

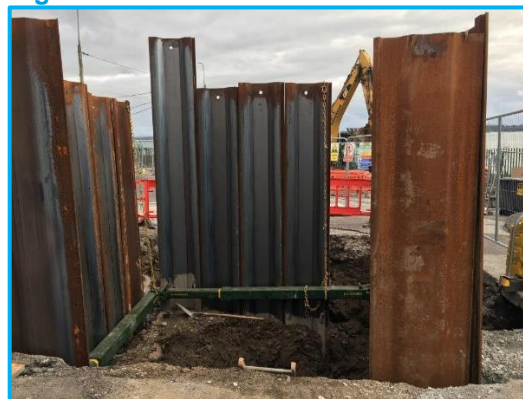
Cork Lower Harbour Main Drainage Project

Cobh Networks – Upper East Beach / Harbour Row Road Closure

1. Why is the road closure necessary?

The road closures at Upper East Beach and Harbour Row are necessary to facilitate the installation of a total of 410m of 750mm diameter sewer pipe, 3 to 5m in depth, and the construction of associated manholes along the pipeline route. The works require the excavation of a trench approximately 3m in width, in the centre of the road in order to be away from the existing services. See below image of similar works.

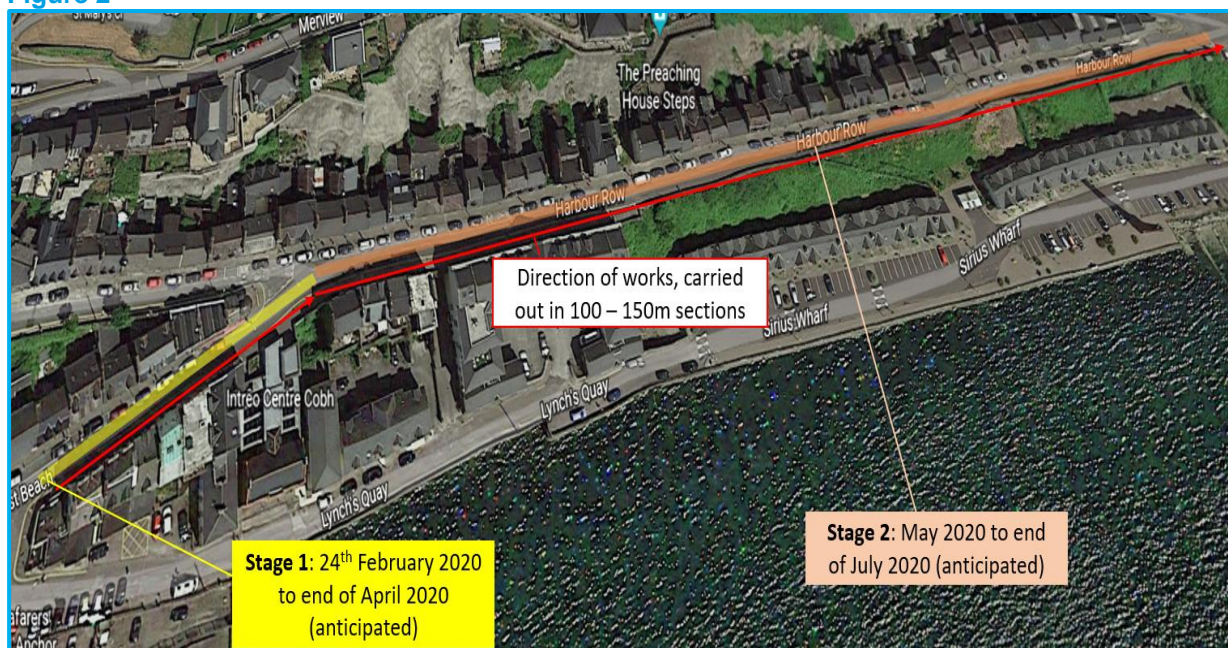
Figure 1



2. How long will the works take to complete?

Works will be completed in two stages; the first stage of pipelaying works will take place at East Beach and will take approximately 9 weeks to complete, from Monday 24th February to Thursday 30th April 2020. The second stage of works will take place at Harbour Row and will take approximately 13 weeks to complete, from Friday 1st May to Friday 31st July 2020, working in 100 to 150m stages.

