

Meath Street & Environs

Public Realm Improvement Project

Presentation to South Central Area Committee 19th April 2023



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Sponsoring Dept: Dublin City Council South Central Area Office

Design lead: Haslam & Co Architects

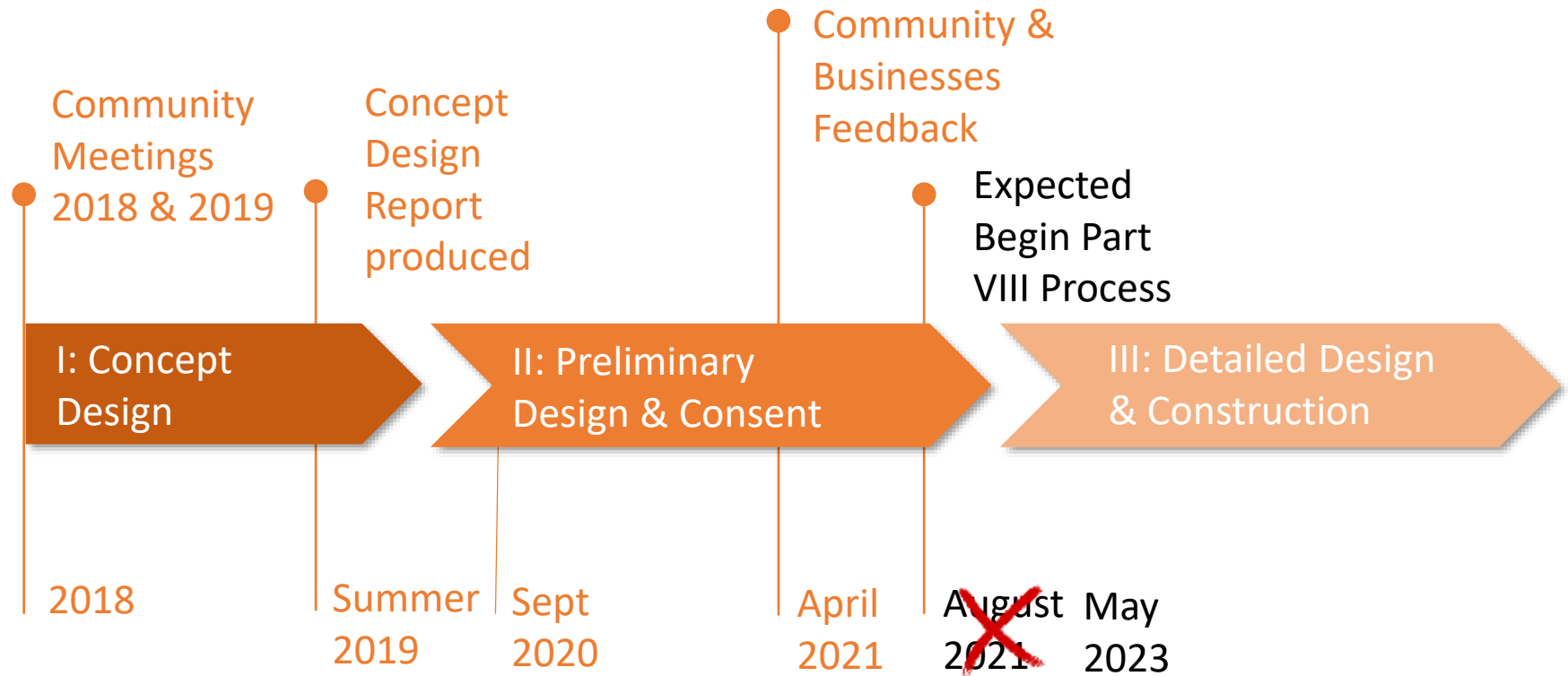
Project Management/ Engineering: Dublin City Council Roads Design Section

Landscaping: Dublin City Council Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services

Overview:

- A capital project of Dublin City Council to revitalise the main streets in The Liberties
- Follows from High Street-Thomas Street-James Street and Francis Street improvements
- Supported by **Dublin City Development Plan (2022 - 2028)** SDRA 15 and **The Liberties Greening Strategy (2015)**
- Funded under the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund as part of Project Ireland 2040
- Preliminary Business Case completed in Q4/22. DHLGH and CPGB approval to proceed to Part VIII in Q1/23.

