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Galway  
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28 April 2022

An Bord Pleanála  
64 Marlborough St, Rotunda, Dublin 1, D01 V902

**RE: Section 5 Planning and Development Act 2000  
Temporary closure of 6 Roads in Galway City  
Galway City Council Reference P/DC/3/8/22**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am asking the Bord to review the decision of Galway City Council dated 7 April 2022 (Appendix 1) where it decided the closure of 6 roads within Galway City for a temporary period between April and September(sic) 2022 is not development.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Galway City Council published 6 separate notices in March 2022 giving notice of its intention to close 6 roads in the city centre using the powers available under section 75 of the Roads Act 1993 which permits the temporary closing of roads.

The *period of closure* varied as follows:

Ravens Terrace(L-5107):	4pm to 11.30 pm, Saturday 9 April 2022 to Monday 31 October 2022,
Dominick Street Upper(L-5103):	6pm to 11.30 pm, Saturday 9 April 2022 to Monday 31 October 2022
Small Crane(L-5111):	24/7, Saturday 9 April 2022 to Monday 31 October 2022
William Street West(L-5103)	6pm to 11.30 pm, Saturday 9 April 2022 to Monday 31 October 2022
Foster St(R-339)	The lane on Forster Street running from College Road at the junction with the R339 to Eyre Square (R336) will be closed from 9 April to 31 October 2022 with the road operating as a one-way street for this period (from GlawayBeo.ie).
Woodquay(L5150)	A similar arrangement (to Foster St) has been planned for Woodquay with the outbound lane from Daly's Place L5119 to Headford Road at the junction with the R866 (from GlawayBeo.ie).

The **reason** for the closure was stated to be for the provision of space for outdoor dining, festivals and events.

The **duration** was until October 31 2022, not September 2022 as stated in the decision of Galway City Council.

Munster Avenue is a small long-established inner-city community located in Galway's Westend. Four of the roads it is proposed to close, Ravens Terrace, Dominick Street Upper, Small Crane and William Street West are near Munster Avenue. One of the roads, William Street West, is an entrance to /exit from Munster Avenue. Dominick Street Upper is a main thoroughfare for city traffic from Salthill, Knocknacarra and Shantalla to the City Centre, and has an entrance/exit from William Street West. All of this traffic is to be diverted through Munster Avenue as part of the road closures.

The closure of these four roads in the small inner-city community where I live will have a major negative impact on me and other residents in terms of increased traffic volumes, reduced on-street parking for residents, anti-social behaviour and a deterioration in the environmental quality of the neighbourhood. There is also a significant health and safety risk, as the existing Avenue cannot accommodate 2-way traffic. In addition, the junctions at either end are sub-standard for the existing, not to mention increased, volumes of traffic. These road closure proposals replicate what occurred in 2021.

#### **DECISION OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL**

The decision stated ***the temporary closure of 6 roads was not development and is a facility provided under the provisions of under the section 75 of the roads act 1993.***

There are a number of difficulties with the decision as follows:

- The definition of a facility is a "place, amenity or piece of equipment provided for a particular purpose". The logical interpretation of a facility is that it can amount to development. For example, a park is both a place and an amenity.
- The decision is not in accordance with the legislation as it does not set out the main reasons and considerations on which the decision is based.
- The decision did not address material change of use
- The decision did not consider if the threshold for which approval under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 is required.
- The decision is dated the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022, the envelope is post marked the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 and I received it on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2022. I lost 4 days of the 28 days in which I can lodge an appeal because of the administrative practices of Galway City Council.

#### **MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE**

The City Council appears to have decided the section 5 question without any consideration of the fact that material change of use amounts to development.

The proposed closure of 6 roads amounts to a material change of use. The current use of the roads is for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Closing the roads to vehicular traffic for the purpose of permitting festivals, events and outdoor dining is a material change of use in accordance with Section 3(2)(b) of the PDA 2001 which states as follows:

*where land becomes used for any of the following purposes—*

*(i) the placing or keeping of any vans, tents or other objects, whether or not moveable and whether or not collapsible, for the purpose of caravanning or camping or habitation or the sale of goods, the use of the land shall be taken as having materially changed*

As outdoor dining involves the sale of goods, it follows the proposed road closures amount to development.

The existing use as a public road for vehicular and pedestrian traffic is the use that is permitted; any change of use of the public road for events, outdoor dining or festivals is a change of use and amounts to development.

