

## TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> & SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026**

Dear Resident,

To facilitate the staging of the fourteenth edition of **Lough Cutra Castle Triathlon**, taking place at Lough Cutra Castle on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 a number of temporary road closures will be in place. This triathlon event hosted by Lough Cutra Castle is produced and delivered by Matrix Events as part of the prestigious Castle Race Series.

Participants will swim a variety of distances in the lake at Lough Cutra, before cycling on the public roads on one of a 12K, 20K, 40K or 96K circuit. Competitors then finish with a run around the Lough Cutra Castle Estate. It is expected that up to 2,000 athletes will compete at the Castle across the weekend.

In order to safely deliver the weekend of racing, a temporary closure will be in place on a **3km** section of the **R458 directly outside the main entrance of Lough Cutra Castle** (see map below). The section of road will be closed to the public as follows: **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May & Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May - 8.00am – 5.30pm. *There will be access for residents on this route throughout the day, windscreen placards will be provided to be displayed on residents' cars.***

From the north vehicles will be diverted off the R458 (Old Limerick Rd) right onto the L8508 for 1km before turning left on the L4514 (Tubber Rd). After 4km on this road and after crossing over the M18 vehicles, either heading to the event or heading in the direction of Tulla (R462) or Scarrif (R461) will then turn left onto the L4513 and head south into Shanaglish. Those vehicles heading further south towards Crusheen on the R458 will be directed straight on at this point to avoid Shanaglish in its entirety.

Vehicles will pass through Shanaglish, pick up the designated one way system turning left in the middle of the village onto the road with the GAA club on it until they re-emerge onto the R458 (old Limerick Rd) at Marcus Motors. Here vehicles continue straight on to the Lough Cutra Estate for the event or turn right and head south on the R458 to pick up the left hand turns to either Scarrif (R461) or Tulla (R462).

If approaching the road closure from the south along the R458 traffic will be diverted at Keans Cross and follow the one-way system to the event on the L4513 via the village of Shenaglish and/ or the diversion route if heading further north to Gort from that point.

If approaching from the east down the R461 or R462 traffic will be diverted initially to the south on the R458 to Keans Cross and then follow the one way system to the event on the L4513 via Shanaglish and/ or the diversion route if heading further north to Gort from that point.

In addition, on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** cyclists will turn left out of the castle and turn left again to head south on the N18 for 2K before turning left onto the R461 for 2K. A sharp ascent precedes a further left hand turn down Lough Cutra drive towards the small hamlet called Killafeen. At Ballardiggan cyclists turn left onto the R353. After 4K they turn left onto the N66 and continue for a further 2K into Gort itself. Cyclists will then head south along the N18 and enter the closed road section of the R458 that brings them to the main gates of the castle. In discussion with the local Garda and the Galway Highways Authority the roads will **NOT** be closed but there will be a **4km section on the Lough Cutra Drive** that will be made **one way**. There will be a large number of marshals out on the roads and garda support at the key junctions. We ask residents who are using vehicles to exercise extra caution between **9.00am and 1.00pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** on this route as there will be a significant number of cyclists using the designated roads between these times.

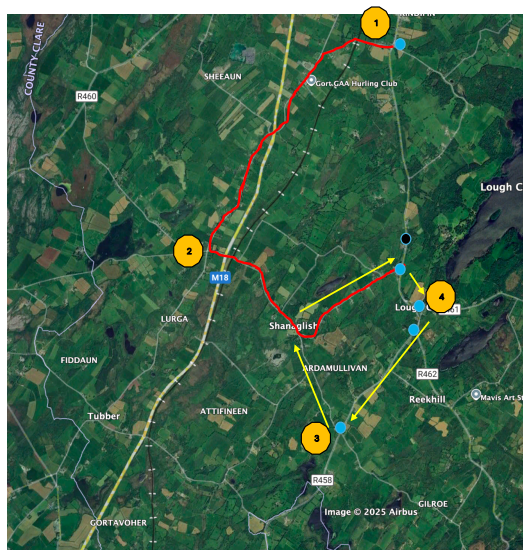
We are committed to the safety of competitors, marshals, residents and the general public and have made a very strong point in all our communication to competitors that they adhere to the Road Traffic Act at all times and be courteous and respectful to other road users. The cycle route will be clearly signposted, marshaled and have a first aid presence.

For further information or questions please contact myself, Brian Adcock, Managing Director of the Castle Race Series on 0044 1892 870681, the Operations Manager, Padraic Benson, on 086 2581382 or Gerry Finnerty, your local councilor on 087 2674295.

Yours sincerely

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R458 (Old Limerick Rd) Closure, Diversion Routes and One Way System:



Key	
	Published Diversion Route
	Garda Positions
	Temporary One Way System
	Car Park Exit Marshal

Lough Cutra Drive One Way System and Diversion Routes:

