

**To the Chairperson and Members
Of the Central Area Committee**

11th February 2025

With reference to a proposal to initiate the procedure for the extinguishment of the public right of way over way over the vehicular road at Hardwicke Street, Dublin 1

Proposal

A request to have the public right of way extinguished over the vehicular road at Hardwicke Street, Dublin 1 has been made by Dublin City Council's Housing and Community Department.

The reason for this proposal to extinguish the public vehicular right of way over the no-through section of Hardwicke Street is to bring the specified road section into the management of Housing and Community Department so that an automated vehicular access gate can be made operational at its entrance.

The requirement for a gate at the entrance is to limit public vehicular access to the parking area on the street to that of only residents of Rory O'Connor and Dermot O'Dwyer House.

The extent of this proposed extinguishment is shown outlined in red on the attached map, SM SM-2024-0783.

The Central Area Committee, at its special meeting on the 14th November agreed to initiate the statutory procedure to extinguish the public right of way over this section of the road under the provisions of Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993.

Statutory

By public advertisement on the 26th November 2024, representations or objections were invited by the 27th January 2025. The site notice at this location was erected on the 26th November 2024.

There are 7 objections/observations received regarding the proposed closure. Please see details as follows:

All responses received (7)

1. Ensure that access for pedestrians and cyclists is maintained - this should include signage that makes it clear that the right of way for pedestrians/cyclists is maintained. Electric bollards should be considered as an alternative to a gate - this would allow for obstructed access for cyclists as before. If this is not possible, DCC should ensure that dropped curbs are installed on both sides of the entrance to ensure ease of access. Cyclist marking should be placed on the roadway within the gated/bollarded area to make clear that through access is still allowed.
2. I use this road as a safer way to cycle into the city as once Dorset St. narrows after Eccles St., this route is much easier than sharing the bus lane - will access for pedestrians and cyclists still be allowed? It would be a shame if this link was cut off completely, but I have no objection to the parking being more controlled.
3. I walk through here regularly and would be disgusted to see this closed to the public. If non-resident parking is the problem, why not introduce a 24 hour pay and dispute parking scheme and give residents permits? This works well on every other residential city street

4. It doesn't need to change
5. Pedestrian access should be retained for the public
6. I use this street to cycle to and from work every day. I would appreciate if access for bikes was maintained if possible.
7. I would like to see Hardwicke Street remain open to pedestrians and cyclist and I'm not clear from the documentation here whether that is proposed to be the case. Provides a nicer route into town for the area than Dorset St/N Frederick St

Service Checks

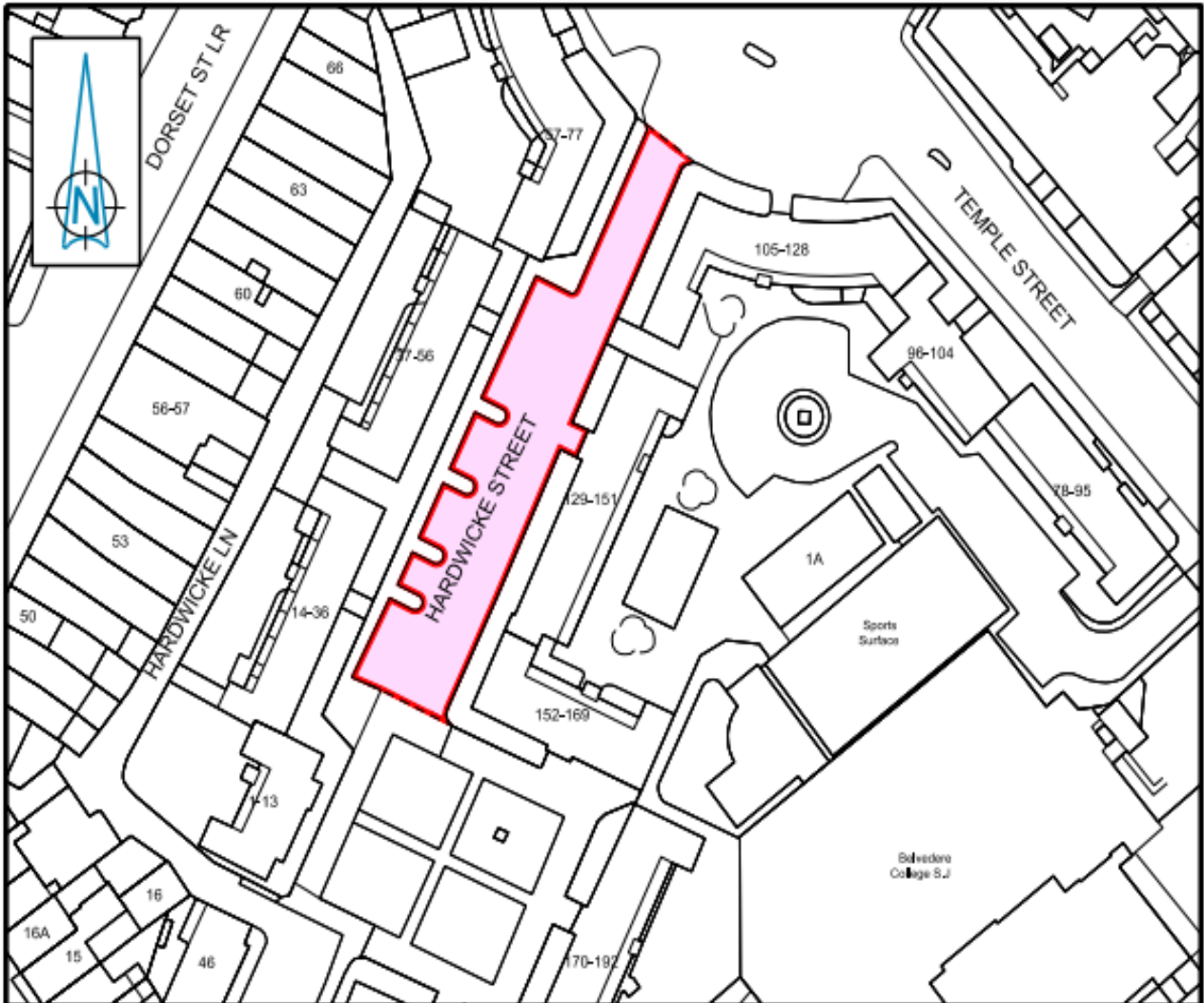
A service check has been carried out and no service provider will need to alter the current services on or under or over that part of the referred lane.

Recommendation

I recommend that this Committee approve the extinguishment of the public right of way over the area shown on Map SM 2024-0783, for consideration later by the City Council.

The extinguishment of a public right of way is a function reserved to the City Council.

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HARDWICKE STREET

Extinguishment of Public Right of Way



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