

Director General Report on the Licence for the Christmas in Limerick 2025 - Light Up Limerick Procession Event

Prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 238 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Article 193 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Name of Applicant: Limerick City & County Council

Proposed Event: Christmas in Limerick 2025 - Light Up Limerick Procession

Location of Event: Barrington Street to the Potato Market

Dates: 22nd November 2025, 19:30 – 20:30

Assessment

Christmas Lights activation will take the form of a dynamic hybrid procession. Rather than a static single touch point activation at a singular moment, this one-hour procession will travel from Barrington Street to the Potato Market, gradually lighting the city as it moves.

Christmas Lights will be activated in 4 key zones along the route:

- Block 1 – Glentworth Street to Roches Street
- Block 2 – Roches Street to William Street
- Block 3 – William Street to Denmark Street
- Block 4 – Denmark Street to the corner of Arthur's Quay Shopping Centre

The event will conclude with a finale at the Potato Market.

The audience profile will range from young children to elderly persons with approximately 18,000 people expected to view the parade along a 1.2km route.

In line with festivals best practice, LCCC Festivals and Events propose to designate O'Connell Crescent area a quiet zone at the beginning of the route, ensuring a calmer, sensory-friendly space for individuals and families with additional needs. This area will also include the universal access area to accommodate persons with reduced mobility.

Rolling switch-ons will be coordinated in partnership with the council's contracted electrical provider.

A full Event Management Plan has been produced by the contracted Event Management Company in conjunction with blue light services and other key stakeholders. The Event Management Plan includes details of the management structure and responsibilities, Event Control Centre, Event Safety Strategy, Procession Route Overview, On Site Medical Support, Logistics, Inter-Agency Liaison, Contingency Planning and Risk Assessments.

Limerick City & County Council published notice of their intention to hold an event in the Irish Independent on Monday 15th September 2025 and the Limerick Post on Saturday the 20th of September 2025, inviting public submissions or observations up until the 3rd of October 2025.

The application was referred to An Garda Síochána, the HSE, the Chief Fire Officer (LCCC), the Environment Section (LCCC), the Roads Department (LCCC). An Event Management meeting was also held. All are satisfied with the proposal.

No submissions were received during the statutory timeframe.

RECOMMENDATION:

Having considered the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and the submitted documentation, it is recommended that the proposed Christmas in Limerick 2025 Light Up Procession event should be held.

Signed:



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Date : 15/10/2025