



### **What is happening?**

From the 1st of July to the 30th September the Council is proposing to pedestrianise some streets in Dún Laoghaire. The proposed streets are, George's Street Lower and parts of Sussex Street and Convent Road. The extents of the proposed pedestrianisation can be found on the *Proposed Public Realm Interventions* plan.

The Council is seeking your feedback on the proposed pedestrianisation and potential for events and usage of the space over the summer months. Please give your feedback via citizens space <https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com/finance/summer-streets-d-n-laoghaire/>

### **Why are you doing this?**

With businesses reopening after the easing of public health restrictions, the Council wants to assist local businesses as they reopen and re-establish their operations. The Council also wishes to create a safe and welcoming environment for locals and visitors, with more space to move around, to shop, and to socialise. This will help support the local economy and society over what is expected to be an a summer focused on outdoor activity.

As part of the trial, traffic, mobility, footfall and air quality in the area will be monitored and evaluated. It is planned to carry out surveys with businesses, customers, local residents and visitors to assess the impact of the trial pedestrianisation.

### **What will be happening in the pedestrianised space?**

The intention is provide a town centre location that is accessible, attractive and vibrant, including outdoor dining, planned cultural and entertainment events and activities that would appeal to a wide range of society, including families, children and older people and which activate and animate the pedestrianised area.

### **I want to visit, how do I get there?**

Via public transport, Dún Laoghaire Dart Station is walking distance from George's Street Lower

via Marine Road, bus stops at Dún Laoghaire Dart Station on Crofton Road and York Road. The area will be accessible by bike via Convent Lane, Convent Road and Sussex Street. There will be cycle parking provided on Convent Road, Sussex Street and in Myrtle Square. Access to existing car parks is maintained but visitors should refer to the *Proposed Access and Connections* map which highlights car parking locations.

Please refer to *the Proposed Access and Connections* map for further details.

### **I get the bus from George's Street / Marine Road, what will I do now?**

Most bus services will be unchanged. If you want to get the 75 or 46a the first stop will be on Crofton Road at the Dún Laoghaire Dart Station. These services will turn and use Crofton Road and York Road with new stops being provided on Crofton Road near Charlemont Terrace and on Clarence Street near its junction with York Road.

### **What about the road works on Corrig Road?**

The roadworks are scheduled to finish in advance of this project and Corrig Road will be available as an alternative route.

### **Traffic can be heavy at times, will this make it worse?**

There have been significant road works in this area for a number of months. With these easing the options for vehicles to move will improve which will reduce queuing. We will also review traffic signal timings in preparation for the expected changes in traffic patterns. With any significant change to the road network there will be a period of adjustment. The movement of traffic will be monitored during the trial to assess if this change to the road network is sustainable and the impact will form part of the assessment of the trial.

### **I used to travel to Dún Laoghaire via Convent Road, will this be still available?**

Access to the school will still be permitted but vehicles will not be allowed to proceed onto



George's Street Lower. They will be required to exit via Patrick Street. This has the benefit of enabling a school street / zone outside the school but also improving safety within the residential area by discouraging rat running.

***I'm a cyclist will I be able to enter the pedestrianised area?***

You will not be able to cycle along George's Street Lower. You will be permitted to cycle along Convent Lane, Convent Road and down onto Sussex Street as a way to access the town, an option not available to vehicles. Cycle parking will be available at entrances to the pedestrianised area.

***Will there be more bins / toilets provided?***

The Council will look to provide more street bins and more regular waste collections along George's Street Lower and public toilets will be provided at Myrtle Square.

***What about loading for businesses?***

Loading will be facilitated up to 11am each day along the street and outside these hours there will also be designated loading areas at the periphery of the pedestrianised zone.

***What about commercial and residential waste collections?***

Waste collection will be permitted up to 11am each day along the street.

***I previously drove down Convent Lane, will that be still available?***

No, access to private vehicles will no longer be permitted except for those accessing disabled bays. General private vehicle access will no longer be permitted and there will be no parking.

***What about access for taxis?***

Access for taxis will be permitted at Myrtle Square.

***What about emergency services?***

The movement and access of emergency service vehicles will be facilitated along the street throughout the day as required.

***What is happening at Myrtle Square?***

Temporary place-making to transform the existing character of thoroughfare and the space where buildings have recently been demolished, to provide an attractive and playful outdoor space. The aim is to temporarily develop the space to attract people and improve the abilities of local businesses to function in light of Covid-19 while providing a convenient destination which invites people to linger and allows children to play. This will greatly help to support economic growth, hospitality and tourism in Dún Laoghaire. 3 old buildings have recently been demolished and the temporary proposals include; greening, seating, new bike stands, public toilets, natural play space and the development of a performance/events space.

It is expected that the full proposal to redevelop Myrtle Square, which recently obtained Part 8 planning consent, would proceed after the trial period of pedestrianisation has concluded.

***What will happen to traffic at Myrtle Square?***

There will be restrictions on private vehicle access to Myrtle Square and Convent Lane. Access for Tesco home deliveries/residents only from 11am. There will be access for Taxis and drivers accessing the disabled parking bays in Myrtle Square at all times. There will be a Taxi rank outside Dunphys along with 2 disabled parking bays in Myrtle Square. Commercial deliveries to and from Bloomfields will have access through Myrtle Square with loading outside Bloomfields and Convent Lane from 10pm - 11am only. There will be a loading area outside Bloomfields with disabled spaces after 11am.

***I have a good idea for an event or activity to activate the street, who do I contact?***

Please use the Citizen's Space page to make suggestions and comments <https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com/finance/summer-streets-d-n-laoghaire/>



***I want to apply for tables and chairs for my business, what should I do?***

Please go to: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/news/general-news/outdoor-dining-supports-dlr>