

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 Karl Mitchell, 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 Sampson’s Lane have commenced.
<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"> • Works to install the new system are complete. New lighting was not installed at 14-17 Moore Street (the National Monument). • A meeting has been arranged with Public Lighting and the Planning Department to look at a solution to the existing flood light on 16 Moore Street.
<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 continuing to focus on the daily cleaning regime to include power washing etc.
<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> <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"> • 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. • 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.

National Monument	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting took place with the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs and a new date at the end of April has been agreed with the Traders for removal of the scaffolding on 14-18 Moore Street.
Market Patrol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Assistant Markets Inspectors have been appointed and continue to patrol and monitor the market. The Assistant Markets Inspectors liaise with Traders regarding the day to day operations of the market.
Anti-Social Behaviour There is a major issue with anti-social behaviour in particular the sale of contraband on the street.	<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. Updates on works will be issued when available.

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

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