



Traffic Free Capel Street



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Traffic Free Evenings on Capel Street

17 weekends, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings
Jun – Oct 2021

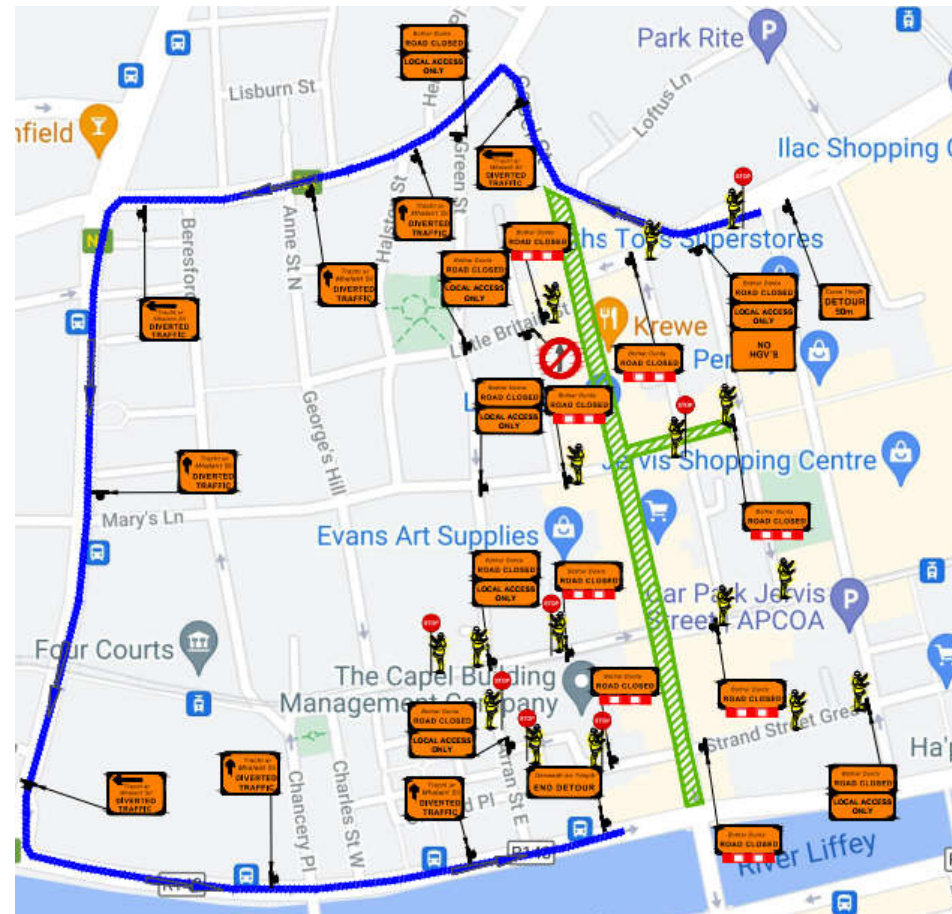


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Extensive Traffic Management required to provide access for residents

