

# Proposed Fleadh Pedestrian Management Plan

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## **Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann Proposed Pedestrian Management Plan**

Management of pedestrians during the Fleadh is likely to be one of the most significant hazards and challenges generated by the event.

In order to mitigate these hazards some planning and consideration has been given to management of pedestrians on the streets in the core of the town in particular.

It is proposed to incorporate a number of measures to be put in place to mitigate the risk as follows:

### **Music Performances**

- Music performances to be dealt with on a reactive basis with ongoing monitoring through CCTV systems and on the ground review. Particular emphasis on Abbey Street, O'Connell Street and O'Connell Square.
- No amplified music permitted on any of the streets, this includes music played on the streets and music bearing onto the streets from pubs, shops etc. (Amplified music performances increase congestion on streets) This to be enforced on an as needs basis.

### **Media**

Refer to Fleadh TV proposal.

Fleadh TV located in the Market Area. This overall area may need to be considered as a single zone which may require access restrictions based on volumes of personnel in the area at any given time.

These will be monitored by CCTV and will be required to comply with any directions from Event Control/Gardaí regarding temporary cessation of music/activities etc.

### **Casual Trading**

No casual trading on the named streets, these will be monitored by enforcement officers/security staff with enforcement powers. Also may be monitored by Revenue.

### **Street Furniture**

All street furniture to be removed for the duration of the event including street signage. This to be enforced on an as needs basis.

### **Screens.**

Large Screens may be provided to advise patrons of venues that are already full or to assist in crowd management by providing various visual messages. Note it has not yet been confirmed as to whether this facility will be provided.

The streets that are most likely to encounter crowding are as follows:

- Abbey Street
- O'Connell Street
- O'Connell Square
- Parnell High Street
- Bank Place
- Arthur's Row (Street leading from O'Connell Square to Templegate Car Park)
- Market Area (Fleadh TV)

### **Street Capacities**

Some key street occupancy capacities are as follows:

(The occupancy capacity has been set at 0.5m<sup>2</sup> per person)

- Abbey Street - 870m<sup>2</sup> - 1740 persons
- O'Connell Square – 1145m<sup>2</sup> - 2290 persons
- O'Connell Street Upper (towards square) 1015m<sup>2</sup> - 2030 persons
- O'Connell Street Lower 805m<sup>2</sup> -1610 persons

There are a number of “relief valves” off these streets that can be used to relieve the congestion in these areas.

Note the capacities stated above are standard occupancy criteria for concerts and in reality it is likely that a reduced capacity will be required in order to maintain effective pedestrian flows.

There are two main stages of pedestrian management being proposed as follows on the next page:

## **Stage 1**

*(likely to be implemented in evenings from possibly Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August, remaining evenings Friday 18<sup>th</sup> -Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>, this plan to be instigated at **5pm automatically on Friday** or earlier based on ongoing assessment by Event Controller and Gardaí; Event Controller and Gardaí will be guided by CCTV systems, and by information from Security and Stewarding Personnel in these locations)*

- Instigate one- way system on **Abbey Street** – Place barrier at top of Abbey Street at O’Connell Square and restrict access onto Abbey Street from the square. This to be instigated at **Tom O’Donnell’s Shop**.
- Instigate one - way system on **Lower O’Connell Street** are by erecting barriers at **Quinn’s Car Park** point and not allowing pedestrians onto O’Connell Street.
- Erect Barrier at O’Connell Street/Station Road Junction at **Fawl’s Shop**.

*Signage to be posted on barriers indicating “no access”*

## **Stage 2**

*Stage 1 already in place, escalate to this stage, this to be initiated based on ongoing assessment by Event Controller and Gardaí, Event Controller and Gardaí will be guided by CCTV systems, and by information from Security and Stewarding Personnel in O'Connell Street and Abbey Street areas as well as O'Connell Square, Abbey Street Car Park and Market Areas. this to be instigated if assessment deems the overall core area to be significantly crowded)*

**Restrict access to the overall core area by erecting barriers and restricting pedestrian access at the following points.**

- Club Bridge (Need loud hailer here)
- Causeway Link
- Lower O'Connell Street at Quinn's Car Park point (Already in place)
- Upper O'Connell Street at Fawl's Shop (already in place from stage 1) (Need loud hailer here)
- High Street (O'Brien's)
- Parnell Street / Back of AIB
- Walkway at Parnell Street Car Park (narrow walkway)
- Bindon Street Clinic
- Glór to Templegate, already in place since 5pm daily.

*(Signage to be posted on barriers indicating "no access")*

**This will serve to protect the core and remain in place until levels have reduced sufficiently, to be decided by Event Control and Gardaí.**

**Abbey Street Car Park (see separate plan for this area)**

It is proposed to have the carpark main entrances from Abbey Street and from Bank Place, based on occupancy in the car park it may also be permitted to allow access from the three lanes from Abbey Street i.e.

- Post Office Lane
- Shanks Lane
- Brewster's Lane (Particular Management of this lane may be required as this lane is likely to be a busy thoroughfare)

Barriers will be required in readiness at each lane, the decision as to the direction of pedestrian flows on these three lanes will be based on pedestrian volumes in both the carpark and Abbey Street.

The pedestrian foot bridge (Harmony Bridge) will be exit only as this route should be reserved as an emergency exit route from the car park.

Abbey Street Car Park will have dedicated Security Manager; Safety Officer will be present here for duration of the performances.

Decision to close Abbey Street Car Park will be taken by Event Control and Gardaí, the closure will be at:

- BANK PLACE
- CLUB BRIDGE

**Abbey Street Car Park and the adjoining Abbey Street to be regarded as one zone when implementing the closure.**