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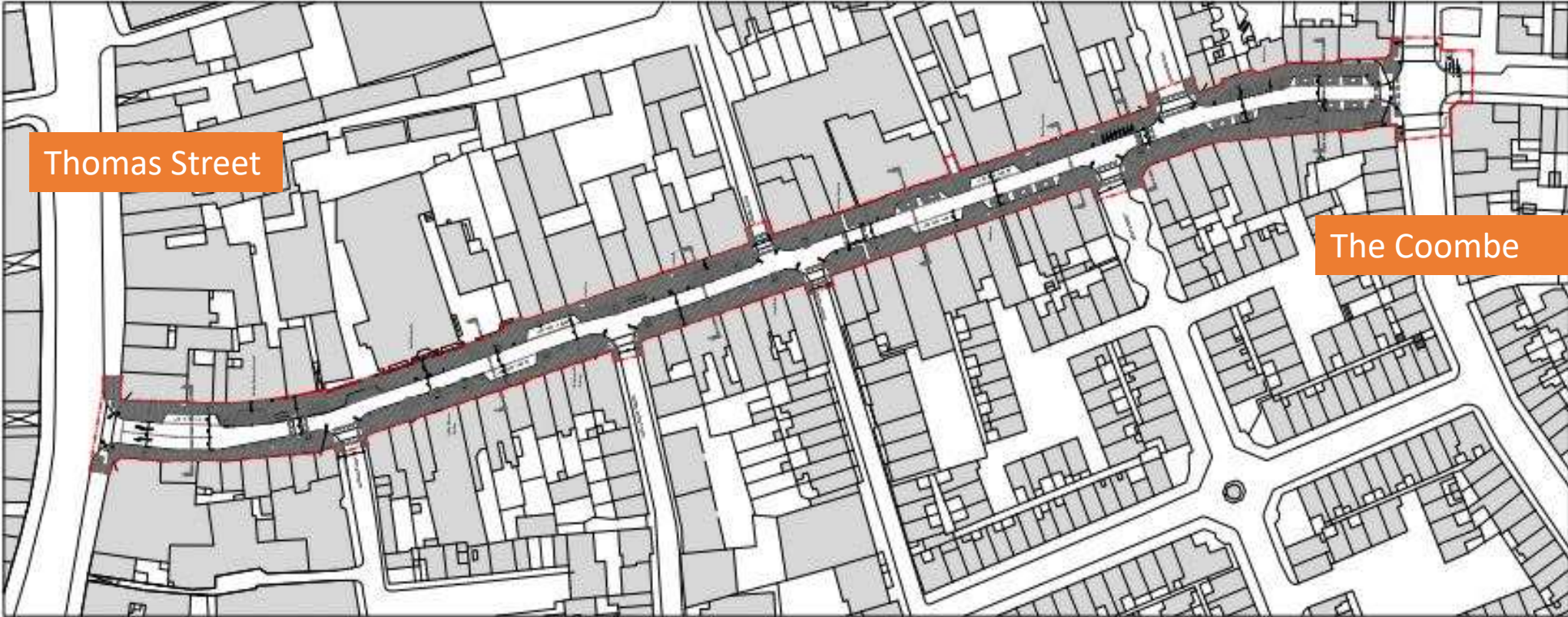
- Preliminary design process commenced in 2020/21
- Completed engagement with various technical departments in DCC
- Two information sessions with public and follow up on specific issues
- Information session with Area Councillors
- Engagement with Disabled Persons Organisations DPOs

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Objectives:

- **Enhance the appearance** of Meath Street
- Improvements to the public realm: footpaths, kerbs, carriageway, street furniture, street lighting, planting and landscaping etc. The principle of **universal access** should be supported.
- **Prioritise pedestrians**
- Consider the provision of cycle parking, on-street parking and loading facilities for retail premises on the street, and measures to **consolidate, enhance and improve these facilities**.
- **Support economic revitalisation of Meath Street** - encourage and facilitate day time activities and street animations such as cafés, bars restaurants and shops etc.
- Encourage wider **improvement of the streetscape, investment in property**
- **Upgrade infrastructure** such as drainage, public lighting, traffic, etc

Preliminary Design



Thomas Street

The Coombe

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Features of the scheme:

- Substantially widened footpaths providing improved pedestrian experience as well as opportunities for on street uses such as outdoor seating area and market stalls
- Introduction of c. 16 trees, new landscaped areas and public seating
- Introduction of service points for future event markets
- Universal accessibility supported with level crossing points at all junctions and additional crossing points along Meath Street
- Upgrading of services including public lighting, traffic signals and drainage
- Provision of 13 no. car parking spaces. Provision of 2 no. accessible parking spaces to standard
- Provision of 30 no. cycle parking spaces
- Provision of loading facilities for businesses. Designated parking area for hearse serving St Catherine's Church









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Part VIII Process:

- Intention to initiate a Part VIII advised to SCAC
- Pre-Part VIII Procedures
- **Initiate Part VIII in May 2023**
- Period of public inspection of plans and particulars - 4 weeks from date of notice
- Period within which public submissions may be made - 6 weeks from date of notice
- **Preparation of a Chief Executive's Report following conclusion of public submissions period**
- Presentation of a draft Chief Executive's Report to SCAC
- **Presentation of Chief Executive's Report and recommendation to the City Council**

The approval of a Part VIII is a reserved function of the City Council.