



## **Cork Lower Harbour Main Drainage Project**

### **Information in relation to 90m Road Closure Adjacent to Passage West Library from Monday 13 August to Friday 7 September**

#### **HOMES ADJACENT TO 90m ROAD CLOSURE**

**1. Will I be able to access my home?**

Yes, access will be maintained to your home at all times. There may be a few days where the works are directly adjacent to your home, but we will liaise with you directly to ensure that you will be able to access your home and in particular if there are additional access requirements due to disability or any other reason

**2. What about parking?**

There will be restrictions on parking for locals along the pipeline route, however, the contractor will liaise and assist directly with all residents as has happened in all work areas throughout the project and has been very effective. Carparks will be kept open as far as possible throughout the works, for example, when works are proceeding from the southern end of the car park, parking will be available at the northern end of the car park and similarly when working at the northern end, parking will be available at the southern side.

**3. How do I access the village?**

Pedestrian access will be available at all times. Depending on the location of your home in relation to the works, should you need to drive, access will be as normal if you are on the Passage West side of the works. If you are on the city side of the works, the Back Road will be available for the use of local light traffic and this will allow two way traffic under a traffic management system for the period of the closure.

The principal diversion will be via the N28 national route, and all large vehicles and heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) will be diverted via the N28.

Traffic travelling north will divert via the R610 onto the N28 and the R609 Old Carrigaline Road to re-join the R610 at the Fingerpost Roundabout.

Traffic travelling south will divert via the R610 onto the R609 at the Fingerpost Roundabout and on to the N28 to re-join the R610 at Raffeen Junction.

**4. Will the Emergency Services be able to access my home?**

The emergency services have been notified of the road closure, with maps provided allowing them to manage their response should an emergency arise. Emergency services manage road closures on a regular basis. They will include the road closure info into their dispatching protocol. They will determine how best to deploy a service, be it an ambulance, fire truck or Garda car. The road closure will not impact the quality of service being provided by the Emergency services.

**5. Will refuse collection services be able to access the area?**

Where works are impacting on the collection, bins will be pulled to an access point at the end of the works by the contractor to facilitate collection and returned after collection.

**6. Will I be able to access doctors/church/post office/pharmacy/shops/ferry?**

All footpaths and pedestrian access will remain open throughout the closure and local access will be available to Passage West via Back Road.

**7. What are the working hours?**

In order to minimise the duration of the closure, work will continue for a minimum of 12 hours per day, 7am to 7pm, seven days a week where possible.

**8. Will the services to my house such as water, gas, electricity be affected?**

No, there are no planned interruptions to services as part of the works.

**9. What will happen with respect to the Bus service?**

See Bus Section

## HOMES ALONG BACK ROAD

**1. Will I be able to access my home?**

Yes, access will be maintained to your home at all times.

**2. What about parking?**

There will be no additional restrictions to parking on the Back Road as a result of the works or the traffic management system.

**3. Will there be two way travel along the Back Road?**

For the period of the closure, two way traffic will be facilitated using a traffic management system.

**4. What is the traffic management system?**

There will be traffic lights at either end of Back Road. During the day, these will be manned by Ward and Burke personnel, who will control the flow of traffic during working hours. At night, the traffic lights will manage traffic flows. A third set of vehicle actuated lights will work at the exit to Ardnalee at night, with the light going green only when traffic is coming from Ardnalee.

**5. What about the Japanese Knotweed?**

There will be no cutting of the Japanese Knotweed in relation to these works.

**6. Why not make the road fully two-way?**

While the road may be sufficiently wide in some locations to facilitate two-way traffic – it is not sufficiently wide at all locations. Therefore the safest and most effective way to manage local traffic on the back road is through the use of the proposed traffic management system.

**7. Will HGV's travel along Back Road?**

HGV's and large vehicles will not be permitted to use the Back Road.

**8. How will you stop them?**

All HGV's will be diverted through signage at main junctions along the diversion route. Signage will also be erected at the dockyard so that trucks will turn left from the Dockyard and use the proposed diversion via the R610 to the N28.

## **BUSINESSES**

### **1. Will customers be able to access my business?**

Yes they will. We have traffic diversions in place to ensure that customer access and deliveries will be maintained. Pedestrian access will also remain in place throughout the period of closure. A Bus shuttle service has been arranged to ensure that there is access to and from Passage West for the period of the closure.