18 TM operatives requires

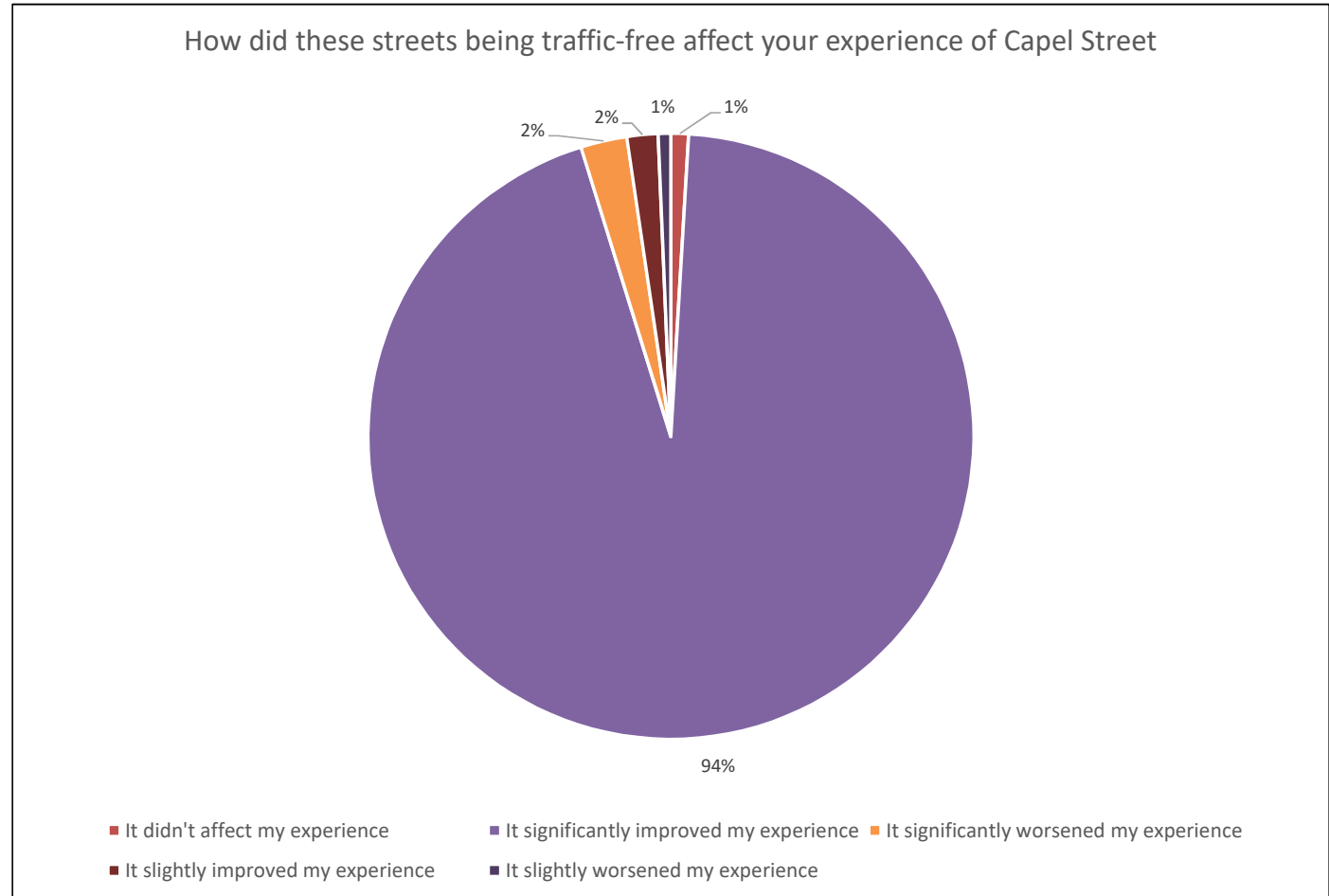
Not sustainable as a long term option



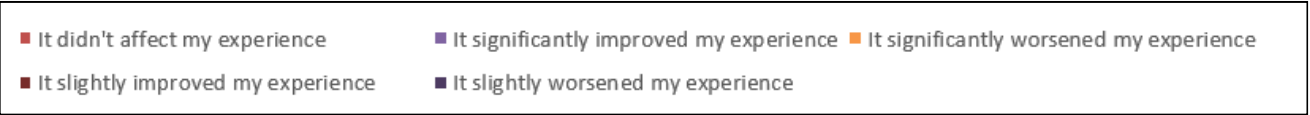
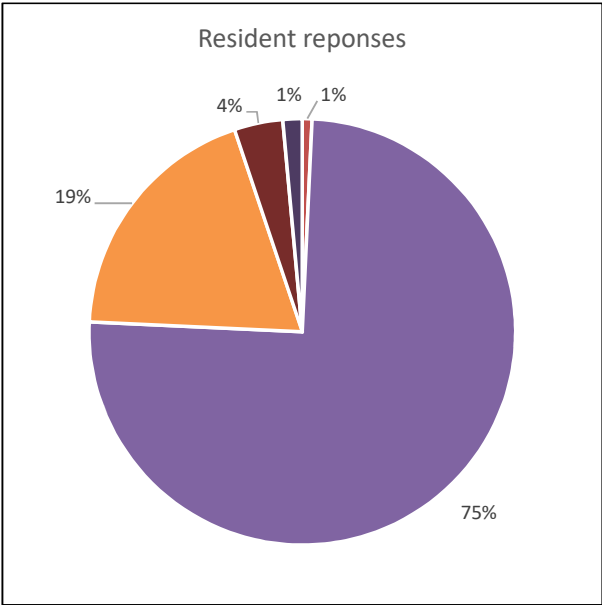
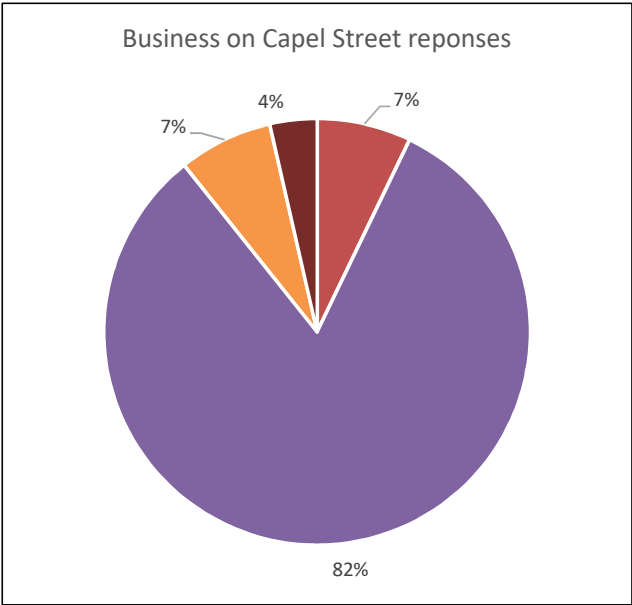
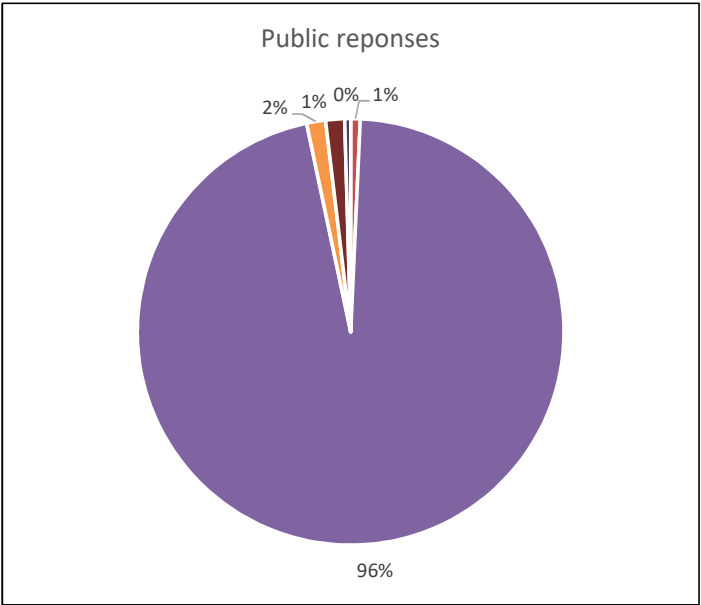
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Consultation

Overall very positive response

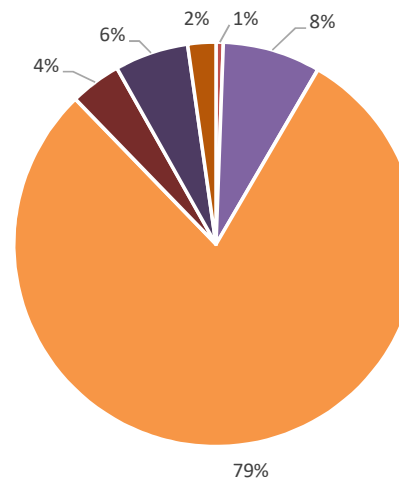


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89% of respondents would like to see some or all of Capel Street Traffic Free

Which of the following options would you like to see further devopled for Capel St?



- Not Answered
- Option 1 – Maintain the current arrangement (footpath build-outs and continuously open to vehicles)
- Option 2 – Traffic-free Capel Street between Parnell Street and the north quays
- Option 3 – Traffic-free between Parnell Street and Mary's Abbey on Capel Street
- Option 4 - Traffic-free between Parnell Street and Strand Street on Capel Street
- Option 5 – Restore the arrangement from prior to May 2021



