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# Initial Feedback on Traffic Free Capel Street Consultation

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## **Capel Street Aug/Sep 2022 Consultation**

Dublin City Council held a consultation process between the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022 and the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022, to gather people's views on how the changes made in Capel Street on May 20<sup>th</sup> 2022 had affected residents, businesses and the general public. It was an opportunity for people to express their views, raise concerns and also to allow people to make suggestions for how the street could be improved.

As well as informing the public through social media and on line at the DCC consultation hub, every business and residents in the area received a leaflet informing them of the consultation and how to engage with us. In total 1,371 leaflets were hand delivered where possible and a further 1,260 leaflets posted to premises where it was not possible to gain access (such as apartment blocks).

This is the fourth consultation that has taken place regarding arrangements for Capel Street over the past 15 months and it is part of the City Council's commitment to ensure that there is an open and easy way to engage with us and to raise concerns and suggestions

Consultation	Date	No. of Submissions
<b>Capel Street - Increasing Pedestrian Space</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 – 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	4,521
<b>Feedback on Traffic-free Trial at Capel Street &amp; Parliament Street</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2021 – 20 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2021	6,957
<b>Capel Street Traffic Free Proposal</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2022 – 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2022	1,766
<b>Feedback on Traffic Free Capel Street</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2022 – 14 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2022	3,191
	<i>Total</i>	<i>16,435</i>

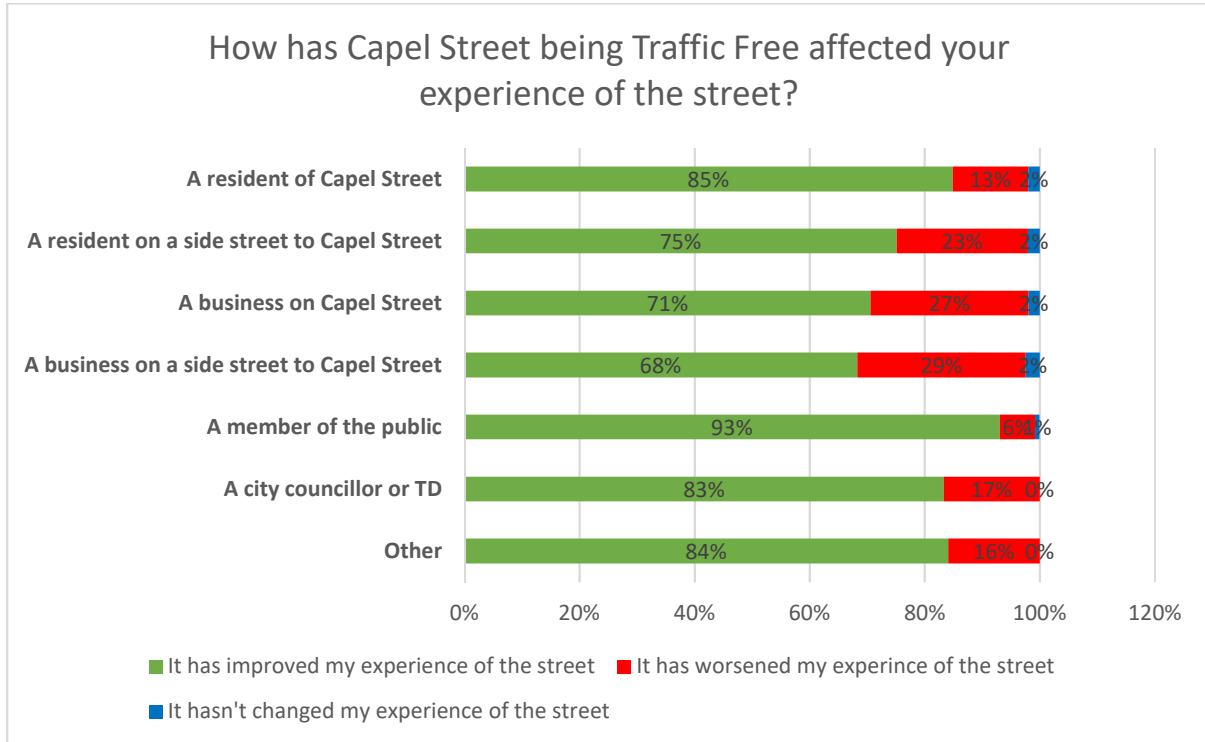
In addition there have been numerous meetings with businesses and residents and any business that has requested a meeting has been met. Dublin City Council is still available to meet any business that wishes to discuss any suggestions or concerns they have.

### **Feedback on Traffic Free Capel Street Results**

There were 3,189 submissions received through the Consultation Hub and 2 email submissions.

Respondent	Number of responses
<b>A resident of Capel Street</b>	100
<b>A resident on a side street to Capel Street</b>	197
<b>A business on Capel Street</b>	51
<b>A business on a side street to Capel Street</b>	41
<b>A member of the public</b>	2,666
<b>A city councillor or TD</b>	6
<b>Other</b>	113
<b>Not Answered</b>	16

The results show that overall the Traffic Free arrangement has been very well received by residents and businesses with the majority stating it has improved their experience of the street. The public are overwhelmingly in favour of the measure.



A full analysis of the comments is currently being undertaken and a more detailed report on the consultation will be issued in due course.

Initial reading of what changes need to be made are more greening, seating and reducing speed of cyclists. The Traffic department will continue to make changes including a trial next month of making a section of Jervis Street two-way to provide an alternative route for southbound carpark traffic, the changes at Little Strand Street are now complete and in operation. We are also working closely with the Parks department on measures to provide greening and seating and altering the layout on Capel Street to reduce speeds. A landscape architect is due to be appointed shortly and workshops and initial proposals will follow in the near future.

Dublin City Council would like to thank everyone who participated in the various consultations to date and are grateful for the very many suggestions and comments that we have received.