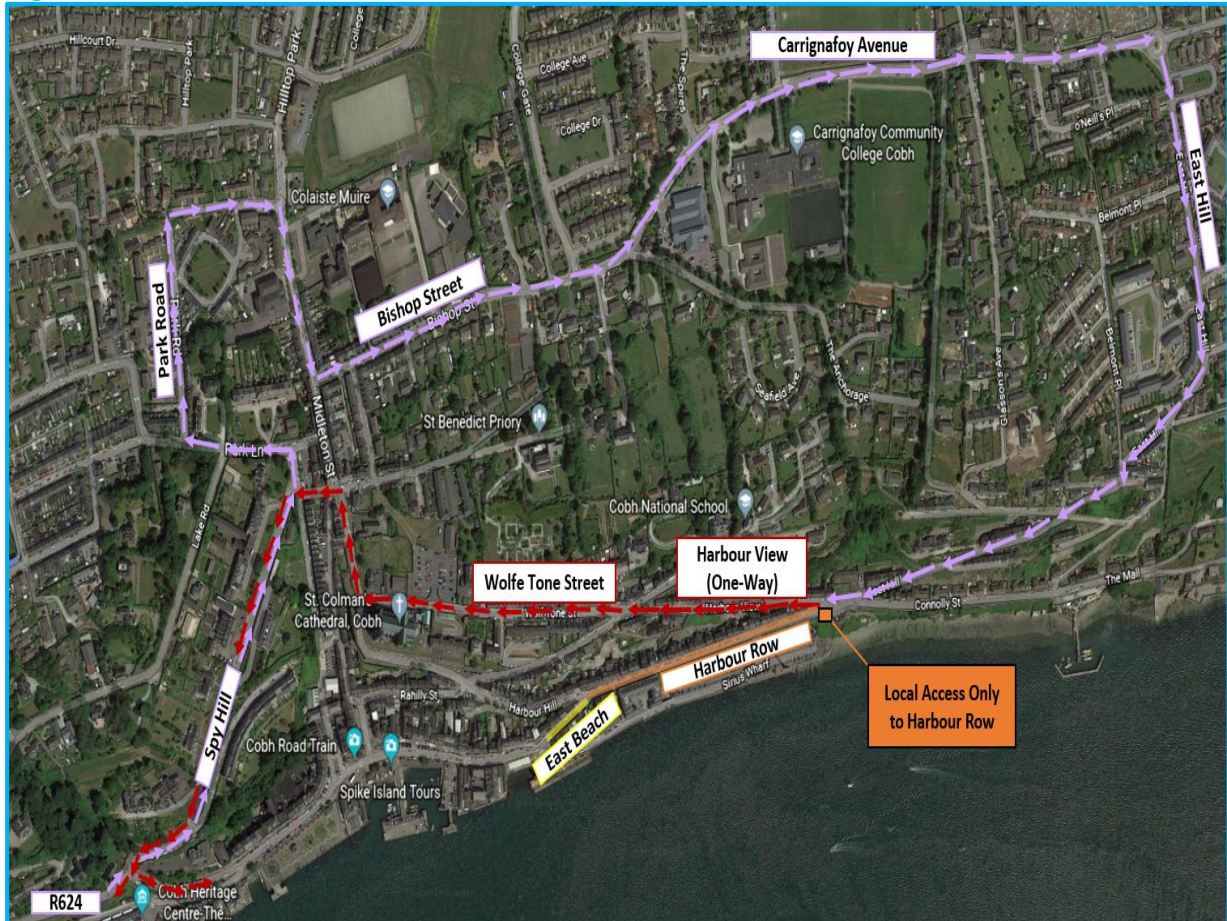
Figure 2



3. What are the diversion routes in place during the road closures?

See below sketch highlighting the planned diversion routes.

Figure 3



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Approaching Cobh from the West along the R624 turn left on to Spy Hill L-2978, turn left on to Laundry Hill L-2965, then turn right on to Park Road/Ahern Place L-7058, turn Right at the T-Junction on to Orilla Terrace L-2989, turn left on to Bishop Road L-2992, continue to roundabout and take the third turn on to the R624.

Approaching Harbour Row from the East turn right on to Harbour View L-9621, continue straight on to Wolf Tone Street L-9621-1, at the T- Junction turn right on to Sandymount L-2990, then turn left on to Smalls Well, turn left on to Spy Hill/Bishop Street L-2978, continue to Junction with the R624.