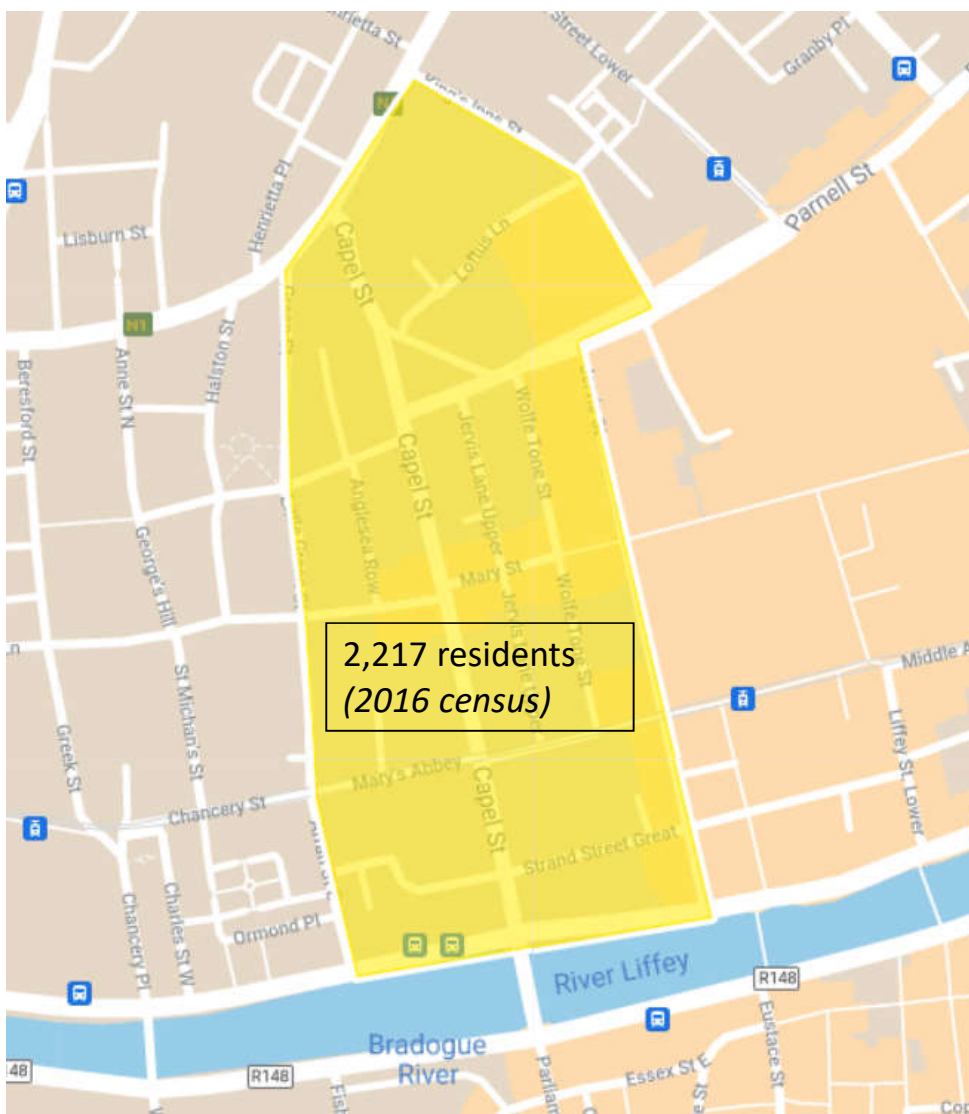
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There are a number of constraints in closing off entirety of Capel Street from Ryder's Row to North Quays:

- Maintaining access for Residents
- Luas junction at Mary's Abbeys
- Width and layout of Strand Street Great and the proposed construction works



