

The Chairperson and Members of the Central Area Committee

Update Report – Moore Street Market and Retail Outlets Strategic Report

Background:

An implementation group was established with a view to prioritising and implementing recommendations set out in the Moore Street Markets and Retail Outlets Strategic Report. The team is led by Eileen Gleeson, Assistant Area Manager, Central Area.

The group initially agreed a number of improvements which are achievable in the short to medium term, under the following headings:

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Action</i>
<p>Traffic Parking / Vehicular Access Noted that although there is no drive through after 11am, it is clearly evident that this is not adhered to. There are 2 “no entry after 11am” signs on Moore Street at the O’Rahilly Parade junction.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removable bollards have been installed on Moore Street at the O’Rahilly Parade junction and also the Henry Lane junction. • Notification / signage regarding the installation of the bollards are in situ. • The Traffic Division’s proposal to make Moore Street one way southbound has been objected to, as has their proposal for the provision of cycle parking on the street given the existing planning permission on the adjacent site. [Temporary cycle parking has been installed on Moore Street (Parnell Street end outside Lidl) which has been very successful. We are considering installing additional temporary cycle parking at other locations on the street.] • Priority works to resurface the area where there is a pooling of water at Sampsons Lane will be carried out in November by a contractor. Roads Maintenance will hold the setts removed from this area and reuse them to repair damages to the carriageway on Moore Street when crews are available.
<p>Lighting Street lighting is currently provided by flood lighting on the buildings on the north side of the street.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve the lighting on the street the current system will be replaced with LED catenary lanterns mounted down the centre of the street on catenary cables suspended between the buildings. • Works to install the new system is underway, a number of lanterns have been installed.
<p>Cleansing The street is cleaned continually during the day and the truck empties the euro bins at around 2.30pm. Cleansing staff are unable to maneuver cleansing equipment around the stalls.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are in discussions with Waste Management with a view to introducing a recycling waste management system for the street. A proposal is being prepared which will then be reviewed and costed by Waste Management. • Power washing is being carried out on the street twice weekly. • Co-operation is forthcoming from the Traders in relation to the management of the pallets produce is delivered on.
<p>Physical Design of the Street / Engagement with Traders There are currently 23 stalls in situ. There is no cohesion or uniformity to the location of the stalls.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pitch markings were upgraded in December 2015; the new markings designate an extended area of 12 feet for each stall.
<p>Stalls The majority of traders are not using their stalls; produce is stacked on the public footpath. The current stalls are not user friendly and inhibit trading.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works to upgrade the existing stalls is now complete. This work included the provision of additional lockable storage within each stall and new castors. A thorough cleaning of each stall has also been completed. Positive feedback has been received from Traders.

<p>The storage of stalls is a major issue. At present the stalls remain in situ at all times, including unused stalls. It is agreed that even if we had a dedicated space to store the stalls, the current stalls are heavy and most of the current traders would not be able to move them.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New uniform canopies have been installed on all stalls. • A number of disused stalls have been removed from the street, and placed in storage, following correspondence with the relevant Traders.
<p>Market Patrol</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Assistant Markets Inspectors have been appointed and continue to patrol and monitor the market.
<p>Anti-Social Behaviour There is a major issue with anti-social behaviour in particular the sale of contraband on the street.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While this matter is outside our control, there is ongoing co-operation between the Gardaí and our Assistant Market Inspectors. We are continuing to liaise with the Gardaí on this matter. • There are issues with the over-hang area at the Ilac Centre. Planning permission was granted for redevelopment of this area which includes removal of the walkway to bring the façade in line with the existing building. An appeal was lodged to An Bord Pleanála and a decision to grant the permission with conditions was made on 12th May 2016, permitting the removal of the over-hang area.

This Report is submitted for noting. Further updates will be issued in due course.

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