



## **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)**

#### **Proposed Pedestrianisation of the Lower Section of Tower St**

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 permanently pedestrianise the section of Tower St adjacent to the O'Sullivan Apartments development currently under construction. The prevention of vehicular access will be achieved by the installation of bollards at the Barrack St end of Tower St and adjacent to the rear of the O'Sullivan Apartments development. Please see Figure 1 for the extent of the pedestrianisation.

#### **Background**

The Housing Delivery & Regeneration Directorate of Cork City Council engaged a developer who is building 32 new homes on a scheme on Barrack St. This includes a 28 unit apartment block to be known as O'Sullivan Apartments, which is due to be completed in 2024.

The development includes an entrance/exit on Tower St to/from the eastern half of the apartment block. The street is designated as a two-way road and there is currently no plan in place to pedestrianise this section of it. There is insufficient room to accommodate both a footpath and a roadway accessible to traffic.

If left unchanged this will result in a dangerous situation both for people accessing and leaving the building, and for pedestrians on Tower St and its junction with Barrack St. Users of the building will include children, parents with push chairs, disabled persons and visitors possibly unfamiliar with the building and road layout.

#### **Consultation**

Submissions are invited from the public, stakeholders and interested parties on the proposed introduction of these measures.

Representations in relation to the proposals may be made:

- In writing to Resident Engineer, Housing Delivery & Regeneration Directorate, Cork City Council, Innishmore Lawn, Ballincollig, Cork P31 WT69. It should be clearly marked "Proposed Pedestrianisation of Lower Section of Tower St, Section 38" or
- Electronically at <https://consult.corkcity.ie>

*Closing date for receipt of submissions is 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024. 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 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.*

### **Details of Pedestrianisation**

In order to facilitate safe pedestrian movement we propose the closure of Tower Street to traffic, from its junction with Barrack Street (Figure 2) to the rear end of the new O'Sullivan Apartments (Figure 3).

The closure would be given effect by installing removable bollards with lockable sockets on Tower Street at its junction with Barrack Street and at the rear end of O'Sullivan Apartments. They will be positioned to allow easy access for wheelchairs, push chairs etc. As part of the housing development the street is to be reinstated and resurfaced with tarmacadam, providing a seamless surface for using push chairs, wheelchairs etc and it will also enable efficient maintenance of the paving.

This section of Tower Street is short with low traffic volumes and has been closed for over 2 years during the construction stage of the new development, with no significant disruption to the local traffic. The pedestrianisation of this area would also further enhance O'Sullivan Apartments and the surrounding area, encouraging and facilitating walking.