### **2. What about my deliveries?**

Large vehicles and HGVs must use the N28 diversion to access businesses. We will provide maps of the diversion route for businesses to give to their delivery drivers. This information will also be available on our website.

### **3. Am I entitled to compensation as a result of these works?**

Irish Water is a statutory body carrying out its duties and as such there is no entitlement to compensation for these works. Irish water recognises that the local community has been very patient with the ongoing works which are required to clean up our harbour. The works on Cork Lower Harbour Main Drainage Project is already having major benefits in terms of protecting the environment and the health of local communities. The completion of this pipeline is essential to facilitating economic development and commercial growth in the area, providing for a growing population and benefitting businesses in the area. . We would like to reiterate our commitment to working with the local community to minimise the impact where possible and I would like to thank you for your ongoing cooperation as we work together to deliver the Cork Lower Harbour Main Drainage Project and end the discharge of raw sewage into the Cork Lower Harbour.

## BUS ÉIREANN BUS SERVICE

### 1. What will happen with respect to the Bus service?

The main Bus Éireann service through Passage West will be diverted from the Carrigmahon Hill to Rochestown Inn stop. For the duration of the works, arrangements have been made with Bus Éireann that a free shuttle bus system will operate from the Rochestown Inn and Carrigmahon Hill bus stops to each side of the works areas. The free shuttle bus service will operate to the same hours and timetable as the Bus Éireann Services:

- Main Bus will turn at Rochestown Inn from Douglas side (shuttle service will run from here to Passage West);
- Main Bus will turn at end of Carrigmahon (shuttle service will run from here to Passage West);
- See attached schedule of stops and map for more information.

### 2. Examples

**Origin bus stop:** Cork City Hall  
**Destination bus stop:** Ringaskiddy  
Stay on the bus as normal

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**Origin bus stop:** Glenbrook (Lucia Tce)  
**Destination bus stop:** Cork City Hall

Shuttle bus will pick up at Glenbrook (Lucia Tce) and take you to the works closure zone in Passage. There is a short walk past the works on the footpath to the next shuttle on the other side which will bring you to join the Bus Éireann route at Rochestown Inn and on to Cork.

If you are heading in the opposite direction then the same process will operate in the opposite direction.

**Origin bus stop:** Glenbrook (Lucia Tce)  
**Destination bus stop:** Ringaskiddy

Shuttle bus will take you to Rochestown Rd (Carrigmahon Hill Jct) stop where you will change to join the Bus Éireann route onto Ringaskiddy.

If you are heading in the opposite direction then the same process will operate in the opposite direction.

### 3. What about the Bus Éireann route that serves schools from ferry at Carrigmahon?

This service will continue as before with the shuttle servicing stops within the area between Carrigmahon Hill and Rochestown Inn stops as per Bus Éireann timetable.

**4. Will the shuttle service cater for wheelchair users?**

The shuttle bus driver or the wheelchair user should contact the shuttle bus coordinator Carol Harris at 086 144 9548, who will arrange for a wheelchair accessible taxi to collect the passenger and deliver to destination. This information will be contained on poster displayed at bus stops within the shuttle zone.

**5. How will you make people aware of the bus changes?**

Posters will be erected at all the Bus stops within the shuttle zone with information on the service.

Information will be provided at an information evening in Passage West

Information will be available on the website [www.water.ie/corklowerharbour](http://www.water.ie/corklowerharbour)

Updates can be received by email if you register with [corklowerharbour@water.ie](mailto:corklowerharbour@water.ie)

There will be personnel available for the first week at the change points of the shuttle service to explain the service

Bus Éireann drivers will also inform people of the service changes as they use the service

## **SCHOOLS AND OTHER BUS SERVICES**

**1. What about private bus services?**

The private bus service between the ferry and St. Peter's School will not be affected. The private bus operator for Rochestown College has been contacted and has been provided with the details of the diversions, so that they can review their potential routes in advance of the school year.

**2. Have Schools been notified?**

Contact has been made with all schools and we will liaise with schools in order to provide them with information for the parents of their students in relation to school access in advance of their official opening