

# CAPEL STREET TRAFFIC FREE PROPOSAL

## Non- Statutory Public Consultation



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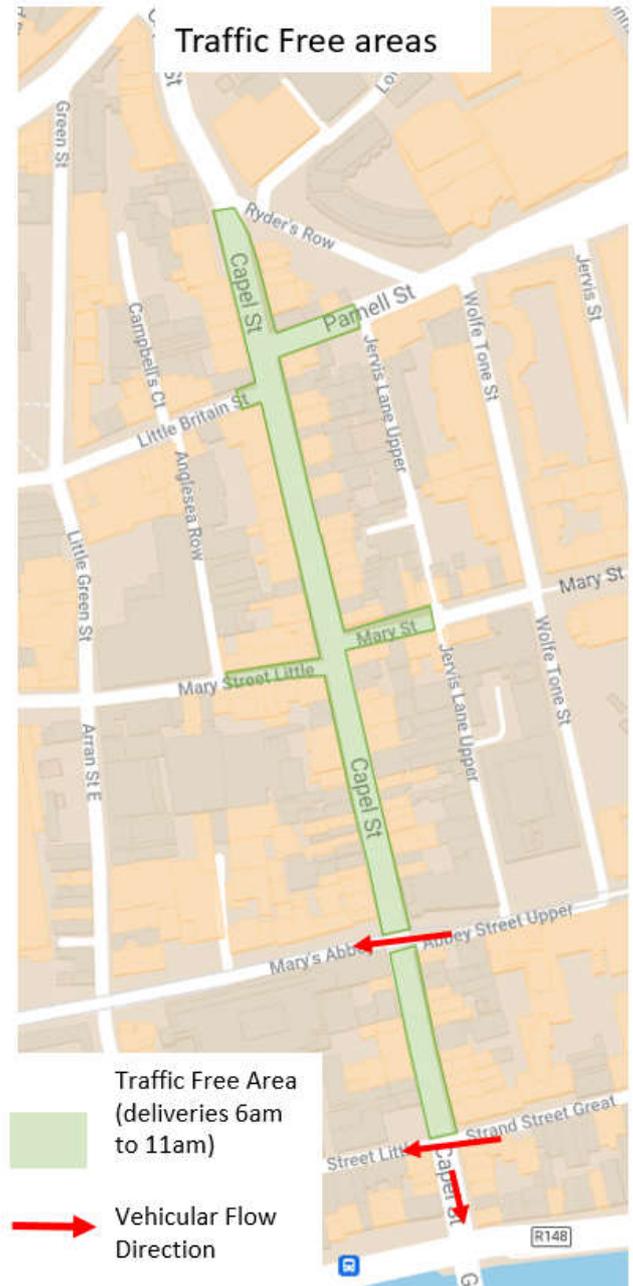
From the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2021, Capel St. was made traffic-free on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening from 18:30 to 23:30 for a initially for period of 6 weekends on a trial basis but was extended to a total of 17 weeks until the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October.

Towards the end of the Traffic Free weekend evenings a non-statutory public consultation was held to obtain views on peoples experience over the 17 weeks and also what options they would like to see further developed. Based on the responses which strongly indicated a preference for a Traffic Free arrangement on Capel Street, DCC Traffic Department examined how best to achieve this whilst still allowing loading, servicing and maintaining existing resident and business accesses.

It is proposed to introduce a Traffic Free arrangement from **May 2022**

### Key elements of the proposal:

- Permanent closure at Parnell St after Jarvis Lane to remove through traffic on Capel street
- Delivery access will be facilitated between 6am and 11am. Car parking spaces will be removed and converted to loading bays to ensure there is sufficient space. There will be all day loading provided at a number of side streets
- Mary's Abbey traffic flow direction will be reversed and residents existing from Abbey St will exit via Mary's Abbey
- Mary Street between Capel Street and Jarvis Lane will be reversed
- Strand Street Little and Strand Street Great will remain open to traffic all day
- Initial street improvements including seating and greening are to be provided



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### Emergency Vehicular Access.

Emergency Vehicular access is maintained at all times as the emergency services will be able to access all locations on Capel Street.

### Disabled Parking

Additional spaces have already been provided around the area during the traffic free trials and these have stayed in place. One disabled car park space will be relocated and additional ones added in Strand Street Great and Mary Street.

### Deliveries

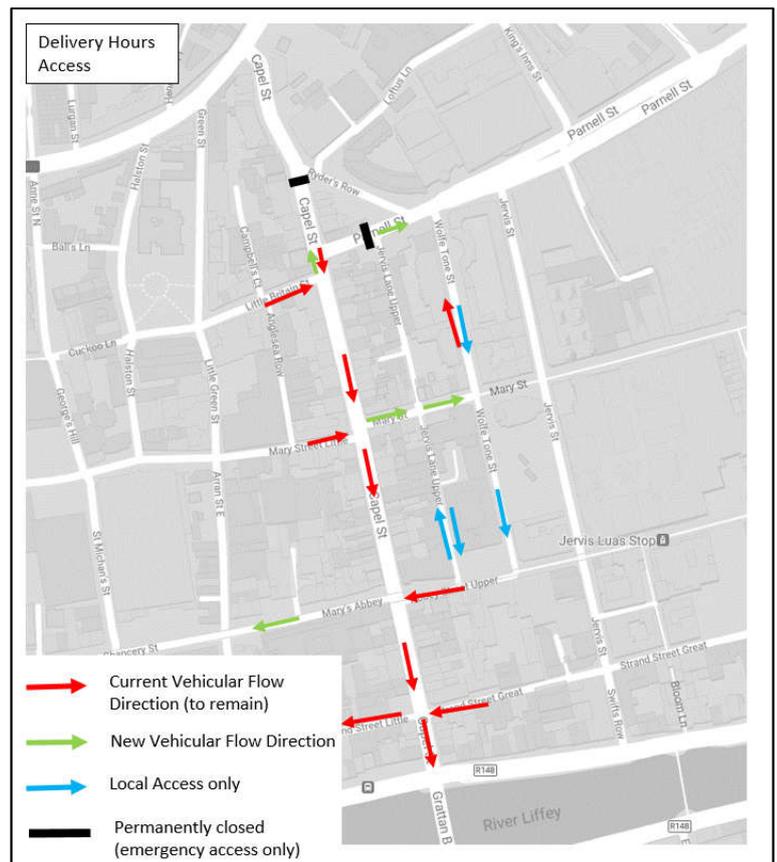
It is proposed that deliveries are allowed on the Street from 06:00- 11:00 7 days a week. Deliveries would access Capel Street from a number of different locations ensuring that all premises on the street can have their loading requirements accommodated. In addition this will enable residents to also take deliveries during these hours also.

### Car Parking

The retention of on street car parking spaces is problematic in an arrangement such as Capel Street as drivers may park up to the 11:00 time and if they do not exit at that stage when legally required to do so, then they will block these spaces for any other use. In addition they may then cause problems for pedestrians when they do leave. Therefore it is proposed to remove all car parking spaces from the street and convert them to a mixture of loading bays or build outs for additional pedestrian/ outdoor space. This will then mean that there will be sufficient spaces for all the loading requirements up to 11:00

### Cycling

This is an important North South cycle route with a contraflow section on Ryders Row/ Capel Street allowing access from Bolton Street. Therefore it is proposed cycling will still be allowed on the street and in time the option of contra flow cycling will also be explored.



For full details and to make a submission visit <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/> or inspect the report and drawings and leave a comment at a display in our Dublin City Council Wood Quay Office.

Consultation is open from 11<sup>th</sup> March to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022.