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT**

The reason for the closure in each of the public notices was stated to be for the provision of space for outdoor dining, festivals and events. This description of the development is wholly misleading as to the size and scale of the proposal as it does not cross-reference the other 5 road closure notices that are published for the same purpose in the City Centre, all of which form part of the Purple Flag project (see further below).

A copy of one road closure notice (William Street West) is included at Appendix 4

I do not understand how the Council could decide the proposals are not development where the road closure notices did not identify the events or festivals for which the closures are proposed. The Council did not have the information it needed to enable it to make this decision. The events and festivals contemplated by the road closures must be decided upon by the Council prior to the publication of the notices, and set out in the notices, for full public notification and participation. The Planning Section is, I fear, complicit in permitting the evasion all forms of supervisory and legislative control, planning and other, over the Council as the road closures were determined not to be development in a vacuum as to the events or festivals that might occur (and for which different legislative authorisation may be required).

### **PURPLE FLAG & PROJECT SPLITTING**

Purple Flag is an international accreditation awarded to cities/towns that meet a standard of excellence in managing the evening and night-time economy. Galway City obtained the award initially in 2015, and has retained it each year since then. It is an interesting omission from the all articles that I read on Purple Flag accreditation that the negative impacts on adjoining/adjacent areas and communities are not acknowledged to exist nor addressed.

According to an article in the Galway Advertiser (Appendix 3), the designated purple flag area extends from College Road, Forster Street, Eyre Square, Woodquay, Eglington Street, William Street, Shop Street, the Latin Quarter area, Fishmarket and Spanish Arch and through Galway's Westend. Four of the six roads the Council is planning to close are in Galway's Westend.

It is evident that to achieve purple flag status a collaborative undertaking that is carefully planned to achieve a aim is being carried out by Galway City Council. This undertaking can also be regarded as a project which the proposed road closures aim to facilitate the operation of a night-time economy and achievement of a purple flag designation. The road closures, although advertised as individual closures for each road, are in reality part of the Purple Flag Project.

The publication of 6 separate road closure notices is project splitting which masks the cumulative scale of the project. This project splitting in my opinion amounts to evasion by the City Council of the provisions of the Planning and Development legislation, or any other form of supervisory control.

#### **SECTION 178 AND 179 PDA 2000 AND PART 8, PDR 2001**

- Section 4.1 aa of the PDA 2000 which categorises local authority development in its functional area as exempted development is restricted by section 178 and 179 of the PDA.

- Section 178 is a general restriction on local authority own development and specifically states as follows:

*The council of a city shall not effect any development in the city which contravenes materially the development plan*

- I consider the proposed road closures, which will have a negative impact on the older inner-city neighbourhood of Munster Avenue to be a material breach of the City Development Plan provisions as set out below:

**Section 2 Housing and Sustainable Neighbourhoods** which has a provision in **section 2.1 Aim, Context and Strategy** stating as follows: *To enhance the quality and to protect the character of Galway's older neighbourhoods and regenerate the city centre's neighbourhoods.* This section of the plan further states: *An important aspect of the sustainable neighbourhood concept is the protection and enhancement of existing neighbourhoods in the established suburbs and inner residential areas and in particular encouraging more housing in the city centre to maintain a vibrant city centre.*

It is clear the proposed road closures for outdoor dining, festivals and events do not and will not protect or enhance the sustainable neighbourhood concept in an area where there is already insufficient parking. The proposals contain no provision for additional parking arrangements for the events, dining and festivals to be facilitated by the proposed road closures, nor policing or bye-law enforcement to deal with anti-social behaviour. As well as being a breach of the development plan by the City Council,

the entity that is supposed to uphold the policies set out in its own Development Plan, it is clear the proposed development should be subject to planning approval.

**Policy 2.8 City Centre Residential Areas contains the policy statement:** *Protect and enhance city centre residential areas by discouraging encroachment from commercial development and unacceptable infill developments.* The proposed development will allow encroachment by commercial developments into the city-centre residential area, both in terms of the activities to be facilitated by the road closure proposals, and the increased traffic congestion and absence of parking consequential on the road closures.