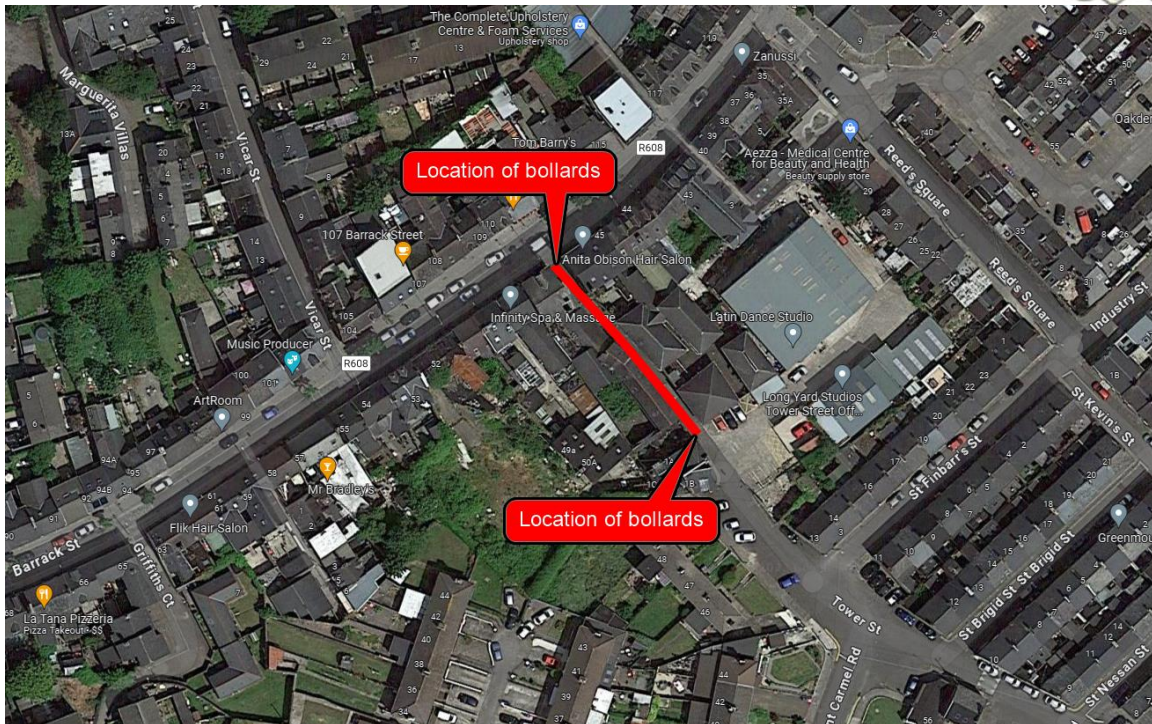


Figure 1: Overview of Tower Street Pedestrianisation (source Google Maps).



Figure 2: Road closure on junction with Barrack Street



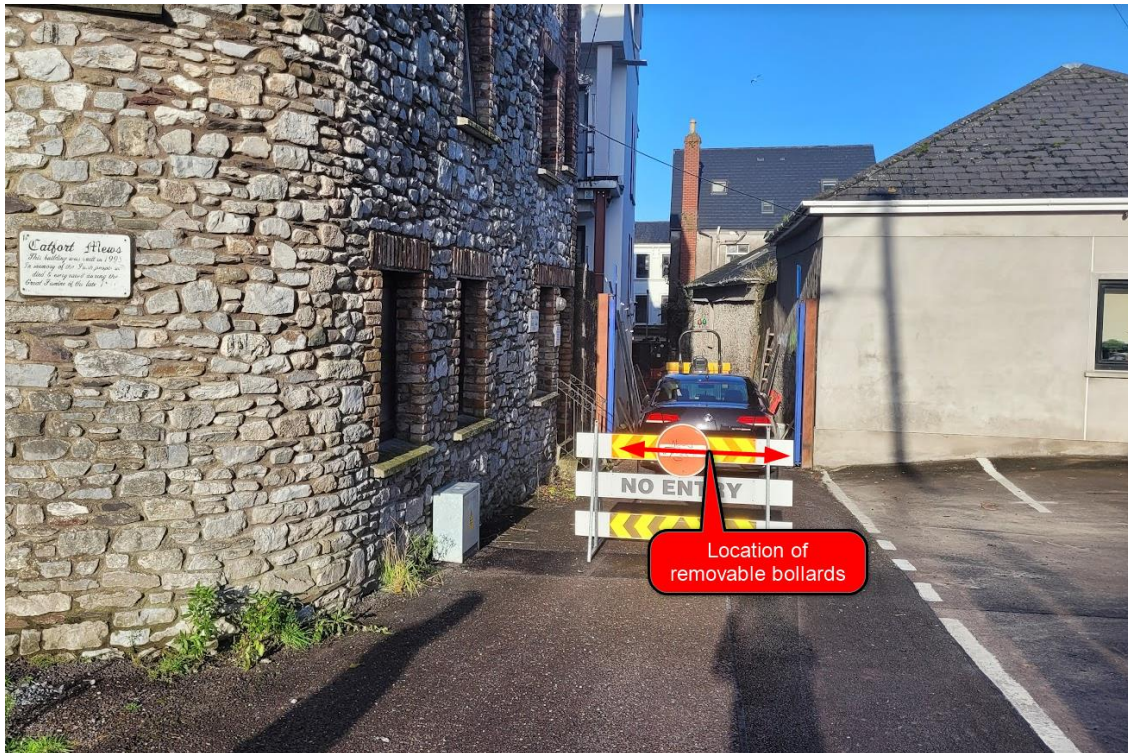


Figure 3: Road closure adjacent to Long's Yard.