4. What are the working hours?

Monday to Friday, 7.30AM to 6PM, and Saturdays 7:30AM to 1PM where possible. If these working hours change for any reason, we will notify you in advance.

5. Will the road remain closed at the weekends when there is no construction activity?

Yes, the road will remain closed at the weekends for public safety.

6. Will there be pedestrian access within the road closure area?

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.

7. Will the works be noisy?

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

8. Will the works create dust?

Some dust will be created during excavation activities. If necessary, we will use a water bowser for dust suppression.

9. Will the works create any odour?

We do not anticipate any odour as a result of the works.

10. Will the works cause vibration?

Vibration may occur from movement of plant and machinery on the road, and trench protection installation if required. Structural surveys will have been completed on all properties and structures along the road before works commencement. We will also monitor vibration levels on an ongoing basis.

11. Will the excavated areas be reinstated before the road re-opens?

Yes, the excavated areas will be reinstated before the road re-opens.

12. What safety measures are in place while works are taking place?

The road closure area will be barricaded off with barriers to ensure the area is safely secured, and personnel will be on site at all times during the construction works to ensure the area is safe.

13. What parking restrictions will be in place during the road closure?

There will be no on-street parking available within the road closure area. While works are progressing along Harbour Row in 100 – 150m stages, there will be parking restrictions within the works area and 50m either side of the road closure.

14. Will I be able to access my home?

Local access for residents at East Beach and Harbour Row will be maintained at all times. You may be required to park your vehicle outside the works area during the period where the works are adjacent to your property. You will be informed in advance of any parking restrictions.

15. Will there be any interruptions to water supply during the road closure?

We anticipate some planned outages to water supply during water diversion works. These outages will be planned outside normal business hours, and we will inform you by letter, two weeks in advance of any planned interruptions to water supply. We also encourage you to subscribe to our free SMS alert system, by texting COBH to 50015.

16. Will there be any interruptions to other utility services during the road closure?

There are no planned disruptions to electricity or gas supply as part of these works.

17. Will the Emergency Services be able to access my property?

The emergency services will be notified of the road closure, with maps provided allowing them to manage their response should an emergency arise. Emergency services manage road closures on a regular basis. They will include the road closure information in their dispatching protocol, and determine how best to deploy a service, be it an ambulance, fire truck or Garda vehicle. The road closure will not impact the quality of service being provided by the Emergency services.

18. Will refuse collections be affected?

We will contact the refuse collection companies to make them aware of the road closure. The construction team on the ground will pull all bins within the road closure area to an access point at the end of the works to facilitate collection, and will return bins after the refuse is collected.

19. Will schools be notified?

Yes, we will make contact with all schools in Cobh in order to provide them with information for the parents of their students in relation to the road closure and diversion routes.

20. How can I keep up to date with information on the road closure, and on the progress of the Cobh Town Networks project?

You can sign up for project updates by sending an email to CorkLowerHarbour@water.ie, and register for SMS updates by texting **COBH** to **50015**. You can opt out of either service at any time.

Lucy Peters, the Community Liaison Officer with FSJV, can be contacted at (086) 852 3203.

BUSINESSES

1. Will customers be able to access my business?

Yes, they will. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times during the road closure period. We will erect laminated "Business as Usual" signs of minimum dimension 1m x 1.5m. The signs shall be of a permanent nature for the duration of the construction activity and shall be checked at the beginning and end of each day. This notice shall also be displayed digitally on VMS (Variable Message Sign) boards on approach to Cobh Town Centre.

2. Will deliveries to my business be affected?

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. The construction team on the ground during the road closure will take a hands-on approach to assisting delivery drivers to ensure that goods arrive safely and on time to business premises.

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4. Can the works be completed over longer working hours and overnight to reduce the time required to close the road and therefore the impact to businesses?

Licensing restrictions do not allow for overnight works. As these works are also being carried out in a residential area, there would be significant noise and light disruption to residents during the night.

5. Can works be completed at a different time of the year?

Works are restricted within the town centre between the 1st May and 30th September, the tourist season. Works will have progressed from East Beach and further up along Harbour Row by the 1st May to ensure that disruption is minimised during the tourist season.

6. 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.