- Where a local authority own development does not materially contravene its development plan, Section 179 requires that local authority own development, because of its size, nature or effect on the surroundings, be subject to a public notice process where submissions can be made by members of the public. Regrettably the process is not impartial or subject to appeal, and instead a report is prepared by the same authority that is proposing the development. The report makes a recommendation on proceeding/not proceeding/varying the proposed development which is given to the members of the local authority. The development may be carried out in accordance with the recommendation in the report unless the members vote otherwise, within a strict timeframe of 6 weeks. One can only be suspicious of subjective bias in any report prepared by the same local authority that is promoting the development.
- I believe the proposed road closures is development and Part 8 of the PDA Regulations 2001 may apply to the proposed road closures as the estimated cost of this purple flag project for the year 2022 must exceed the Part 8 threshold of €126,000 for local authority development. At least 5 if not 6 of the roads the subject of the road closure notices were closed on a similar basis in 2021. Each night, from 6 to 11 pm, a minimum of 3 employees sat in a Council van in the vicinity of William Street West for the duration of the closure. A fork-lift truck was parked locally in Munster Avenue to move the concrete bollards that were used to close the roads. Similar separate resources would have been required at each of the Foster St and Woodquay closures. The estimated costs must include the overhead which is applied to staff wages, which I understand is in excess of 30%. Revenue expected to be generated, and grants,, must be excluded from the estimated costs to give a true reflection of the estimated cost.

### **PROPER PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

The entire purpose of the PDA 2000 is to provide for proper and sustainable development. If the proposed road closures are considered to be development, then the principles of proper planning and sustainable development can be applied to any development consent required by the closures. The use of road closures using the provisions of the Roads Act 1993 is a mechanism to permit development without consideration or application of the principles of proper planning and sustainable development. Some of the impacts that could be considered if the Council considered the road closures to be development, and presumably subject to a development consent, are as follows:

- Local access may not be in place at all times contrary to what is stated in the public notice for the closure of William Street West. No vehicular access was available to the car park adjoining Silke's' wholesale shop during the period of closure in 2021.
- Local access was not available to me in Munster Avenue at all times during the closures in 2021. Frequently I was forced to drive to the end of Sea Road to find car parking.
- The effect of the closures in my area is traffic approaching Dominick Street Upper from Henry Street will now be forced to turn right onto Munster Avenue in order to access the city centre, Claddagh or lower Salthill. Previously this traffic had two alternative routes, it could continue straight (left) onto Dominick St Upper or turn left onto Sea Road. Instead, under the proposal, 2 major traffic thoroughfare routes in the city centre are being closed and traffic will be forced to turn right and be routed through the predominately residential area that is Munster Avenue with negative impacts from increased traffic volumes.
- A road safety audit could be provided as part of the documentation to address the impact from these 4 road closures on Munster Avenue. The capacity of the junction between Munster Avenue and Fr Griffin Road, where all the rerouted traffic must now exit from Munster Avenue was not addressed. Additionally, the safety implications arising from the increased traffic at what is already a sub-standard junction opposite a major supermarket could be addressed.
- Similarly, a road safety audit could be required to consider the impact on pedestrians and residents of Munster Avenue from increased traffic volumes and movements.
- The effect from an increase in traffic volume through Munster Avenue as a direct consequence of the road closures could be addressed, and the percentage increase in traffic quantified.
- The two terraces on the south side of Munster Avenue, amounting to 12 dwellings, have no off-street parking. The impact on availability of parking for residents in Munster Avenue arising from an increase in on-street parking by non-residents and people attending the outdoor dining, festivals and events could be addressed. At present, there is insufficient on-street parking to accommodate residents, particularly when there is a funeral (removal) or during the operating hours of the gym. Neither of these commercial facilities have sufficient car-parking facilities for customers, yet the proposed road closures will increase the car-parking problems without this impact on residents being addressed, or alternative solutions being provided.
- The impact from increased noise and anti-social behaviour was not been addressed in the current road closure proposals. I live beside Fr Burke Park and frequently cannot sleep because of the noise from revellers in the park. These road closures will encourage more of this noisy behaviour.
- Where the city council is providing space for outdoor dining, festivals and events in an inner-city residential area, it has an obligation to consider and mitigate against the negative impacts of the plan/project on residents. The proposal did not address these negative impacts.
- If the proposal is genuinely to provide space for festivals and events, the road closures should be in place only for the duration of specifically identifiable festivals and events
- In Dominick Street Upper, if the proposal is to be implemented as it was last year, 3 of the largest bars on that street do not serve food. Instead the space was used for drinking alcohol. Will it be a condition of use of the closed public roads by business that the use is limited to outdoor dining purposes? It is not proper that road closure proposals, which may only be authorised for a specific purpose, will be used for purposes that are not authorised by the proposals.

