

Comhairle Contae Fhine GallFingal County
Council



Summer 2021Update



OVERVIEW

COVID-19 has changed the way we live. The provision of safe outdoor spaces that facilitate social distancing is an essential requirement for Summer 2021. NPHET have stated that outdoor living is key to reducing the spread of COVID-19. The Government have asked us to "Think safe, think outdoor" for Summer 2021 because it will allow us to continue through the Recovery phase, focusing on what is safest and generates the most benefit. The focus, therefore, must be on outdoor activities - both social and economic.

In line with the Programme for Government, 'Our Shared Future', local authorities have been mandated to "carry out an assessment of their road network, to see where space can be reallocated for pedestrians and cyclists".

In response to this, Fingal County Council has identified New Street, Malahide, as a good location for pedestrianisation in line with Government requirements.

Government has also asked local authorities to prioritise outdoor dining and we will be facilitating this, not only in New Street, but on other streets in Malahide where there is a demand from local businesses for licensed access to the public realm.

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NEW STREET

New Street will be pedestrianised from the June Bank Holiday weekend in order to provide:

- A safe environment for the community to enjoy and go about their daily business
- An opportunity for local businesses to operate under COVID-19 conditions
- A Pedestrian Friendly, Age Friendly and Family Friendly Zone

The Scheme includes:

- Enhanced outdoor dining
- Licensing scheme for outdoor dining
- Residential access for New Street and Ross Cottages
- Two-way traffic from Strand Street for Ross Cottage residents
- Vehicular access for New Street businesses with off-street parking
- Vehicular access to the HSE Medical Centre for vulnerable patients
- Vehicular access for Emergency Services
- Arranged access to Malahide Marina for boats
- Age Friendly Parking
- · Additional Bike Racks
- Delivery access from 6am 11am
- Improved Private Bin Collection arrangements
- Rerouting of Dublin Bus services via Old Street
- Relocation of the Taxi Rank to The Diamond

MALAHIDE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MAP



New Street Malahide - Pedestrian Zone 11am - 6am





New Street Outdoor Dining Map

OUTDOOR DINING

It's going to be an outdoor Summer. As both retail and hospitality prepare to reopen for business, we must consider how they can operate safely under the Plan for Living with COVID-19.

With Ireland holidaying at home in 2021 there is an opportunity, through outdoor dining, to provide new ways of delivering the hospitality experience that Fingal is famous for. Outdoor dining can also enhance our way of life. In addition to serving the local community, it can attract visitors and footfall to other Malahide businesses. This will keep our local economy alive and local people employed.

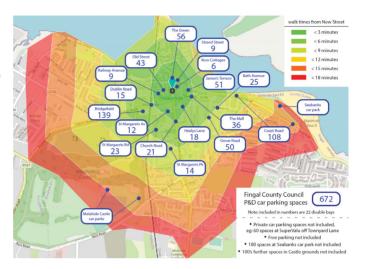
Fingal County Council is working with businesses in all areas of Malahide to enable them to operate in the public realm. Businesses have been invited to apply for licences which will allow them to manage outdoor dining outside their premises and may include the provision of parklets in unpedestrianised areas. There are also grants available to enable businesses to purchase outdoor furniture.

More information is available at www.fingal.ie/outdoordiningsupports



PARKING

There is extensive Pay & Display parking within a 3 to 12 minute walk of New Street. Two hours free parking is provided at the nearby Bridgefield Car Park. Free parking is available in the Seabanks and Back Road car parks. There are also private Pay & Display off street car park facilities close by. The Council has installed additional Disabled and Age Friendly parking spots in Malahide.



THE FUTURE OF NEW STREET

Fingal County Council is committed to the permanent pedestrianisation of New Street. Our vision for New Street is an expertly-designed public area that complements the Village Green and enhances the heart of Malahide for the benefit of residents, businesses and visitors alike.

The pedestrianisation of New Street will compliment Malahide's position at the centre of Fingal's Greenway network with the village set to be connected to the Broadmeadow Way, the Sutton to Malahide Greenway and the Swords to Malahide Cycleway. This will lead to increased visitor numbers as Malahide, with a reimagined New Street and the recently completed Village Green, becomes a natural stopping-off point between Sutton and Balbriggan for those journeying along the Fingal Coastal Way.

Fingal County Council, in recent times, has published a number of documents and policies, which together with national and regional policy objectives, such as National Climate Action Plan 2019 (NCAP),

Smarter Travel - A Sustainable Future, and the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS), propose changing the nature of our towns and villages, from ones that prioritise the private car to ones which emphasise the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users. The New Street scheme aligns with these national, regional and local plans and is the first step in the creation of accessible, attractive and safe streets for all.

When we present our plans for permanent pedestrianisation, they will be subject to the statutory planning process. This will include a Public Consultation that will give residents, businesses and other stakeholders an opportunity to comment on those plans.

We also want to hear from you now. We are running an online survey from May 11th to May 21st and would appreciate if you could log on and complete the survey form. The form is available at consult.fingal.ie



