
**Notification under Section 138 Local Government Act, 2001
Intention to proceed with Barrow Street Public Realm Project**

Barrow Street has seen major redevelopment over the past twenty years. The Boland's Mills project is nearing completion and this will see all of the formerly industrial west side of the street converted to office, residential and retail space.

In light of this redevelopment and the very poor quality of the street a decision was made to undertake a major upgrade of the public domain. The proposed public realm scheme is in accordance with:

- The Dublin City Development Plan
- The North Lotts and Grand Canal SDZ Planning Scheme and
- The Public Realm Masterplan for the NLGC SDZ area.

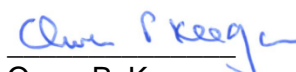
The Part VIII for Barrow Street Public Realm Project was approved by the City Council at its July 2022 meeting. The detailed design has been completed and the project is ready to go to tender.

Google, the major property occupier on the street, had agreed to contribute to the funding of the project. To date they have funded the cost of the design/planning phase. However, Google has recently advised the City Council that, while it remains committed to the project, it is unable to commit additional resources at this stage.

Given the very poor condition of the public realm on Barrow Street and mindful of the expectations created by the Part VIII planning process and of the quantum of development levies generated by new developments in the vicinity of Barrow Street over recent years, it is proposed that the City Council will proceed to tender and subject to a satisfactory tender, undertake and fund the Barrow Street Public Realm Project. There are sufficient development levies available to fund the project. The option of Google contributing additional funding towards the project at some future date will remain open.

This report is submitted to the City Council pursuant of Section 138 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

The estimate 'all in' cost of the construction element of the project is circa €7.5m.



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