

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

### **Cobh Networks – Site Investigation Works**

#### **1. Why are these site investigation works necessary?**

These works are required to identify the presence of existing underground services, and to assess the ground conditions present, before the main project works begin in October.

#### **2. How long will the works take to complete?**

We anticipate that the works will take 6 weeks to complete. If this changes for any reason we will notify you in advance via email and SMS updates. We encourage you to sign up for project updates by sending an email to [CorkLowerHarbour@water.ie](mailto:CorkLowerHarbour@water.ie), and texting COBH to 50015.

#### **3. What are the working hours?**

Monday to Friday, 8AM to 6PM.

#### **4. Will completing the boreholes and slit trenches be noisy?**

There will be general construction noise associated with these works, carried out during the day Monday to Friday, and in keeping with licensing conditions.

#### **5. Will completing the borehole create dust?**

We don't anticipate a significant amount of dust. If necessary, we will use a water bowser for dust suppression.

#### **6. Will the excavated areas be reinstated once the boreholes and slit trenches are complete?**

Yes, the excavated areas will be fully reinstated once the works are completed.

#### **7. What safety measures are in place while works are taking place?**

Each works area will be fenced off with barriers to ensure the area is safely secured, and personnel will be on site at all times to ensure the area is safe.

#### **8. Will footpaths be accessible?**

We will ensure there is pedestrian access at all times. We do not anticipate the need to close footpaths, however if this is required, alternative pedestrian walkways will be made available.

#### **9. Will I be able to access my property?**

Access to your property will be maintained at all times.

#### **10. Will roads be closed?**

No, we will not be closing roads to complete these Site Investigation works. Traffic will be managed using temporary traffic lights or a stop/go system as described in the summary of works. At peak traffic times a flagman will also be present in order to minimise traffic delays.

### **11. Will parking at the Station Carpark be affected?**

We will need to close off 4 or 5 car parking spaces as indicated in the sketches attached. A flagman will be present at the works area to direct traffic around the works area.

## **BUSINESSES**

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

Yes, they will. We have a stop/go system in place to ensure that customer access and deliveries will be maintained. Pedestrian access will also remain in place throughout the period of closure.

### **2. Will deliveries to my business be affected?**

No, we will work with you to ensure all deliveries reach your business as normal. If you have deliveries to your business premises please call Lucy Peters, Community Liaison Officer with Farrans Sorensen Joint Venture on (086) 8523203 to discuss details of your deliveries and we will ensure this is taken into account during the works.

### **3. Will the works cause disruption?**

To minimise disruption to residents, businesses and visitors to Cobh, particularly in the town centre and adjacent to the cruise terminal, works have been planned taking into account the Port of Cork cruise liner docking schedule. FSJV will liaise closely with businesses and residents impacted to keep you informed of the progress of the works, and any unforeseen changes to the works schedule.

### **4. 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.

The works completed as part of the 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 project is essential to end the raw discharge from 19 outfalls in Cobh Town, facilitating economic development and commercial growth in the area, providing for a growing population and benefitting businesses in the area.