

Limerick Public Realm Strategy

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Limerick Public Realm Strategy?

The Public Realm Strategy is a guidance document to improve the streets, squares, parks, waterfronts and public spaces of Limerick City Centre. It provides guidance for future investment and establishes design principles for public realm projects.

2. Is this a statutory planning document?

No. The Strategy is a non-statutory document. However, it will be used as guidance for future public realm projects.

3. What area does the Strategy cover?

The Strategy focuses on Limerick City Centre and identifies six-character areas: Waterfront, Englishtown, Irishtown, Central Core, Georgian Neighbourhood and Eastern Gateway.

4. How will the Strategy benefit residents?

Provides guidance for improved accessibility, greener streets, better public spaces and safer environments creating a more liveable environment.

5. How does the Strategy support local businesses?

The Strategy supports local businesses by creating a more attractive, accessible and vibrant city centre, and in turn increases footfall, dwell time, tourism and opportunities for outdoor trading and events.

6. Will heritage be protected?

Yes. Protecting and celebrating Limerick's heritage is a core principle of the Strategy. Projects will seek to enhance the city's medieval, Georgian and industrial heritage while improving accessibility and public enjoyment.

7. What are rain gardens and SuDS?

Sustainable Urban Drainage System is a nature-based drainage designed to capture and absorb rainfall naturally, that reduces flooding, improves water quality and supports biodiversity.

8. How will the Strategy address climate change?

By increasing green infrastructure, sustainable mobility, and nature-based solutions. Reducing car dependency, improving walking, cycling and public transport infrastructure.

9. How will accessibility be improved?

The Strategy supports using Universal Design principles for people of all ages and abilities.

10. Will flood protection work affect the public realm?

Flood protection schemes on the Shannon and Abbey River will be coordinated with public realm improvements. The objective is to ensure flood defences also contribute positively to the city's appearance, accessibility and waterfront experience.