- Similarly, in Ravens Terrace there is no restaurant on that street. The only bar on that street does not serve food. Consequently, there is no justification in closing this area for an extended period to provide space for outdoor dining. The cafe on the terrace currently closes at 6pm, and at 8pm in the summer season. And please note it is a café, not a restaurant, with limited dining options. What is the identified requirement to provide space for outdoor dining in this area? In my experience, the main beneficiary of the closure in 2021 was the off-licence, with the space provided enabling outdoor drinking and not outdoor dining.
- How will it be monitored and policed that the use of the space provided by the roads will be for the purpose stated in the road closure notices? Is there a need for Bye-Laws to exercise this control? Normally in restaurant-dining, or in outdoor-dining facilities, when the meal is finished the table is vacated for use by other diners. If patrons can sit at the tables and drink alcohol after the meal is finished, the proposals are to facilitate outdoor drinking of alcohol, yet this is not stated in the public notices.
- Adequate space currently exists in the city centre which could be used for these purposes without the need to close roads. Some such facilities are Eyre Square, The Spanish Arch area, The Swamp, The Claddagh Basin, the park between Riverside and Corrib Terrace at Woodquay, and the existing pedestrianisation of the city centre.
- Currently Munster Avenue cannot accommodate two-way traffic, yet this proposal will divert more traffic onto what is already a sub-standard road.

#### **PART XVI EVENTS AND FUNFAIRS, PDA 2000 AND PART 16, LICENSING OF OUTDOOR EVENTS, PDR2001**

The road closure notices are stated to be for the purpose of outdoor dining, festivals and events. It is my submission that outdoor dining, festivals and events taken collectively amount to an event under the PDA 2000.

The holding of events is governed by Part XVI of the PDA 2000., and for a local authority event, the procedures set out in A193-A199 of the PDR 2001. The PDR set out various safeguards that apply to the holding of events such as those proposed under the road closure notices, including but not limited to public notices, preparation of a draft management plan, compliance with codes of practice, a site emergency plan, a traffic management plan, a safety statement, environmental monitoring and site remediation.

Unfortunately the decision of the local authority is not subject to appeal to An Bord Pleanála which brings into question the appropriateness of the local authority making a decision on its own proposed event. This self-approval procedure is similar to the Part 8 decision making process.

Section 181 of the PDR 2001 an audience to be as follows:

*“audience” means persons attending an event on a particular day, other than persons working or performing at the event, and shall include persons attending by invitation and, where an event comprises more than one performance at one or more locations at the venue on a particular day, the audience shall mean the total number of persons attending all such performances;*

Section 194 of the PDR requires the local authority to specify the date of the event.

I fear that there is a lacuna in the legislation that the local authority can hold an event for a period of more than 180 days in a venue stretching from Foster Street to the Small Crane and not need to obtain a licence. Hopefully the Bord takes a different interpretation.

#### SUMMARY

I have set out some of the points I think relevant to my application for a review above. I consider my referral for a declaration did not receive an objective planning assessment by Galway City Council. The nature of the proposal, its complexity, size, location and impacts were not considered nor addressed by Galway city Council in making a determination that the matter was not development.

The decision by Galway City Council that the proposed road closures are not development but a "facility" provided for under the Roads Act 1993, if upheld, will result in planning legislating being entirely circumvented by the roads legislation. The decision, if upheld, will have major consequences as it effectively permits development/change of use to occur without the public being able to make submissions on the development, or object to it if granted, as is standard in planning applications.

The fee of €220 is enclosed. The receipt for the referral to Galway City Council is at the last page of this submission.

Yours,



Angela Casey



# APPENDIX 1



Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe  
Galway City Council

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Our Ref: P/DC/3/8/22

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Angela Casey,  
2 Munster Avenue,  
Galway

7<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Planning Declaration under Section 5 of the Planning &  
Development Act, 2000 (as amended).**

**Re: Temporary Closure of 6 Roads in Galway City.**

**At: Small Crane, Ravens Terrace, Dominic Street Upper, William Street West,  
Forster Street and Woodquay.**

A Chara,

I refer to your application for a certificate of exemption under the provisions of  
(Section 5 of the Planning & Development Act 2000) as amended, and I wish to advise  
as follows:

- it is considered that the designated closure of 6 Roads within Galway City  
Centre for a temporary period between April and September 2022 is not  
development and is a facility provided for under Section 75 of the Roads Act  
1993 providing the required procedure are carried out.