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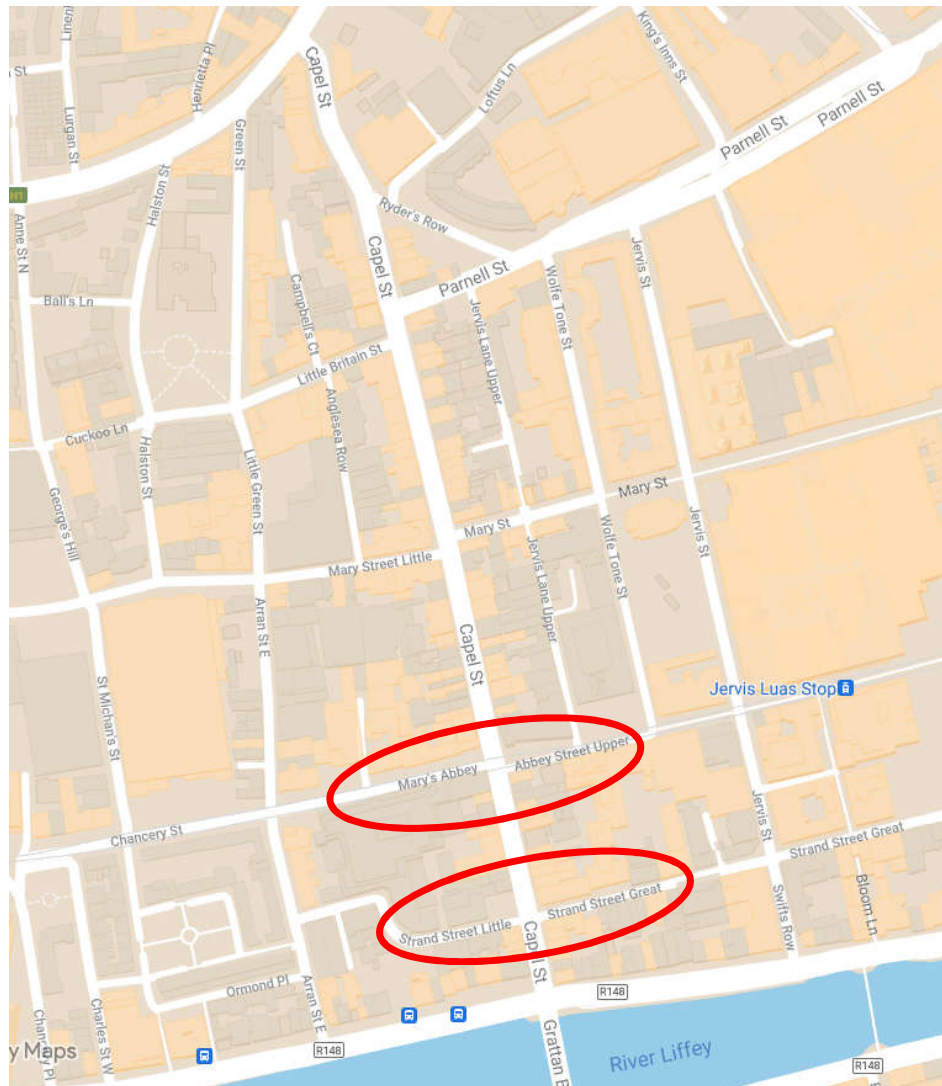


Large amount of residents on and immediately adjacent to Capel Street

Differs to other Traffic Free Streets

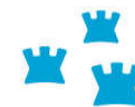


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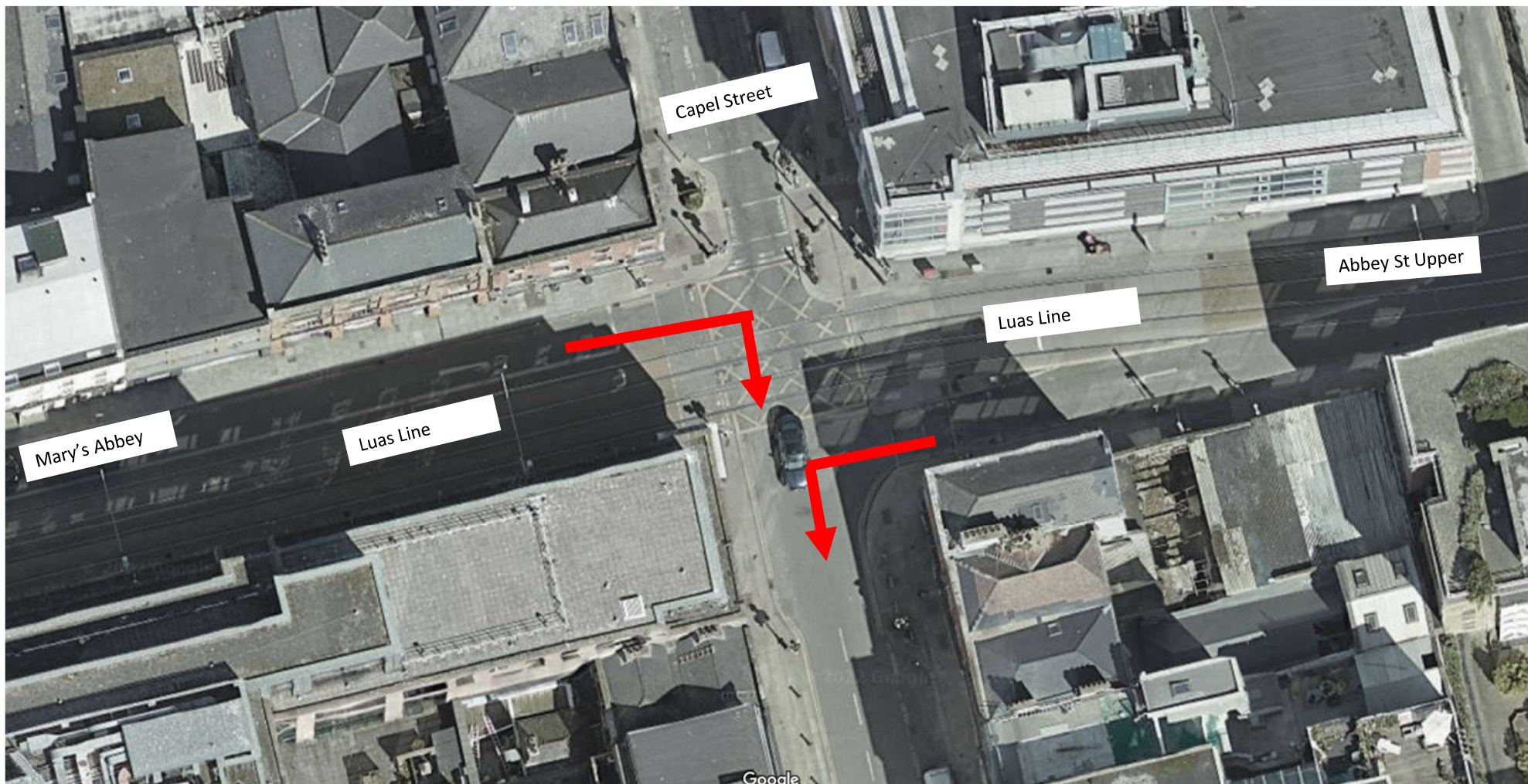


