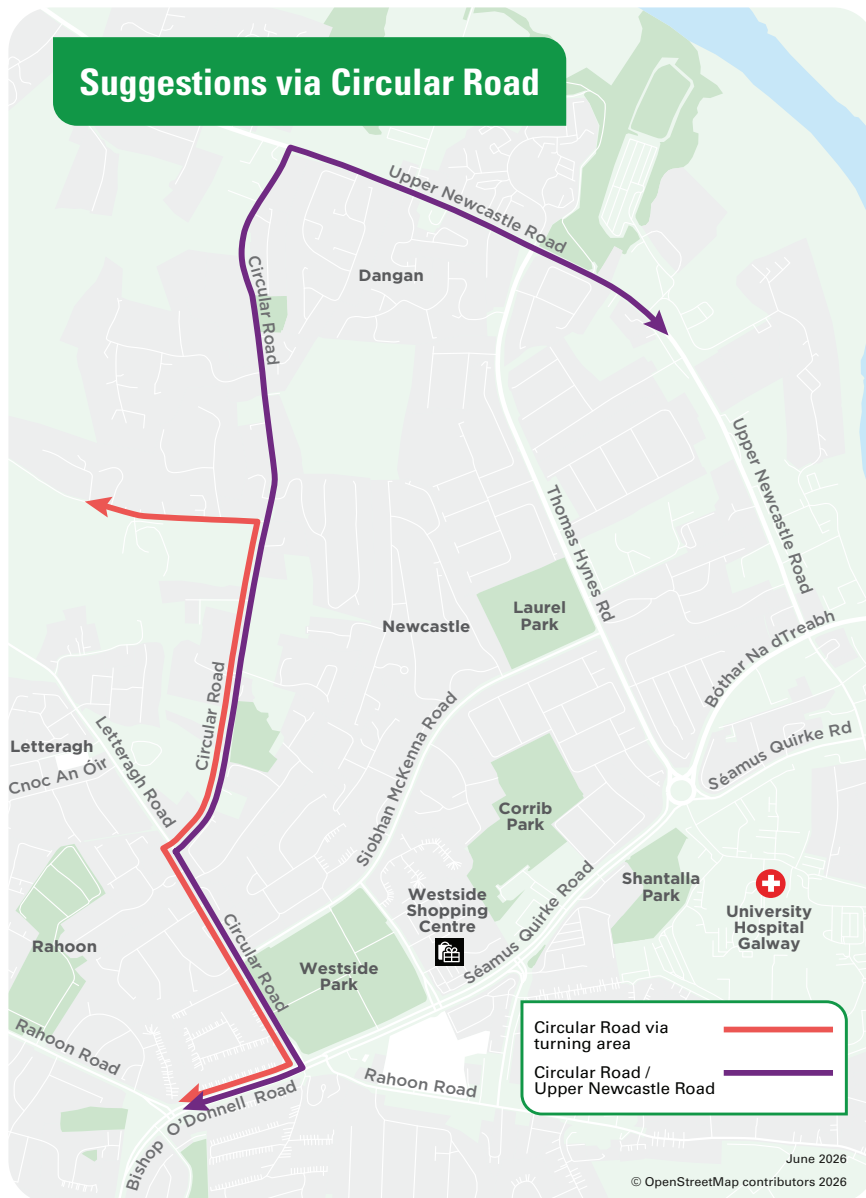
(for indicative purposes only; recent local construction at An Tobar not shown in this image)



Both would bring some additional accessibility. However, they rely on as-yet unbuilt infrastructure. Also, the red and purple dashed alignment is longer than the original proposal and would incur ongoing extra bus operating costs. Therefore, neither of these suggestions has been adopted.

Secondly, two options for the upper part of **Circular Road** were suggested, serving existing homes and potential new development: (i) via Circular Road and the Upper Newcastle Road, to rejoin the planned alignment at Séamus Quirke Road; or (ii) via Circular Road to a bus turning area in a new development, then returning via Circular Road again to rejoin the planned alignment at Westside Park.

Figure 2: Circular Road via turning area and Circular Road / Upper Newcastle Road
(for indicative purposes only)



A bus service for the upper part of Circular Road was previously considered but not adopted during public consultation on the new network in 2023. It is narrow in parts, with a risk of delays to buses affecting passengers throughout the service. These concerns remain. Additionally, both alignments would be a long diversion for through passengers, and one of them relies on future infrastructure (a turning circle). The Circular Road suggestions have therefore not been adopted as part of route 44. The requests for improved public transport are noted for consideration as and when future opportunities arise.

The remaining option is to run via Bishop O'Donnell Road and Ragoon Road as shown Figure 3. This has been selected.

Figure 3:
the selected
route 44
realignment