Mise le meas,

Director of Services,  
Planning, Housing, Economic Development & Culture

Fáiltear roimh chomhfhreagras i nGaeilge / Correspondence in Irish is welcome

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**Declaration of Exempted Development Form (S.5 of Planning and Development Act 2000)**

**IMPORTANT: ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED.**

1. Postal Address of Site or Building:  
Six number Road Closures in Galway City as follows:

- 1. Small Crane (L-5111)
- 2. Ravens Terrace (L-5107)
- 3. Dominick Street Upper (L-5103)
- 4. William Street West (L-5103)
- 5. Foster St (R-339)
- 6. Woodquay (L-5150)

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Plan Ref. No; none, development is the works and impacts arising from 6 separate Road Closure Notices published by the City Council on its website on 2 March 2022

(If none, give description sufficient to identify)

2. Name of Applicant in full:  
Angela Casey, 2 Munster Avenue, Galway

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Address if different from No. 1 above).....  
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Tel No. I will submit this separately; I do not want it on a public file

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Email address .....as above

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3. (a) State applicants interest in site if any (freehold, leasehold etc)

Applicant's interest in the site; the site is a public road and my interest is as a user of the public road and the impacts of the proposed development on me as a user of the road and the impacts on the residential area where I live from the proposed road closures. I consider I have sufficient interest in the proposed development to make this application for a declaration under Section 5.

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*N.B. If applicant is not the Freehold owner of the land in question, please provide the name and address of the owner:*  
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4. **(a) Brief description of proposed development**

The proposed development is a plan by the City Council to close 6 roads in the City for a period of in almost 7 months, from 9 April 2022 to 31 October 2022, for the purpose of "provision of space for outdoor dining, festivals and events". The closure of 4 of these roads in the small inner-city area where I live will have a significant negative impact on me, and other residents, in terms of increased traffic volumes on Munster Avenue, reduced on-street parking for residents, anti-social behaviour and a deterioration in the environmental quality of this residential area to name but a few. I consider the proposed development to be development and not exempted development for the following reasons:

1. I believe that these proposed road closures amount to development for which the appropriate consents must be given under either Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended.
2. The number of the audience over the closure period will exceed the threshold set out in SI 154/2001, thereby necessitating a licence or licences under the planning acts to be applied for.
3. The publication of 6 separate Road Closure Notices under the provisions of the Roads Acts amounts to project splitting which if left unchallenged will amount to avoidance by the City Council of any necessity for compliance with the Planning and Development legislation.
4. The proposed development is a breach by the City Council of the provisions of its own Development Plan, concerning the older inner city residential neighbourhood of Munster Avenue, and in particular the provisions set out below:

**Section 2 Housing and Sustainable Neighbourhoods which has a provision in the section 2.1 Aim, Context and Strategy as follows:** *To enhance the quality and to protect the character of Galway's older neighbourhoods and regenerate the city centre's neighbourhoods.* This section of the plan further states:

*An important aspect of the sustainable neighbourhood concept is the protection and enhancement of existing neighbourhoods in the established suburbs and inner residential areas and in particular encouraging more housing in the city centre to maintain a vibrant city centre.* It is clear the proposed road closures for outdoor dining, festivals and events do not and will not protect or enhance the sustainable neighbourhood concept in an area where there is already insufficient parking. The proposals contain no provision for additional parking arrangements for the events, dining and festivals to be facilitated by the proposed road closures, nor policing or bye-law enforcement to deal with anti-social behaviour. As well as being a breach of the development plan by the City Council, the entity that is supposed to uphold the policies set out in its own Development Plan, it is clear the proposed development should be subject to planning approval.

**Policy 2.8 City Centre Residential Areas contains the policy statement:** *Protect and enhance city centre residential areas by discouraging encroachment from commercial development and unacceptable infill developments.* The proposed development will allow encroachment by commercial developments into the city-centre residential area, both in terms of the activities to be facilitated by the road closure proposals, and the increased traffic congestion and absence of parking consequential on the road closures.

I draw the attention of the planning authority to the power available to it under S5.2(c) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 to seek information from other persons in order to enable the authority to issue the declaration on the question. The planning authority may need to seek such information from the relevant section(s) of the Council to see if the proposed plan to close 6 roads exceeds the cost threshold of €126,000 under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations. To my knowledge both Parks and Roads sections of the Council are incurring expenditure as part of this proposed development.

