

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2017

Question submitted by Cmhrl. Séighin Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next meeting when it is envisaged that the works to install a crossing for pedestrians at the junction of Cruises Street and O'Connell Street will commence, as voted for previously by the Metropolitan District.

Reply:

It is envisaged that the proposed re-development of O'Connell Street will move to the Part VIII Planning process in either late 2017 or early 2018.

The area between Cruises Street and O'Connell Street will be considered as part of the proposed re-development.

However, it should be noted that there are currently traffic lights at the Patrick Street/Denmark Street junction and the O'Connell Street/William Street junction to facilitate pedestrian crossing.

Both of these junctions are in close proximity to the Cruises Street/O'Connell Street junction.



Kieran Lehane,
Director,
Physical Development Directorate
16th November 2017

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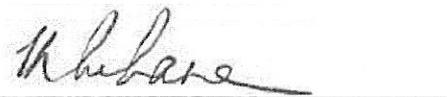
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I will ask at the next meeting when it is envisaged that the Committee established to oversee the Northern Distributor Road will meet, in order to progress this vital piece of infrastructure.

Reply:

The Council has been working with the relevant personnel in Clare County Council to progress this project.

I confirm it is my intention to hold a meeting with the members of the committee in December, 2017 to update the members on progress to date.



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Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will ask at the next meeting what Christmas and New Years festivities the Council has organised this year.

Reply:

Christmas in Limerick will see Limerick City and County Council work with event providers, local businesses, communities, venues and entertainers to illuminate, enliven and promote the city and its Christmas offering during this key commercial period. Building on a new format established last year the Christmas and New Years programme will:

1. **Create a festive atmosphere** in highly visible outdoor locations commencing on the 19th of November and finishing on the 31st of Dec. These activities aim to enhance the local offering rather than compete, providing a platform, attraction or atmosphere enhancing outcome.

Locations include;

- O Connell Street
- Bedford Row
- Thomas Street

In addition to these we will promote other key locations hosting festive events including but not limited to the Milk Market, Hunt Museum, King John's Castle and Limerick on Ice in Arthurs Quay. The overall impact is a coordinated 'switching on' of key locations in the city centre to enhance and spread footfall of benefit to local business and venues.

2. **Establishing promotional initiatives** of benefit to local businesses, venues, charities and communities. The Marketing Department of Limerick City and County Council are providing an extensive coordinated calendar of events promoting all Christmas related activities in the city and county and providing a programme for families and audiences which is easily obtained, clearly illustrated and showcases the best of Christmas in Limerick.
3. **Highlighting and supporting charitable giving** in Limerick at Christmas LCCC will host Musical Treats of Thomas Street providing a stage for 2 weekends as a platform for local charities, fundraisers and buskers promoting performance, charitable giving and

emerging artists. In addition to this Santa's Post box will also invite visitors to bring gifts to donate to a local charity in Limerick.

4. Introduce a New Years Eve Event to Limerick with a fireworks display on New Years Eve at King John's Castle

Audience

The targeted audience for these events are families. The majority of events provided are free of charge and focus on activities which children and families can engage with ease, in a fun environment at minimum cost encouraging them to come into the city centre and spend time together soaking up the atmosphere and enjoying the city and all it has to offer.

LCCC will directly Fund and Produce the Following Events in 2017:

Lighting Up Limerick

Date: Sun 19th Nov

Time: 16:30

Location: O Connell Street

The switching on of the city's Christmas lights will take place on Sunday 19th November 2017, marking the official start of the festive season in Limerick.

Thousands of people are expected to attend the 'Light up Limerick' switching on ceremony organised by Limerick City and County Council which takes place at 6pm on O'Connell Street with entertainment starting from 4.30pm.

The highlight will be the switching on of the lights by Skye, Marshall and Chase from the popular children's TV show PAW Patrol who are taking time out from their heroic adventures to help Mayor Stephen Keary and Santa Claus kickstart the festive season in Limerick. Prior to that, the crowds will be entertained by an array of street performers and special guests including soprano Sinéad O'Brien, tenor Derek Moloney, Limerick Gospel Choir and musician Jason Hennessy ahead of the biggest cheer of the weekend in the city when the spectacular lights display switches on. The Christmas programme in Limerick is being co-ordinated by Limerick City and County Council Arts Office and the Office of Marketing and Communications with support from Grooveyard Event Management and GoldieFish events.

Christmas in Limerick: Festive Craft Fair

Date: 2nd -3rd of Dec

Time: All Day

Location: Bedford Row

Sample some wonderful local Christmas fare at the festive food and craft market on Bedford Row. Fun for all the family from delicious seasonal treats, to Irish craft and beautiful vintage carousel and traditional carnival rides. Visitors will also be able to pick up that all important Christmas Tree!

Christmas in Limerick: Musical Treats on Thomas Street

Date: 2nd – 3rd Dec and 9th – 10th Dec

Time: All Day

Location: Thomas Street

The little Caravan stage with a big heart returns to Limerick this year to give voice to local charities, carol singers, musicians, buskers and choirs.

Christmas in Limerick: Santa's Postbox

Date: 9th – 10th of Dec

Time: All Day

Location: Bedford Row

Santa will send his helper elves from the North Pole to help the children of Limerick write their letters and post them in Santa's Magic Post Box! Join the elves in their busy workshop for a feast of free activities including Christmas decoration making, card making, gift wrapping and puppet making. With vintage carousel and carnival rides, a Christmas photo booth, festive music and food stalls, there is something for all the family to get into the festive spirit this Christmas.

Visitors are also invited to bring presents to donate to local charity.

**Sheila Deegan,
Arts Officer.**

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Question submitted by Cllr. John Costello

I will ask at the next meeting are there bye laws in place prohibiting cyclists from cycling on footpaths.

Reply:

Cyclists are prohibited from cycling on footpaths under the Road Traffic Acts and General Traffic and Parking legislation/regulations etc.

The enforcement of this prohibition is a matter for the Gardaí.

The issue of cyclists on footpaths was again addressed in recent legislation i.e. S.I. No. 331/2015 - Road Traffic (Fixed Charge Offences - Cyclists) Regulations 2015.

These Regulations, operative from 31st July 2015, declare the offences detailed in the table below to be fixed charge offences for the purposes of Section 103 of the Road Traffic Act 1961, as amended, and prescribe the amount of the fixed charge for each offence.

Regulation	Description of Offence	Fixed Charge
4(a)	No front lamp or rear lamp lit during lighting-up hours on a pedal cycle.	€40
4(b)	Cyclist driving a pedal cycle without reasonable consideration.	€40
4(c)	Cyclist failing to stop for a School Warden sign.	€40
4(d)	Cyclist proceeding past traffic lights when the red lamp is illuminated.	€40
4(d)	Cyclist proceeding beyond a stop line, barrier or half barrier at a railway level crossing, swing bridge or lifting bridge, when the red lamps are flashing.	€40
4(d)	Cyclist proceeding into a pedestrianised street or area.	€40
4(d)	Cyclist proceeding past cycle traffic lights when red lamp is lit.	€40

It has been reported that the Minister made a decision to omit cycling on footpaths from the penalties list for fear it would discourage families who cycle to school with their young children.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Lehane', written over a solid horizontal line.

Kieran Lehane,
Director,
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