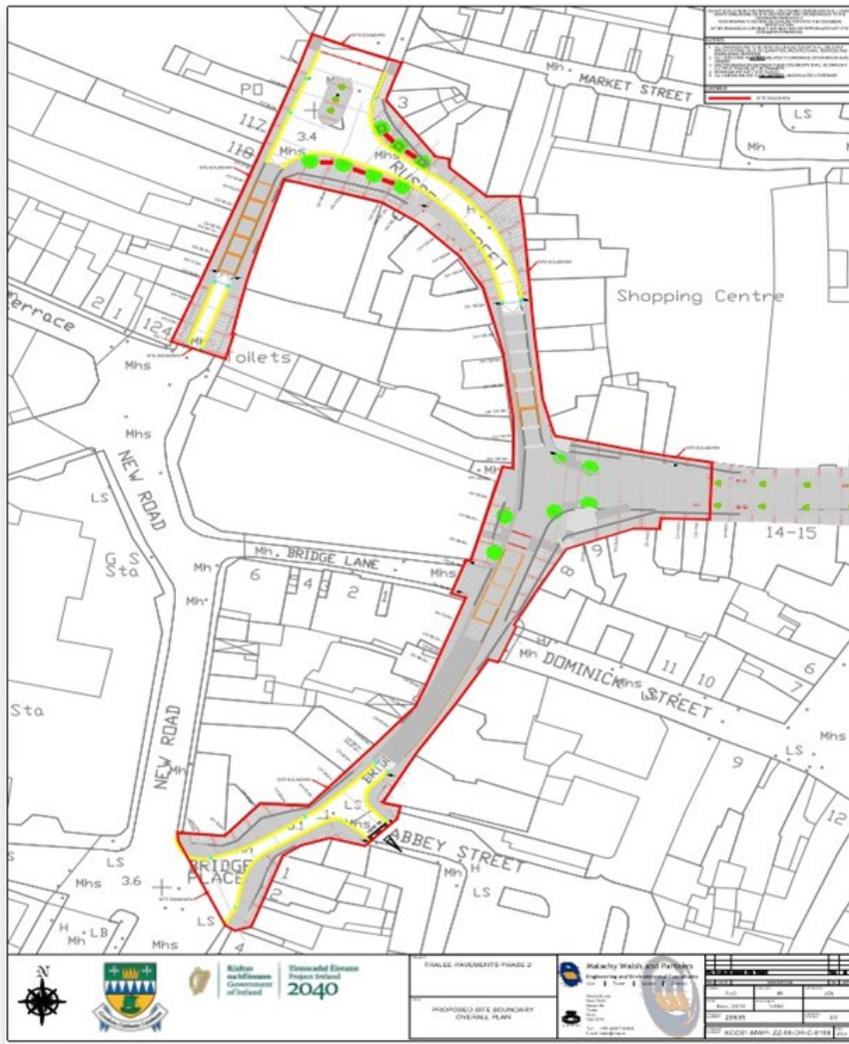


€3.4m INVESTMENT IN RUSSELL STREET AND BRIDGE STREET

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON WORKS SCHEDULE AND PHASED STREET CLOSURES



VIEWPOINT 4 - THE MALL - MONTAGE



VIEWPOINT 5 - RUSSEL STREET - Montage



VIEWPOINT 6 - BRIDGE STREET - MONTAGE



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Introduction

The next phase of the multi-million-euro upgrading of Tralee town centre is to commence shortly. This leaflet sets out all the essential information you need to know about the various project stages.

Funded by Kerry County Council and the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government through the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF), the **Tralee Pavements Phase II – ‘Russell Street and Bridge Street’** project will build on the success of **Phase I – ‘The Mall’** which involved the development of a ‘shared space’ consisting of a level surface between the footway and the carriageway using high quality stone paving. **Phase II** will see a similar ‘shared space’ developed along sections of Russell Street and Bridge Street. Construction work is set to begin on the project in November 2020 and is scheduled to last 12 months. The work will take place in different phases, with different periods of street closures, and with every effort being made to minimise disruption for businesses, residents and customers in the area.

Investment in Tralee Town Centre

Tralee Pavements Phase II – ‘Russell Street and Bridge Street’ will see a total of investment of €3.4 m on top of the €3.5m investment of **Phase I – ‘The Mall’**. Meanwhile, the development of the public realm at the Denny Factory site in the Island of Geese is also due to commence construction in late 2020. This separate €3m project is co-funded by Kerry County Council and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The three projects together represent a total investment of €10m in Tralee Town Centre in recent years. The design of **Tralee Pavements Phase III – ‘Lower Castle Street, Rock Street and New Road’** is also now underway. When fully completed the 3 Phases and the development of the Denny site will transform Tralee town core public realm.

Road Closure Notice

In order to facilitate these works road closures will be required. A road closure requires publication of a statutory notice and a period of four weeks for receipt of objections/submissions. This notice will be published in the local newspapers on 14/15th October. This notice lists all the impacted street and lanes in the **12-month estimated works period from 2nd November 2020 to 31st October 2021.**

This does not mean, however that the road closures will be in place for this entire period. Instead, the works will be phased and not all sections of the listed roads will be closed at the same time. This notice is designed to ensure maximum flexibility for contractors to allow works to be completed as efficiently as possible.

Key points

- During the various phases there will be limited access for vehicular traffic
- Provision will be made for taxis to continue to operate from the Bridge Lane rank and to continue to use Bridge Street for as long as possible during the works.
- Taxis will also have access to the Mall during a number of the work phases.
- Provision will be made for deliveries on a temporary basis in The Mall (via Denny Street).
- Provision will be made for deliveries on Russell Street (via Lower Rock Street).
- Pedestrian access to all properties will always be maintained and taking into account Covid-19 social distancing requirements and public health guidelines.
- In the coming weeks, a full traffic management plan will be completed, and all impacted stakeholders will be consulted.

Given the scale of the works there undoubtedly will be disruption. It is however the intention of Kerry County Council and the contractor to consult and work as closely as possible with all impacted businesses and residents in the town center in order to minimise this disruption. Kerry County Council will have a dedicated liaison person on the ground during all phases of the works to address any issues that may arise. **The objective is to continue the upgrading and enhancement of Tralee town Centre and Kerry County Council greatly appreciates the support and cooperation of local retailers and the wider community.**

Next Steps

The contractor for Phase II will be appointed in the coming weeks. Kerry County Council will then circulate detailed project timings and traffic management arrangements to all impacted stakeholders in advance of the works commencing along with the contact details of key project personnel. Both the contractor and Kerry County Council will work together to ensure that there is clear and timely communications with all impacted businesses throughout the period of the works. Regular project updates will be posted on all Kerry County Council social media channels and web site. In the intervening period until the project site team is established queries can be directed to traleeregen@kerrycoco.ie.

