

Proposed upgrade of Haigh Terrace, Dún Laoghaire

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Haigh Terrace is a key link between Dún Laoghaire's Main Street and the Waterfront areas. The location of DLR Lexicon together with the National Maritime Museum greatly increases the importance of this street.

In accordance with the aims of the Dún Laoghaire Urban Structure Framework Plan Haigh Terrace should provide an attractive environment to encourage pedestrians to migrate from the waterfront, East Pier, Metals and DLR Lexicon up to George's Street.

This proposal seeks to improve the streetscape of by using high quality hard and soft landscaping and street furniture to match the works completed by DLR along Marine Road, Queens Road and the Metals. Currently the width of the street and footpath is very narrow. The proposal is to remove the footpath and introduce one surface material for the full width of the street thereby promoting pedestrian priority and creating a more comfortable and attractive walking route. Parking spaces will be located within a planted zone which will reduce the visual impact of cars on the street.

The proposed works will also create a 'gateway' to the waterfront from Georges Street by upgrading the junction of Haigh Terrace and Georges Street. The existing pedestrian crossing is to be re-organised to create a more generous footpath at this junction. Banner poles will highlight the area as the connecting link from Georges Street to the new DLR Lexicon. This will reinforce the creation of quarters as set out in the Dún Laoghaire Urban Structure Plan.

The existing layout of Haigh Terrace provides parking for 16no cars. The proposed layout will provide 13no spaces.