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Limerick City
& County Council

Meeting of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee to be held on Tuesday the 22nd February, 2022

Question submitted by Ms. Ailish Drake

The pedestrianisation of Foxes Bow laneway is regulated by Section 45 of the Road Traffic Act, and signposted to that effect. But cars are driven and parked on this street every day, leading to dangerous conditions for pedestrians using the laneway. Ostensibly pedestrian-only after 11am with automated bollards at one end, motorists regularly drive the wrong way from Thomas St onto this pedestrianised lane, sometimes parking in the adjoining laneways or using Foxes Bow illegally for access to food businesses. In the context of protecting the pedestrianised spaces of Limerick city and enforcing the established regulations governing such spaces, can the Council

1. Confirm all extant regulations in relation to the pedestrianised status of Foxes Bow and adjoining laneways
2. Provide a solution to the dangerous environment being created for pedestrians on one of the few pedestrianised streets in the city, up to and including bollards at the Thomas St entrance.

Reply:

Restrictions to vehicular access at the entry points to Local Road L-10335-0 Foxes Bow (At William Street & Thomas Street) are regulated under Article 45 of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997 (S.I. No. 182/1997).

Implementation of the regulation is by enforcement of the following: -

- Regulatory Signage RUS 050 & Markings (No Entry) (Thomas Street end)
- Regulatory Signage RUS 021 & Automated Bollards (William Street) (Restricted Entry\Pedestrian Street) i.e. Except Mon-Sat 6am to 11am.

Access to Foxes Bow, (and by default access to the adjoining lanes off Foxes Bow) is restricted by the Foxes Bow provisions during the periods as advised.

The regulatory basis outlined provides for enforcement by Limerick City & County Council Traffic Section and/or An Garda Síochána. Where concerns arise that a breach of these regulations is advised and in particular where such a breach is clearly posing a danger to the public this should be reported promptly to Limerick City & County Council Traffic Section and/or An Garda Síochána as appropriate.

Article 45. Pedestrianised Streets

(1) A person shall not drive a vehicle into a road, a portion of a road or an area, at the entrance to which traffic sign number RUS 021 [Pedestrianised street or area] has been provided, during the period indicated on the information plate accompanying the said traffic sign.

(2) A vehicle shall not be parked in a road, a portion of a road or an area, at the entrance to which the traffic sign referred to in sub-article (1) is provided, during the period indicated on the information plate accompanying the said sign.

3) Where a vehicle is parked in a road, a portion of a road or an area, at the entrance to which the sign referred to in sub-article (1) is provided, at a time in advance of the commencement of the period indicated on the information plate accompanying the said sign, the parking of the said vehicle must cease and the vehicle must be removed from the road, portion of the road or the area prior to the commencement of that period.

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