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To the Chairperson and Members of
the Central Area Committee

Notification of initiation under Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001
Proposed public realm improvement works at
Cathedral St. and Sackville Place, Dublin 1



SITE LOCATION & LAYOUT

Dublin City Council wishes to give notice that it intends to make an application under Part 8 of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 for proposed public realm improvement works at Cathedral Street and Sackville Place, Dublin 1.

In 2012 Dublin City Council adopted a public realm strategy for Dublin City. "Your City, Your Space; Dublin City Public Realm Strategy" which establishes a series of guiding principles to support the delivery of a quality public realm for the city. It also sets out a hierarchy of place for the city centre which attributes a level of importance to the main streets and spaces that make up the public realm.

In 2016 Dublin City Council produced a Public Realm Masterplan, The Heart of Dublin, which derived directly from the work of that public realm strategy. This Masterplan is an in-depth, long-term vision for the city centre core that can visualise and express in detail an exemplar public realm. It identifies specific projects and brings forward a series of optimum streetscape layouts for the city core. It also responds to the needs of high footfall, recreational, community and commercial activity delivering a pedestrian friendly city core.

The Luas Associated Projects (Cathal Brugha Street, Cathedral Street and Sackville Place) are projects specifically identified in the Masterplan and are directly linked or impacted by the delivery of Luas Cross City in that they lie between the northbound Luas track on O'Connell Street and the southbound Luas track on Marlborough Street. Previously Cathal Brugha Street, Cathedral Street and Sackville Place had been surfaced and paved as appropriate however the delivery of Luas Cross City will have major impacts on these spaces and it is expected that, once the Luas is running along the newly constructed routes, footfall on these streets will increase significantly. At present the environment is not pedestrian friendly and needs to be improved in order to accommodate new uses and increased footfall. There are also a number of existing, newly opened and planned hotels on or adjacent to these streets. Other developments such as Clerys & Sackville House are also proposed in the area.

Cathedral St. and Sackville Place connect O'Connell St. to Marlborough St. to the east and will act as key pedestrian thoroughfares in the north inner city for passengers using the LUAS Cross City. The streets lie within the O'Connell St. ACA (Architectural Conservation Area).

The proposal consists of public realm improvement works to facilitate universal access and an enhanced pedestrian experience to both of these streets. Proposed works include slight re-alignments to the existing carriageways to increase footpath widths, the provision of a shared level surface between the footpaths and carriageways, the use of high quality granite paving materials, the provision of new street furniture, protective bollards and enhanced public lighting. Existing heritage kerbs are to be maintained, and greenery /tree-planting proposed where space permits.

The existing taxi ranks, loading bays and disabled parking bays will be retained on both streets, though changes to traffic movements are proposed.

The programmed works will be co-ordinated by the Road Design & Construction Division, who will liaise with the existing businesses and stakeholders in the area.

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