

Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí Cork City Council

Halla na Cathrach, Corcaigh - City Hall, Cork - T12 T997

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Dear Householder/Business Occupier,

Last summer, Cork City Council launched "Re-imagining Cork City", a programme to create new ways of supporting the local economy, businesses, residents and visitors to Cork City as we learned to live within the circumstances of the global pandemic. Although the public health restrictions required over the past year continue to severely impact city centre businesses and institutions, Cork City Council is committed to continuing this support to businesses and communities across the City.

Cork City Council and the Cork City Local Enterprise Office worked with communities, traders, streets and business representative groups to introduce measures to allow the city to be enjoyed in a safe way. This included the temporary pedestrianisation of 1.3 km of city streets and the waiver of outdoor seating licence fees to allow up to 1,000 residents and visitors to eat and drink alfresco; greening of the City; the improvement of existing cycling infrastructure and the creation of 4 km of new cycle lanes citywide. With an investment of just under €2 million in these programmes Cork City Council supported social distancing, our communities, local business and our tourism sector.

Following an overwhelmingly positive reaction and public consultation, it was agreed to permanently pedestrianise 17 of these City centre streets from January 1, 2021.

To enhance these street surfaces, making them more pleasant and safer for residents, shoppers and diners, we will begin carriageway resurfacing works on Caroline Street, Pembroke Street, Oliver Plunkett Street, Cook Street and Maylor Street on April 12.

Weather dependant, similar works are expected to begin on Paul Street, Peter and Paul Place, Little Ann Street and Little Cross Street on April 19.

From these dates, we would appreciate if traders could arrange that deliveries arrive before 9:30am as once works begin, the streets will be inaccessible to vehicles.

However, as work sites will be located behind barriers and pedestrian crossing points will be set up at key locations, all of these street will remain accessible to pedestrians to the maximum extent possible. Traffic management operatives will be onsite during daytime hours to assist with access to homes and businesses.

Furthermore, over the coming weeks, Cork City Council will begin to give permanent effect to pedestrianisation. The first streets where extended pedestrianised hours will be implemented are:

- Oliver Plunkett Street from 11am to 4am, 7 days a week,
- o Cook Street South, from 11am to 4am, 7 days a week,
- o Caroline Street, from 11am to 4am, 7 days a week,
- o Pembroke Street, from 9.30 am to 4am, 7 days a week,
- o Princes Street South, 9.30 am to 4am, 7 days a week.
- The Marina, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week



A second phase of permanent pedestrianisation will include:

- o Grafton Street, from 11am to 4am, 7 days a week,
- Marlboro Street South, from 11am to 4am, 7 days a week,
- o Robert Street, from 11am to 4am, 7 days a week,
- o Morgan Street, from 11am to 4am, 7 days a week,
- Smith Street, from 11am to 4am, 7 days a week, from its junction with Oliver Plunkett Street to its junction with Phoenix Street,
- Phoenix Street, from 9.30 am to 4am, 7 days a week, from its junction with Pembroke Street to its junction with Crane Lane,
- o Beasley Street, from 9.30 am to 4am, 7 days a week,
- o Tuckey Street, 11am to 4 am, 7 days a week.
- o Little Cross Street 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- o Little Ann Street, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- o Emmet Place, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- o St. Peter and Paul's Place and part of Paul St., 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Again, those requiring deliveries to their premises should be mindful of the changed opening hours.

The appointed contractor for the carriageway resurfacing works is Lagan Asphalt Ltd.. The site supervisors and their contact details, should you need to contact them regarding any matter relating to the delivery of the resurfacing works, are:

- Mike O' Grady 086 826 0340 or
- Ronan O' Connor 086 020 8841

Please keep an eye on Cork City Council's Twitter, Facebook and Instagram and www.corkcity.ie for updates on the next phases of this project.

All of these works being undertaken by Cork City Council are aimed at making the city a safe, inclusive and pleasant place for residents, shoppers & visitors and to support local business. Encouraging people to live in, shop in, recreate in and visit Cork City is of critical importance to us all going forward and to the future vitality of the City as an attractive and desirable place to be.

Your collaboration over the past year has been appreciated and Cork City Council will continue to plan for and support the safe re-opening of the city in the months ahead. We look forward to another exciting summer in Cork that can be shared by all in a safe way.

Yours sincerely,

David Joyce

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