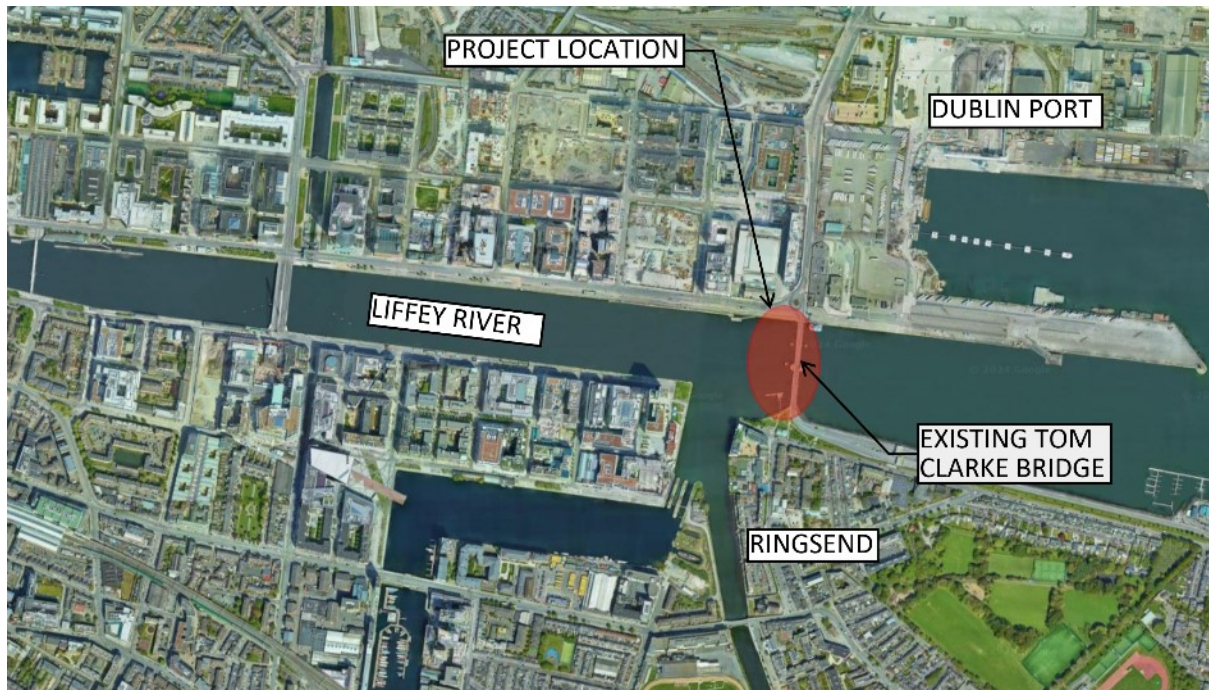


The Point Pedestrian & Cycle Bridge and Tom Clarke Bridge Widening Works Project - Easy Read Summary

Where is this project?



The project is located at the existing Tom Clarke Bridge in Ringsend, Dublin City. The new pedestrian and cycle bridge will be located right next to the existing Tom Clarke Bridge on the west side.

What is this project?

The Point Pedestrian & Cycle Bridge and Tom Clarke Bridge Widening Works Project involves the construction of a new pedestrian and cycle bridge. The project will also include improvements to the existing Tom Clarke Bridge.

Why do we need to do this work?

The condition of the existing bridge is not suitable for pedestrians and cyclists to use in its current form.

The current footway is too narrow for pedestrians to use. Cyclist also use the footway as they find it too dangerous to cycle on the road making it very difficult for the public to use the footway.

The bridge is the main river crossing for vehicles on the eastern edge of Dublin City connecting Dublin Tunnel to the south of the city with high numbers of traffic including Heavy Goods Vehicles. The bridge road width is very narrow for vehicles and cyclists to use together making it very unsafe to use in its current form.

The development of the docklands area has increased the number of people in the area which requires safer footways and cycle tracks for the public who need to cross the River Liffey.

In addition, the expansion of the active travel network in Dublin City requires that the crossing at this location is improved to cater for pedestrians and cyclists.

What is included in the project?

Point Pedestrian & Cycle Bridge:

There will be a new bridge for pedestrians and cyclists located directly to the west of the existing Tom Clarke Bridge. This will provide a safe crossing over the River Liffey for pedestrians, vulnerable road users and cyclists away from traffic.

The bridge will be able to open just like the existing Tom Clarke Bridge.

A new control tower will be built between the two bridges. This will replace the old control building. The new control tower will operate the new bridge and the existing Tom Clarke Bridge.

The new bridge will have a public realm area with seating which will allow the public to enjoy scenic views of the River Liffey and Dublin City.

Tom Clarke Bridge Enhancements:

The bridge will be widened on the north and south side to provide allow for an additional turning lane.

The road barriers, public lighting and traffic signals on the bridge will be upgraded also.

By making these changes we hope to make it much safer and easier for the public to cross the River Liffey at this location.

What will it look like?

There will be a new bridge built right next the existing Tom Clarke Bridge on the west side. The new bridge will have cycle tracks on the east side of the bridge and pedestrians on the west side and they will be segregated with kerb.

In the centre of the new bridge, there will be a public realm area that will have seating and planting. People will be to enjoy views of the west of the city, the Liffey River and the St Patrick's Rowing Club.

There will be a new control tower that will be three storeys high. The building is designed to allow workers to operate the bridges when it needs to be opened for boats passing down the River Liffey.

The existing Tom Clarke bridge will have an extra turning lane on the north side. There will be new barriers put on the bridge, new lights and traffic lights.



Photomontage 1 - View of Tom Clarke Bridge Widening and Point Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge with proposed control tower from North Wall Quay



Photomontage 2 - View of Point Bridge and control tower from Sir John Rogerson's Quay

What is the project timeline?

There is a non-statutory public consultation from the 11th June 2024 to the 12th July 2024 where everyone can look at the proposals for the project.

The scheme will then go to An Bord Pleanála for planning permission at the end of 2024.

Subject to planning permissions and permits, the Detailed Design and Procurement will be carried out in the end of 2025 and the project will go to construction in 2027.

How do I comment on this project?

There are a few ways to comment on this project and get more information.

Email your comments to ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie with "Point Bridge Scheme" in the subject line.

Send a letter to:

Dublin City Council,
Cavendish House,
Block D,
Arran Court,
Arran Quay,
Dublin 7,
D07 H5CH

Fill out the online form on the project website between the 11th June 2024 and the 12th July 2024.

Where to see the project designs:

The project documents and drawings are available for viewing during the non-statutory public consultation at the following locations and online.

Dublin City Council,
Block 1,
Floor 0,
Civic Offices,
Wood Quay,
Dublin 8,
D08 RF3F

Ringsend Library,
Fitzwilliam St,
Dublin,
D04 Y970

Charleville Mall Library,
Charleville Mall,
N Strand Rd,
Dublin 1,
D01 AX99

Online at www.dublincity.ie/activetravel

Will there be an opportunity to meet with Dublin City Council to discuss the proposals?

An information event on the project will be held from 4-7pm on the 18th of June at the Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre and from 4-7pm on the 19th of June at the Seán O'Casey Community Centre, East Wall.