2 key areas:

- Luas junction at Mary's Abbey/ Abbey Street Upper
- Strand Street Little/ Strand Street Great junction



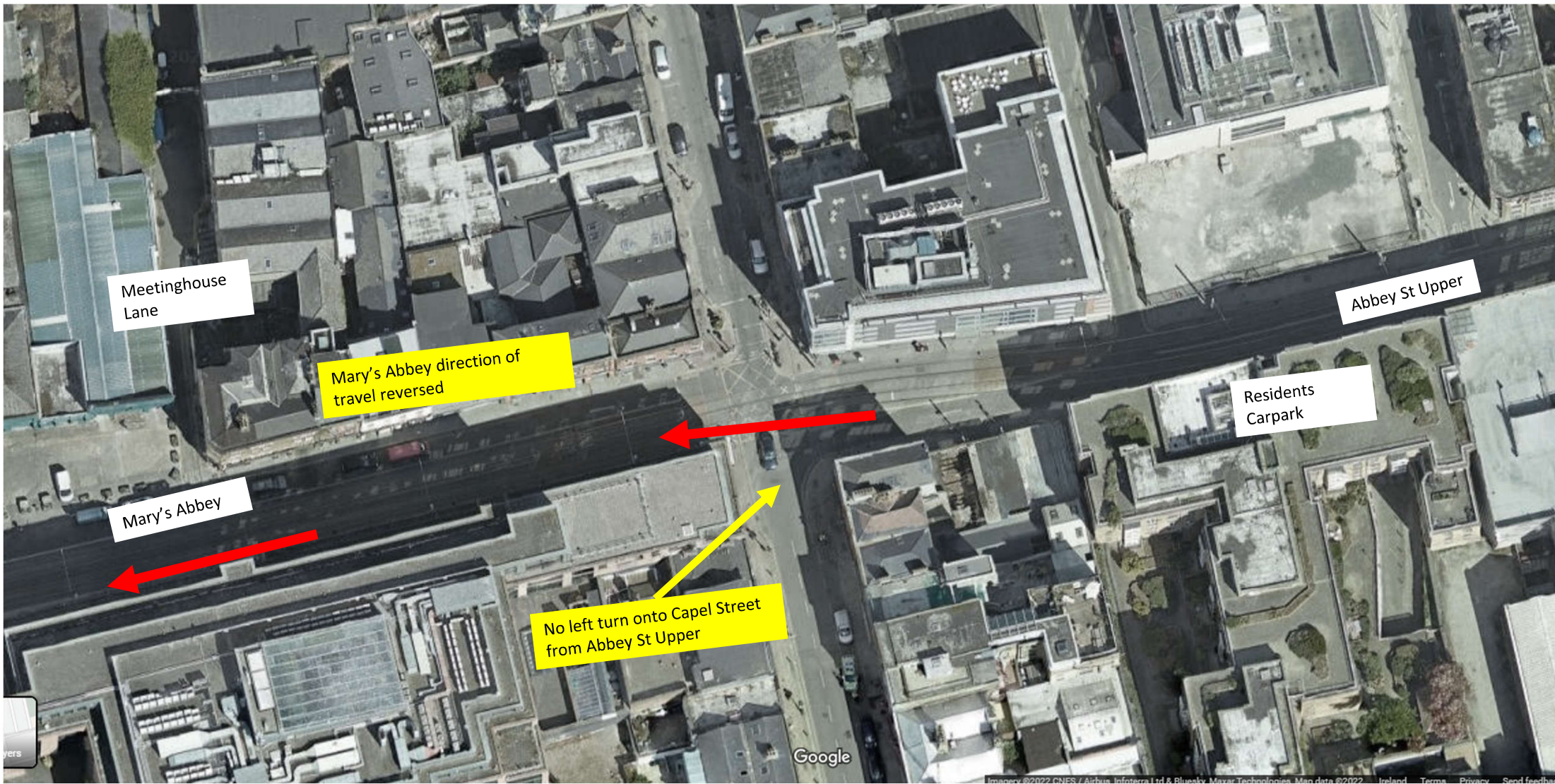
