

Construction Stage

Following the Part 8 submission and acceptance of proposals at the beginning of 2003, it is now planned to proceed with the on street works to pedestrianise Lower Thomas Street. It is anticipated that the works will commence in spring 2006, subject to the appointment of a contractor.

The scheme is part of phase 2 of the City Centre streets and public open spaces initiative of Limerick City Council. The first phase at Baker Place was completed in 2002 and the second phase at Lower Bedford Row in 2003. The overall project is jointly funded by the Department of the Environment under the Urban and Village Renewal Programme and by Limerick City Council.

Currently extensive works are being undertaken at Upper Bedford Row where street improvement works have included the up-grading of the under ground services and filling-in of disused vaults. The Savoy Development (which is being carried out by a private developer) to the south side of Bedford Row is also running concurrently with the street improvement works.

It is expected that the street improvement works on Upper Bedford Row will be completed by this Summer. As part of the Upper Bedford Row contract, junction improvements at O'Connell Street and Thomas Street will be carried out. This will involve some temporary disruption of traffic and pedestrian movement. It is envisaged that works should then proceed along Lower Thomas Street.

The main objectives for Lower Thomas Street project are:

- ? To create a more pedestrian and user friendly city centre;
- ? To reduce the conflict between pedestrians and vehicles;
- ? To improve pedestrian movement between the City Centre and the River Shannon;
- ? To create a safer and healthier environment that is also attractive to reinvestment;
- ? To provide a vibrant open space that can be used for retail activities as well as informal leisure and organised public events.

Once construction commences it is expected that the street remodeling works will last for approximately six months, during which time there will be a certain amount of disruption and temporary restrictions to traffic and pedestrian movements on Lower Thomas Street. It is planned that any inconvenience will be kept to the minimum possible at all times.

The main features of the improvement scheme are illustrated on the inside page and comprise:

- ? The creation of a pedestrian-only street between O'Connell Street and Little William Street, with restricted and emergency vehicles only;
- ? Improved security of the street through the provision of better street lighting and distinctive amenity lighting;
- ? Improved settings of buildings along Lower Thomas Street by introducing high quality paving, seating and tree planting;
- ? Improved pedestrian crossing facilities at the junction with O'Connell Street.



Thomas Street Pre-Construction Stage



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Detailed plans are on permanent display at Limerick Co-ordination Office, 50 O'Connell Street, from 9.30a.m. to 5.00p.m. (closed during lunch hours)

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KEY:

1. Paving Type 1:
French Limestone Slabs
 2. Paving Type 1A:
Irish Limestone Setts
 3. Paving Type B:
French Limestone Setts
 4. Textured Road Surface
 5. Tree Planting
 6. Street Lighting
 7. Bollard
 8. Bench Seat
 9. Stone Cube Bollard
 10. Automatic Bollards
 11. Wall Mounted Lighting
- ← One-way traffic

Components



Bicycle Stands



Cube Stone
Bollard



Street Lighting



Boisbelle



Tequila Setts



Chomerac & Irish
Limestone

THE PROPOSED SCHEME

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