



Fógra Poiblí de réir Acht Um Thrácht ar Bhóithre 1994 (Alt 38) leasaithe ag an Acht Um Rialáil Iompair Phoiblí 2009 (Alt 46)

Public Notice in Compliance with the Road Traffic Act 1994 (Section 38) as amended by the Public Transportation Regulation Act, 2009 (Section 46)

Oliver Plunkett Street and Connected Streets Pedestrianisation

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, as amended by the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009 (Section 46), Cork City Council proposes to introduce traffic calming measures to restrict vehicular access to Oliver Plunkett Street and connected streets.

Background

Cork City Council is continuing to implement a programme of measures to support the local economy and to support both residents and the public in living and working in the city centre and town centres while we all learn to live with this Pandemic and as Government direction allows in response to the various levels of the Resilience and Recovery 2020-2021: Plan for Living with COVID-19. The contagious virus is a constant which means that while public health recommendations such as social distancing, respiratory hygiene and hand washing will be more important than ever, action in the city is being undertaken on an ongoing basis by the Council to facilitate these changes.

In cities across Europe there is emerging evidence of the reallocation of additional road space to walking and cycling in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic is increasingly being pursued as the best available option to safely facilitate the movement of a considerable volume of people to work, education and amenities. While this approach protects health and well - being, all interventions will need to be fully considered across all stakeholder interest groups.

The temporary changes to the layout of streets implemented earlier this year in order to maintain adequate separation space for public health social distancing requirements continue to be important in the Plan for Living with COVID-19. Cork City Council now propose to implement some of these changes on a more permanent basis, one of which is outlined below.

Consultation:

Submissions are invited from the public, stakeholders and interested parties on the proposed introduction of traffic calming measures to restrict vehicular access to Oliver Plunkett Street and connected streets. Details of the proposals are available to view by visiting <https://consult.corkcity.ie> . Alternatively, they will be made available for inspection by appointment at Reception Desk, Cork City Council, City Hall, Cork on working days from Friday 25th of Sept 2020 to Monday 2nd of November, 2020 from 9am to 4.30pm. Please phone 021-4924000 in advance to arrange an appointment.

Representations in relation to the proposals, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made;

- In writing to Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic Operations, Room 339, City Hall, Cork. It should be clearly marked "Enhanced Pedestrianisation of Selected City Streets Section 38" or
- electronically <https://consult.corkcity.ie>

Closing date for receipt of submissions is on or before 5.00 p.m. on Monday 2nd of November 2020. All comments, including names and addresses of those making submissions and observations, submitted to Cork City Council in regard to this scheme, will form part of the statutorily required report to be presented at the monthly meeting of Cork City Council. Accordingly, they will be included in the minutes of that meeting and may appear in the public domain. Cork City Council will retain data for no longer than is necessary and in accordance with the Council's Data Protection Policy and Privacy Statement (available to view on www.corkcity.ie) and relevant Data Protection legislation. Cork City Council is bound by the Freedom of Information Act 2014, and the Environmental Information Regulations, so the release of information to the public is also governed by such legislation. Disclosure of information will be dependent on exemptions and the public interest test.