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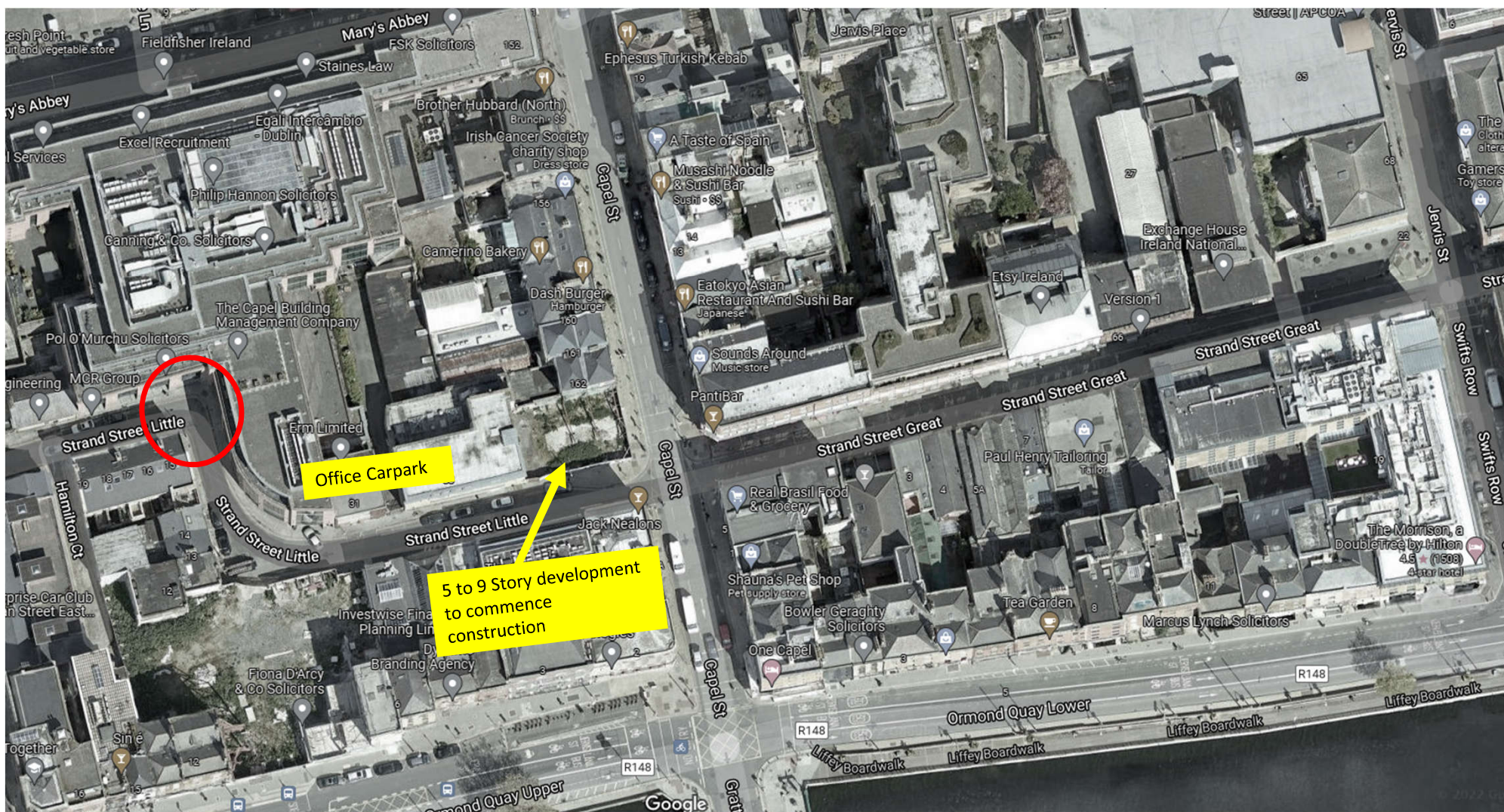
Current Traffic flows from Mary's Abbey and Abbey St Upper



