

To the Chairperson and Members of the Central Area Committee

Royal Canal Greenway Phase 3 Project: Programme Update

In recent weeks, the Royal Canal Greenway Phase 3 (RCGP3) project team arranged the delivery of approximately 4,500 project information leaflets to local homes and businesses, as well as arranging two well-attended information evenings in venues in North Strand and Phibsborough. In the March 2023 project information leaflet, we included a high-level programme for the remainder of 2023. Following on from that communication and the two engagements, we have received an updated construction programme from the Contractor.

The purpose of this report is to give you some additional and updated information on the upcoming activities and high-level milestones, particularly in relation to piling and temporary closure of the tow paths. We will also upload this information to our webpage and post on our social media channels.

The current closure and reopening dates for the four sections of canal towpath are listed below. We have also included information on the major construction works occurring in each section and these are listed in the attached high-level programme.

Towpath Section	Closure Date	Reopening Date
North Strand Road to Summerhill Parade (i.e. Newcomen Bridge to Clarke's Bridge)	June 2023	Q4 2023
Outside School on Charleville Mall <i>*NOTE: A further closure is required Summer 2024</i>	June 2023	<i>*September 2023</i>
Summerhill Parade to Russell Street (i.e. Clarke's Bridge to Russell Street Bridge)	19 th April 2023	Q3 2024
Russell Street to Dorset Street Lower (i.e. Russell Street Bridge to Binns Bridge)	2 nd May 2023	Q2 2025
Dorset Street Lower to Phibsborough Road (i.e. Binns Bridge to Cross Guns Bridge)	17 th April 2023	Q1 2024

Due to the uncertainties inherent in a complex project on a constrained urban site such as this, it is not possible to give more precise reopening dates at this time, and these dates may be subject to change. Further information regarding the closure and reopening of different sections of towpath will be notified to Central Area Committee members through the Central



Area Office and made available to the public on our website and social media closer to the relevant dates.

It is our intention to avoid as much as possible, working on the towpath between Charleville Mall and Summerhill Parade during school term because it is located beside Saint Vincent's Girls' National School. In light of this, the Contractor is planning to allocate additional resources to this section during 2023, and to concentrate on works outside the school during the Summer months in 2023. The tie-in to North Strand Road will be constructed by the Clontarf to City Centre Project contractor later in 2023.

Please note that Portland Place Park will be used as a works compound and for access to the towpath by the Contractor. They are expected to commence works in the park on the 2nd of May 2023. The park will be refurbished in consultation with the local community upon completion of the project. As a result, the Contractor now intends to commence construction works between Russell Street and Dorset Street Lower in the first half of May 2023 rather than during Q3 2023.

Dublin City Council apologises for any inconvenience the towpath and park closures may cause to the community.

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Towpath Section	Closure Date	Reopening Date	Planned Activities			
			Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	2024 & 2025
North Strand Road to Summerhill Parade (Newcomen Bridge to Clarke's Bridge)	June 2023	Q4 2023	Laying of pipes on Charleville Mall; Clarke's Bridge ramp construction	Laying of pipes on Charleville Mall; Clarke's Bridge ramp construction	Charleville Mall kerbing and surfacing; Clarke's Bridge ramp completion	Completion of all works on Charleville Mall and on towpath outside school
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outside School on Charleville Mall <i>*NOTE: A further closure is required Summer 2024</i>	June 2023	<i>*September 2023</i>				
Summerhill Parade to Russell Street (Clarke's Bridge to Russell Street Bridge)	19 th April 2023	Q3 2024	Sheet piling to canal bank; Russell Street ramp foundation piling; Clarke's Bridge ramp construction	Laying of pipes on towpath; Russell Street ramp column construction; Russell Street toucan crossing	Towpath kerbing and surfacing; Russell Street ramp deck construction	Russell Street ramp completion; Clarke's Bridge toucan crossing
Russell Street to Dorset Street Lower (Russell Street Bridge to Binns Bridge)	2 nd May 2023	Q2 2025	Set up compound in Portland Place Park; sheet piling to canal bank; Russell Street ramp foundation piling	Sheet piling to canal bank; Russell Street ramp column construction	Laying of pipes on towpath; Russell Street ramp deck construction	Russell Street ramp completion; Binns Bridge ramp construction; Binns Bridge toucan crossing
Dorset Street Lower to Phibsborough Road (Binns Bridge to Cross Guns Bridge)	17 th April 2023	Q1 2024	Pedestrian and cycle bridge fabrication and construction, laying of pipes	Pedestrian and cycle bridge construction; laying of pipes on towpath	Laying of pipes on towpath and across canal; towpath kerbing and surfacing; Cross Guns Bridge toucan crossing	Complete towpath kerbing and surfacing