



Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge
Waterford City & County Council

**TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS
SECTION 75 ROADS ACT 1993**

VIKING MARATHON SATURDAY JUNE 24TH 2017

Notice is hereby given that Waterford City and County Council, in exercise of its powers pursuant to Section 75 of the Roads Act 1993, propose to close the following roads on **Saturday 24th June 2017 during the times specified below** to facilitate the holding of the **Waterford Viking Marathon 2017**.

Road to be closed	Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mall, Waterford (R680) John Street, Johnstown (R860) from its junction with Parnell Street (R680) to the junction with Ballytruckle road (R708) South Parade (R708) Otteran Place (R708) Catherine Street (R708) Bridge Street (R686) 	8.00am to 10.30am
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brownes Road (L1515) Slip road from the Cork Road Skibbereen Road (L5514) Slip road from Tir Connell Avenue to Old Kilmeaden Road 	10.00am to 6.00pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whelans Bridge Road (L4411) Closed at junction of Ballyduff East (L8029) and Lacka Road (L4036) to junction of Killoteran L4411 and Bawnfune L4035 to Butlerstown North L4041 	8.00am to 6.00pm

Outbound Lane Closures	Time
Outbound Lane on the Quay from Tower Hotel to Rice Bridge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R680 Parade Quay R680 Coal Quay R680 Merchants Quay R680 Custom House Quay R680 Meagher's Quay 	8.00am to 10.30am
Outbound Lanes from Rice Bridge (R680) in the direction of the N25	8.00am to 10.30am
Outbound Lanes from Sallypark to N25: Sallypark (R448) to Newrath Roundabout and from Newrath Roundabout on the R861 to Roundabout No. 12 at Grannagh and onto N25	8.00am to 10.30am

Outbound Lane Closures in County Kilkenny	Time
The following roads in County Kilkenny will be subject to lane closures as follows: A lane of the outbound carriageway of the R448 from Sallypark (at County Bounds) to Newrath Roundabout and a lane of the outbound carriageway of the R861 from Newrath Roundabout to Roundabout no. 12 at Grannagh and onto N25 westbound.	8.00am to 10.30am

Traffic Disruption on the following roads	Time
Please be aware there will be Traffic Disruption on the following Roads in Waterford City: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R861 Roundabout No 12 on M9/N24/N25 at Grannagh N25 at the Toll Plaza Please be aware there will be Traffic Disruption on the following roads in County Kilkenny: R448/R861 Newrath Roundabout	8.30am to 10.30am
Please be aware there will also be Traffic Disruption on the following Roads in Waterford City (Detours in place): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L4039 Bawnfune R680 Cork Road R710 Outer Ring Road L1515 Brownes Road L1516 Tir Connell Avenue L1509 Old Kilmeaden Road L55071 Knockhouse Link Rd L5507 Knockhouse Road L1505 Gracedieu Road R686 Summerhill R686 Bridge Street L90296 Mary Street L15001 Suir Street L1500 Grattan Quay L1501 Billberry Road 	8.30am to 6.00 pm

Alternative Route:
 Diversions will be in place on the day and local access will be maintained.
 Objections or submissions may be made in writing to the Director of Services, Roads, Water and Environment, Waterford City and County Council, The Mall, Waterford not later than **4pm on Wednesday 10th May, 2017.**
Fergus Galvin
 Director of Services
 Roads, Water and Environment
 25th April 2017

COUNCILLORS RAISE GREENWAY QUERIES

KIERAN FOLEY REPORTS

ISSUES relating to the Waterford Greenway have been raised by local Councillors, including maintenance, safety, parking, and the provision of toilet facilities.
 However, at the April plenary meeting of Waterford City & County Council, a number of issues of concern were discussed.
 Cllr John O'Leary (FF) congratulated CEO Michael Walsh on the success of the Greenway, and paid tribute to the Council's frontline staff involved in the project.
 He described the Greenway

as a "fantastic amenity" for everyone in Waterford, particularly those living in Mid County Waterford.
 However, he said he had received many representations from people in relation to car parking facilities.
 He noted that the Greenway is expected to attract thousands of visitors this year, but said car parking facilities may not be able to accommodate this demand.
 He highlighted the parking facilities on offer at the Waterford & Suir Valley Railway and Durrow which he said were already "fairly stretched".
 He also said many people are seeking to access the Greenway in the Kildermody area.
 Meanwhile, Cllr Joe Conway (Ind) raised his concerns in relation to "people parking".

He said quite a number of people have approached him while on the Greenway asking if the Council would consider occasional seating where people can "relax, watch the world go by and enjoy the views".
 He also asked if there are plans to increase the amount of signage along the route.
 "Occasionally you see signs asking people to keep to the left, but the cycling I've seen is very chaotic," he said.
 Cllr Conway said this rule was not being adhered to and expressed his hope that it would be "self-policed".
 "If it isn't adhered to, accidents will happen," he said.
 Cllr Pat Nugent (FG) asked about the maintenance of grass margins and inquired about counters in place to track the number of people using the amenity.
 Cllr Declan Clune (SF) asked about the provision of toilet facilities along the route.
 He said toilets should preferably be located in car parks, and suggested that a small charge to use such facilities would be acceptable if the facilities are provided by a private contractor.
 Cllr Clune said that toilets should be provided if the Greenway is expected to attract such large visitor numbers.
 In response to the queries, CEO Michael Walsh said he would bring the concerns raised to the next meeting being held in relation to the Greenway.
 He highlighted that there is a "good bit of work still left to do" and explained that further surface dressing is required in some areas along the route.
 Mr Walsh said €100,000 was made available by Waterford City & County Council in its budget for the maintenance of the Greenway, and this includes maintaining verges, hedges, removing weeds, cleaning and other aspects.
 He said counters tracking the numbers using the route are already in place and he will request that this data can be shared, perhaps on a monthly basis.
 He added that indications in relation to visitor numbers are so far "quite positive".
 Mr Walsh said the Council will "monitor" the car parking situation and see if overflow car parks are required.
 In relation to the provision of toilets, he said that there is already an agreement with a number of businesses located along or near the route in relation to making their toilet facilities available for Greenway users.
 He said there is a "reasonable spread" of such facilities, including in Durrow, Kilmathomas, Kilmeaden and Carriganore.
 He said the Council will also look at other options in relation to the provision of toilets.

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