



MEMO TO CITY CENTRE BUSINESSES

Re: St. Patrick's Day 2024 / required removal of Street Furniture / Temporary Structures and the requirement to put in appropriate management arrangements in place to prevent on street drinking in the City Centre.

St. Patrick's Day this year 17th of March 2024 is once again expected to be an extremely busy day in terms of footfall in the City Centre.

As was required for the last number of years in order to make the day safe for patrons/customers and your staff coming into the City on the 17th of March 2024 all businesses (at the locations listed below and in particular Pub and Restaurant/Café and Convenience/Coffee shop owners and management are required to remove all street furniture and temporary outdoor structures at the above locations from the public realm on the 17th of March 2024 and should not be reinstated until the 18th of March 2024.

Locations: See attached map all areas marked in red.

Parnell Square East/Outbound, O'Connell Street East/Outbound

Westmoreland Street both sides of the street

College Green/Dames Street both sides of the street

Suffolk Street business side including behind the white wooden fence

Dame Court, Dame Lane and South William Street both sides of street

Lord Edward Street both sides of the street

Patrick Street both sides of the street

Kevin Street both sides of the street

Entire Temple Bar Area, including Temple Bar Square within the following specific areas. Westmoreland Street to Parliament Street, Dame Street to the South Quays, including Temple Bar Square.

This requirement is to facilitate safe movement and safe capacity for patrons/customers coming in to the City on St Patricks Day for both the parade and the busy festivities afterwards, and is considered to be a critical safety requirement by St. Patrick's Festival

Organisers, Dublin City Council, An Garda Síochána and Dublin Fire Brigade. This requirement is also to ensure emergency access can be maintained in the areas concerned.

 Pubs and restaurants/cafes/coffee shops at the locations above and <u>throughout the</u> <u>City Centre</u> that are selling alcohol are requested to ensure that they have sufficient door staff working on the day to ensure that no alcohol bought on their premises is taken out onto the street for consumption. If a drink is bought on your premises it must be consumed only on that premises. There will be no on street drinking permitted on the day, insofar as can practically be enforced by An Garda Síochána. Businesses putting the required management arrangements in place will assist greatly in preventing this problem and ultimately should lead to easier access to all businesses throughout the City Centre on the day. As has always been the case in recent years where a parade has taken place, off licences throughout the City should not sell alcohol on the 17th of March 2024 until after 4pm. This will also assist in the prevention of on street drinking and anti-social issues within the City Centre area.

As has been indicated previous the above measures need to be put in place to ensure a safe City Centre area on St Patricks Day. Your cooperation in this regard is much appreciated and we hope you and your staff have a good and safe days trading on the 17th and indeed across the entire extended weekend.

