



What is happening?

From the 5th July 2021 to the 30th September 2021 the Council will pedestrianise some streets in Dún Laoghaire. The proposed streets are George's Street Lower and parts of Convent Road and Sussex Street and Myrtle Square. The extents of the pedestrianisation can be found on our website which includes more information about Summer Streets: Dún Laoghaire including plans, maps and programming of the street. It is available here: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/road-schemes/summer-streets>

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 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?

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

I want to visit, how do I get there?

Via public transport, Dún Laoghaire Dart Station is within walking distance from George's Street Lower via Marine Road. Bus stops are located at Dún Laoghaire Dart Station on Crofton Road, York Road and on George's St at the top of Marine 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.

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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 46A, 63/75 services 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. Number 7 services will also be diverted via Crofton 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 the impact on the road network and this 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 and street cleaning, and will toilets be provided?

The Council has already increased the number of street bins and increased the frequency of bin collection and this will be reviewed and enhanced in line with needs during the pedestrianisation trial. A comprehensive regime of cleaning and street sweeping will be implemented in the pedestrianised areas. Public toilets will be provided at Myrtle Square.

What about loading for businesses?

Loading will be facilitated up to 11am each day within pedestrianised areas and outside these hours there will also be designated loading areas at the edges of the pedestrianised zone. Please refer to our website which includes more information about Summer Streets: Dún Laoghaire including plans, maps and programming of the street.

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?

Access to private vehicles will no longer be permitted except for residents or 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 within pedestrianised areas 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, will proceed after the trial period of pedestrianisation has concluded.

What will happen to traffic at Myrtle Square?

There will be no through-traffic from Myrtle Square to Convent Road. Access will be limited to residents, taxis and those accessing disabled parking bays. Heavy goods deliveries will have access from 6am to 11am and from 9pm to 12 midnight daily. Light commercial vehicles will have day-long access for deliveries.

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

More detail about Summer Streets: Dún Laoghaire



including plans, maps and programming of the street is available on our website.

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>