



PUBLIC NOTICE

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000, AS AMENDED,

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001, AS AMENDED

ARTICLE 81 OF PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

REGULATIONS 2001, AS AMENDED

Pursuant to the requirements of Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, Cork City Council hereby gives notice that it intends to carry out the following development:

Mary Street, Douglas Street and White Street Public Realm Enhancement Scheme

The proposed development will comprise the following elements:

- Upgrading & widening of footpaths including the introduction of controlled and uncontrolled pedestrian crossing points throughout the scheme;
- Realignment of the junction between Friar St. & Evergreen St. to provide traffic calming measures and provide controlled and uncontrolled pedestrian crossing points;
- Realignment of the junction between Evergreen St. & Abbey St. to provide traffic calming measures and provide controlled and uncontrolled pedestrian crossing points;
- Conversion of Abbey St. into a shared surface two-way cul de sac street, incorporating removable barriers at the junction between Abbey St. and Mary St. allowing emergency vehicle access through to Douglas St. from Abbey St.;
- Introduction of a landscaping area that maintains pedestrian stairway access between Abbey St. and the southern end of Travers St.;
- Creating a cul de sac street on the northern section of Travers St.;
- Creation of a shared active travel facility on Douglas St. between the junctions with Mary St. and Dunbar St. with emergency vehicle access only;
- Conversion of Douglas St. into a one-way east bound street between the junctions of Dunbar St. and Rutland St.;
- Introduction of a small city park on the eastern end of Douglas St. and removing vehicle access to and from Douglas St. from the junction with Langford Row;
- Converting the existing signalised junction between Langford Row and Douglas St. into a protected junction with protected cycle facilities;
- Conversion of Douglas St. into a shared surface two-way cul de sac street, between the junction with Rutland St. and the new city park;
- Conversion of Meade St. into a one-way south bound street;
- Conversion of Drinan St. into a one-way north bound street;
- Conversion of Cove St. into a one-way east bound street between the junctions with Meade St. and Drinan St.;
- Conversion of Cove St. into a one-way west bound street between the junctions with Mary St. and Goulds Sq.;
- Upgrade of Red Abbey Sq. including traffic calming along Red Abbey St., the removal of railings around Red Abbey Tower and introduction of enhanced landscaping and lighting measures;
- Conversion of White St. to a one-way south bound street;
- Provision of contraflow cycle facilities to allow two-way cycle access along one-way streets for portions of Cove St., Mary St., Red Abbey St., Dunbar St. and Douglas St.;
- Introduction of raised tables and crossing points at street junctions through-out the scheme;
- Introduction of landscaping measures including trees, planter beds and Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) measures through-out the scheme;
- Introduction of seating elements through-out the scheme;
- Introduction of bike parking through-out the scheme;
- Introduction of TFI shared bike scheme on Abbey St.;
- Introduction of community shared bin storage on Abbey St. & Dunbar St.;
- Undergrounding of all overhead cables through-out the scheme;
- Introduction of enhanced lighting through-out the scheme.

The development has been the subject of a Screening for Appropriate Assessment in accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Article 250(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended. The Screening for Appropriate Assessment concluded that the proposed development would not be likely to give rise to significant or indeterminate impacts on any Natura 2000 site.

In accordance with Article 120(1)(a) the Planning Authority has carried out a preliminary examination of the nature, size and location of the proposed development, and has concluded that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development, and an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required. Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available to view by visiting <https://consult.corkcity.ie/en>

Alternatively, the plans and particulars will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during public opening hours, from 9.30 am - 4.30 pm Monday to Friday for a period of 8 weeks – **12 June 2025 to 7 August 2025 (inclusive, but excluding bank holidays)**, at the Reception Desk, Cork City Council, City Hall, Cork, T12 T997.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development will be situated, may be made:

using the online submission portal <https://consult.corkcity.ie/en> or

in writing and addressed to: Senior Engineer, Infrastructure Department, City Hall, Cork City, T12 T997. The envelope should be clearly marked '**Mary Street, Douglas Street and White Street Public Realm Enhancement Scheme**'

All submissions must be made no later than 4.00 pm on 25/08/2025. Any person may, within 4 weeks from the date of this notice, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

Date 12th June 2025

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Chief Executive

Cork City Council