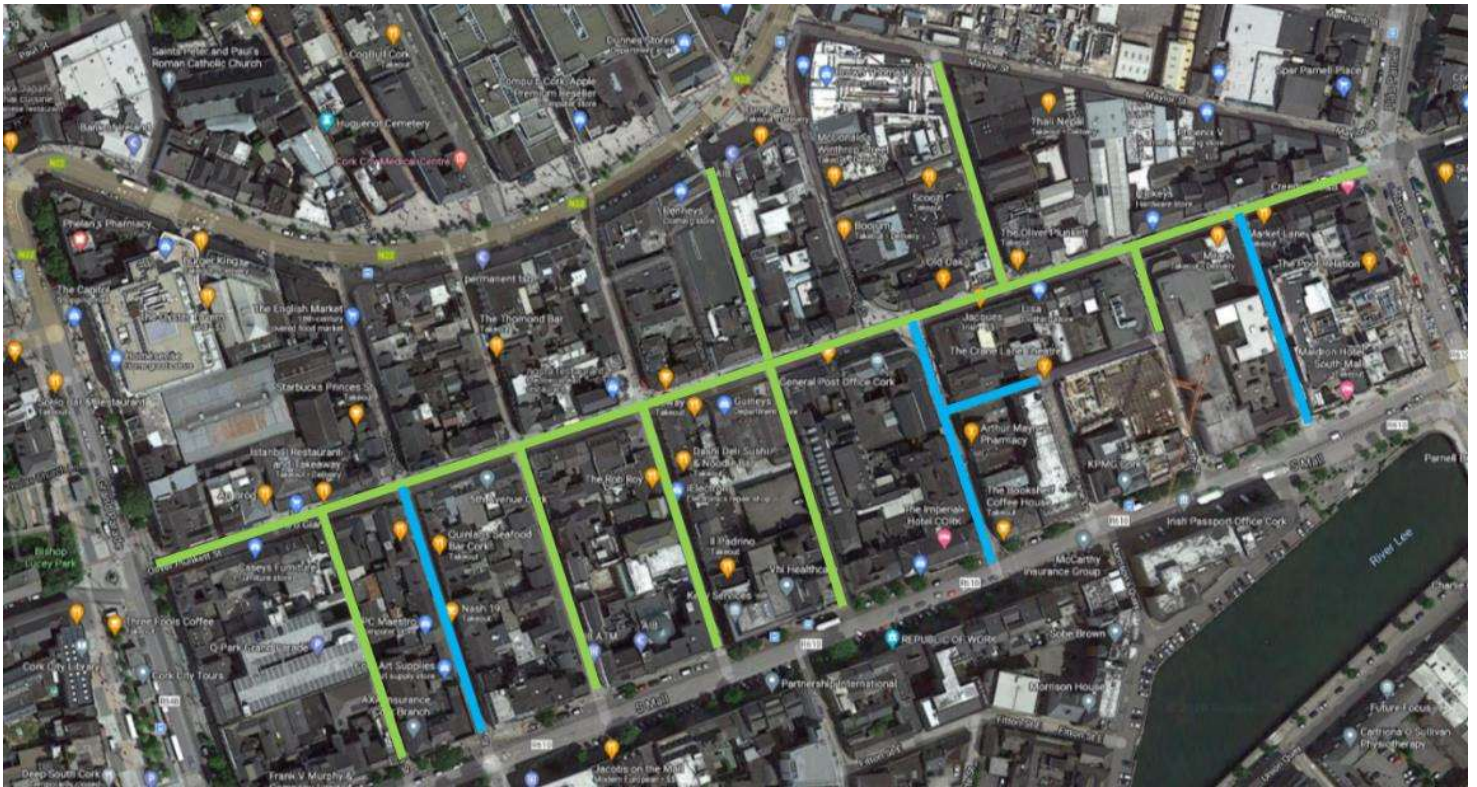
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In order to facilitate improved pedestrian movement and to enhance social distancing during the Covid-19 pandemic, Cork City Council proposes to close Oliver Plunkett Street and the following connected streets for the times as proposed,

- Oliver Plunkett Street from 11am to 2am, 7 days a week,
- Grafton Street, from 11am to 2am, 7 days a week,
- Marlboro Street South, from 11am to 2am, 7 days a week,
- Cook Street South, from 11am to 2am, 7 days a week,
- Robert Street, from 11am to 2am, 7 days a week,
- Morgan Street, from 11am to 2am, 7 days a week,
- Caroline Street, from 11am to 2am, 7 days a week,
- Smith Street, from 11am to 2am, 7 days a week, from its junction with Oliver Plunkett Street to its junction with Phoenix Street,
- Pembroke Street, from 9.30 am to 2am, 7 days a week,
- Phoenix Street, from 9.30 am to 2am, 7 days a week, from its junction with Pembroke Street to its junction with Crane Lane,
- Beasley Street, from 9.30 am to 2am, 7 days a week,
- Princes Street South, 9.30 am to 2am, 7 days a week.

Oliver Plunkett Street and the surrounding connected streets are a destination for retail, al-fresco dining and nightlife in the city centre. Many of these streets already have timing restrictions on access for vehicular traffic. This scheme will expand these times facilitating a safer and more pleasant environment for pedestrians and cyclists for longer periods on these streets.

Oliver Plunkett Street, Grafton Street, Marlboro Street South, Cook Street South, Robert Street, Morgan Street, Caroline Street and part of Smith Street will be closed to vehicular traffic between 11am to 2am, 7 days a week. Pembroke Street, part of Phoenix Street, Beasley Street, and Princes Street South, will be closed to vehicular traffic between 9.30 am to 2am, 7 days a week. These streets will close at the earlier time of 9.30am to facilitate early morning dining on these streets. Princes Street South and Pembroke Street have been temporarily closed over the last few months and as part of that temporary closure, parking was removed, and the disabled bays were relocated to South Mall. This arrangement will continue under this proposal. Automatic bollards are already in-situ to facilitate closures in the area and the timings on these will be modified to match the proposed scheme. Some additional automatic bollards may be installed to give effect to the changes. Access for emergency services will be retained. The current speed limit on all the affected streets is 30 km/h.



11am – 2am █

9.30am – 2am █

Figure 1: Over view of Oliver Plunkett Street and Connected Streets Pedestrianisation (source Google Maps)