



**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)**

**The Marina 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 The Marina, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, from its junction with the northern entrance of Páirc Uí Chaoimh to its junction with Church Avenue.

**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 The Marina. Submissions on the proposal may be made via this online consultation portal <https://consult.corkcity.ie/>. Alternatively, the documents will be made available for inspection by appointment at Reception Desk, Cork City Council, City Hall, Cork on working days from Friday 25th of September, 2020 to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 via <https://consult.corkcity.ie>

Closing date for receipt of submissions is on or before 5.00 p.m. on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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.

## The Marina Pedestrianisation

In order to facilitate improved pedestrian movement and to enhance social distancing during the Covid-19 pandemic, Cork City Council proposes to close a section of The Marina from its junction with the northern entrance of Páirc Uí Chaoimh to its junction with Church Avenue, to vehicular traffic 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Marina forms part of the Cork Harbour Greenway and experiences high pedestrian and cycling volumes. It is very popular as a recreational area and is used by a number of local boat clubs who have facilities in the area. The Marina links to Blackrock village where there is a pedestrian plaza area and a number of food outlets. The closure will create a large pedestrian zone right on the banks of the River Lee and will complement the development of Marina Park which is currently under construction and also enhance the overall amenity value of the South Docklands area.

This section of the Marina has been temporarily closed over the last few months. Initially the closure will be given effect by installing removable bollards on The Marina at its junction with the northern Páirc Uí Chaoimh entrance and with its junction with Church Avenue after which, fixtures of a more permanent nature will be installed. In the longer term, it may be possible to implement a street refurbishment scheme as part of the development of Marina Park and the re-development of the South Docklands area. Access for emergency vehicles and engineering maintenance will be retained. Advance warning signs will be provided on Centre Park Road and on the Marina in advance of the pedestrian zone. The current speed limit on the Marina is 30 km/h.



Figure 1: Overview of The Marina Pedestrianisation (source Google Maps 2020)



Figure 2: Road closure indicative location at junction of access road to Páirc Uí Chaoimh (source Google Maps)



Figure 3: Road closure indicative location at junction of Church Avenue (source Google Maps)



Figure 4: High level overview of Marina closure and future permitted vehicular movements near the pedestrian zone