**(b) Additional Information if the development involves an extension to a house:**

Floor Area of (i) Proposed extension ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Sq. M.

(ii) Any existing extensions to the property ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Sq. M.

(iii) Amount of private open space remaining to the rear of the house .ie excluding garages/stores ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Sq. M.

**NB. ALL DRAWINGS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN A METRIC SCALE**

**(c) Additional Information if the development involves the Erection of garages / stores etc within the garden of a house**

Floor Area of (i) Proposed store / garage / shed etc ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Sq. M.

(ii) Any existing store / garage / shed in the garden ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Sq. M.

(iii) Amount of private open space remaining to the rear or side of the house .i.e. excluding garages/stores ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Sq. M.

**N.B. (i), (ii) and (iii) must be individually and clearly defined on submitted drawings for each of the above categories**

5 In the case of any building or buildings to be retained on site, or for a change of use of the property, please state:

(a) Present use of each floor or use when last used:.....

(b) Proposed use of each floor: .....

I HEREBY DECLARE that the information given in this form is correct

Signature of Applicant (or his Agent): .....Angela Casey

Date: ...11 March 2022

List of drawings in metric required with application – tick box: Site Location plan (1:1000)

Layout Plan (1:200 or 1:500)  Plans and Elevations (1:50 or 1:100)  Appropriate Fee €80.00

Fees can be paid by cash, cheque, debit card or credit card at the cash office in City Hall. Payment can also be made by phoning Customer Service on (091) 536960.

## APPENDIX 3

# Purple Flag judges are in town this weekend

*Galway Advertiser, Thu, Aug 17, 2017*

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Two years ago Galway was awarded the Purple Flag status —an international accreditation awarded to cities and towns that meet a standard of excellence in managing the evening and night-time economy. Galway is now working to renew the status and will play host this coming weekend to a judging panel from the Association of Town & City Management (ATCM ).

Galway City, as one of over 70 towns and cities across Ireland and the UK, is currently seeking full renewal of its prestigious Purple Flag award. The awarding of the Purple Flag demonstrates that Galway is an entertaining, diverse, safe and enjoyable place for a night out.

The Purple Flag application process has brought together Galway City Council working with local business associations and networks including Galway Chamber, the Latin Quarter, East Village and Galway's Westend among others working in association with An Garda Síochána to demonstrate the vitality and dynamism of the designated Purple Flag area in Galway.

Galway City, as a Purple Flag accredited area has proven that it is welcoming to everyone, offers safe ways for visitors to travel home after dark and provides a good mix of venues.

As part of the application process two assessors from the Association of Town & City Management (ATCM ) will visit Galway City on the evening of Friday 18th August 2017 to meet with key stakeholders. They will undertake an overnight assessment from 5.00pm to 5.00am throughout the designated Purple Flag area of Galway City which spans from College Road, Forster Street, Eyre Square, Woodquay, Eglinton Street, William Street, Shop Street, the Latin Quarter area, Fishmarket and Spanish Arch and through Galway's Westend.

The Purple Flag is flying high over the city. The local organisers are very hopeful that this will continue after the assessment concludes on Saturday morning next.

If you can play your part, please do.

# Appendix 4

Galway City - Local News

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### TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS Roads Act 1993 – Section 75 Roads Regulations 1994 - Article 12 Notice of Intention - William Street West

Wed 2 Mar, 2022 Roads Traffic Transport News



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Galway City Council proposes to make an order closing -

**William Street West (L-5109): From Small Crane (L-5111) to Munster Avenue (L-5114)**

Period of Closure: 6pm to 11:30pm, Saturday 9th April 2022 to Monday 31st October 2022

Reason: Provision of space for outdoor dining, festivals and events

Localised access will be maintained at all times

Advance diversion signage will be in place prior to work commencing.

<https://www.galwaycity.ie/news/2441680/TEMPORARY-CLOSING-OF-ROADS-Roads-Act-1993-Section-75-Roads-Regulations-1094-Article-12-N...> 1/2

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City Hall  
College Road  
Galway

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Receipt No. : MOTO/0/5444855

ANGELA CASEY  
RE: ROAD CLOSURES AT DOMINICK STREET ARE

FEE DECLARATION EXEMPTED DEVEL 80.00  
GOODS 80.00  
VAT Exempt/Non-vatable

Total : 80.00 EUR

Tendered :  
Credit Card NP 80.00

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