



Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí
Cork City Council

PUBLIC NOTICE

Part 8 Planning Notice

Notice under Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

Pursuant to the requirements of Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), notice is hereby given that Cork City Council plans to carry out the project titled:

Cork Docklands to City Centre Road Network Improvement Scheme

The projects primary objectives are as follows:

- To improve access between South Docklands and the City Centre in terms of convenience, safety and capacity across all modes but with emphasis on sustainable modes of transportation (walking, cycling and public transport).
- To provide a high-quality public realm aligned with the ambitious redevelopment plans for the area and respectful of the existing community within Docklands. The public realm will seek to achieve the correct balance between hard & soft landscaping, uniqueness and sustainability while also embracing the riverside amenity potential of the area.

To achieve these aims it will be necessary to make the following modifications:-

- Introduction of a City Centre bound contra-flow bus lane on Victoria Road (North) and Albert Quay.
- Introduction of an outbound bus lane on Albert Quay East & Victoria Road (North).
- Introduction of a 2-way Cycle Track on Albert Quay and Victoria Road (North).
- Replacement of the Victoria Road / Centre Park Road Roundabout with a sustainable transport focused traffic signal-controlled junction.
- Improvement and reconfiguration of Monahan Road / Victoria Road Junction.
- Enhancement of the Old Blackrock Road / Victoria Road Junction.
- Public realm improvements on Albert Quay East, Victoria Rd, Albert Rd, Marina Terrace etc.
- Kennedy Quay access from Albert Quay will be restricted. The primary access to Kennedy Quay will be from Marina Walk.
- Introduction of a new residential access link between Marina Terrace and Rosefield Terrace.
- Footpaths will be widened and repaved for the safety and convenience of pedestrians.
- Crossing facilities will be provided at all junctions for the safety of vulnerable road users.
- All bus stops will be upgraded.
- Public lighting will be renewed, and feature lighting provided.
- Utility services will be renewed, and spare capacity provided.
- Land acquisition will be required to facilitate aspects of the above work.

In accordance with the Habitats Directive, an **Appropriate Assessment Screening** has been carried out in relation to any potential impacts upon the Cork Harbour Special Protection Area [Site No. 004030] and the Great Island Channel Special Area of Conservation [Site No. 001058]. The findings of the AA screening noted that no significant effects on any Natura 2000 sites is likely and it was not necessary to undertake any further stage of the Appropriate Assessment process.

In addition, the proposed development has been screened to determine whether an **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)** is required and it has been concluded that there will be no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and an EIA is not required.

In accordance with Article 120 (3), as amended by S.I. No. 296 of 2018, a person may, within 4 weeks beginning on the 20th December 2024 apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment. Such a submission should be addressed to the Secretary, An Bord Pleanála, 64, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

Plans and Particulars of the proposed development, including an Appropriate Assessment screening report and an Environmental Impact Assessment screening report are available to view by visiting <https://consult.corkcity.ie/en>. Alternatively, the Plans & Particulars will be available for inspection or purchase **on working days from Friday 20th December 2024 to Friday 21st February 2025** at the Reception Desk, Cork City Council, City Hall, Cork.

Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development is situated, may be made;

- In writing to the Senior Engineer, Infrastructure Development, City Hall, Cork. It should be clearly marked "**Cork Docklands to City Centre Road Network Improvement Scheme**"
- Electronically at <https://consult.corkcity.ie/en>

The Closing date for all submissions is **Monday 10th March 2025 at 4pm**.

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 Retention Policy and relevant Data Protection legislation.

Date: 20th December 2024

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