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Proposed Traffic flows



Strand St Little



Narrow carriageway (4.1m) coming into blind 90 degree bend



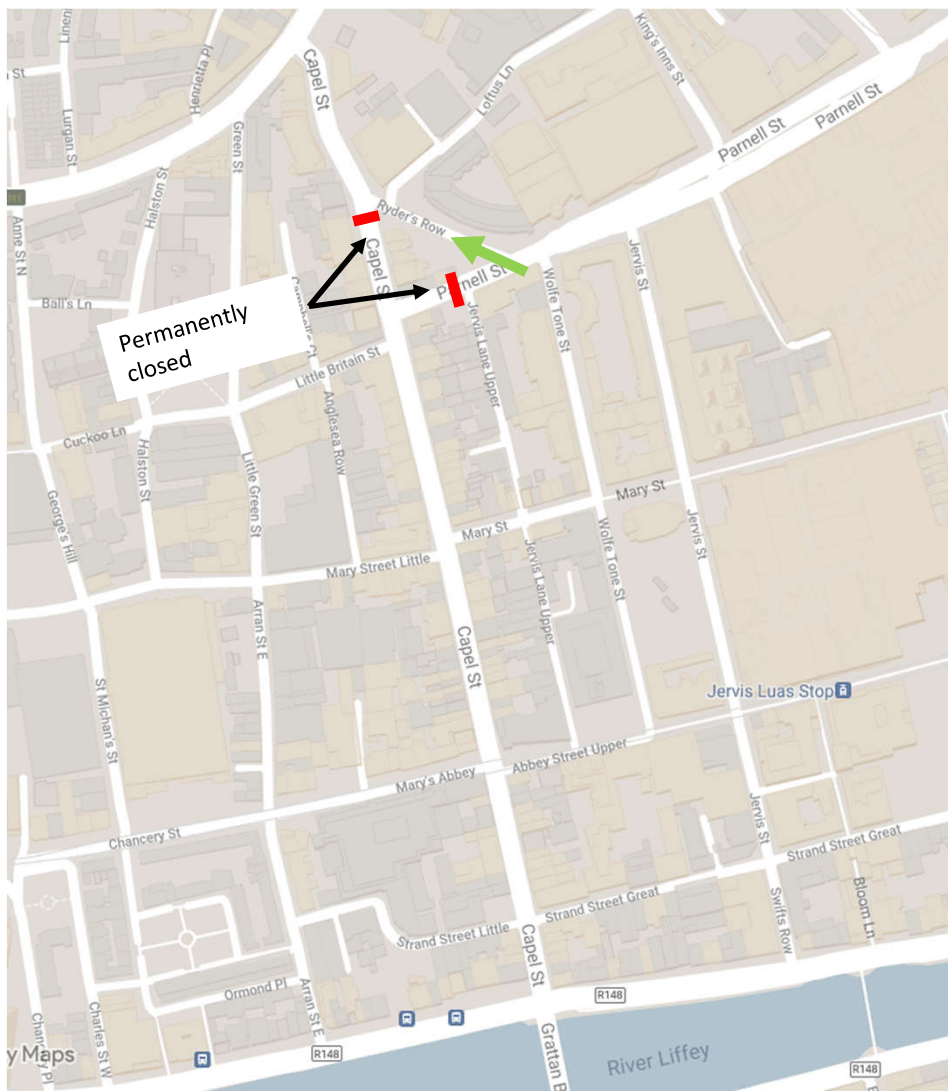
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Strand St Great/Little

- Additional traffic from Liffey Street
- Maintain current east to west arrangement initially and until construction works are complete
- Review and investigate methods to allow future closure across Capel St



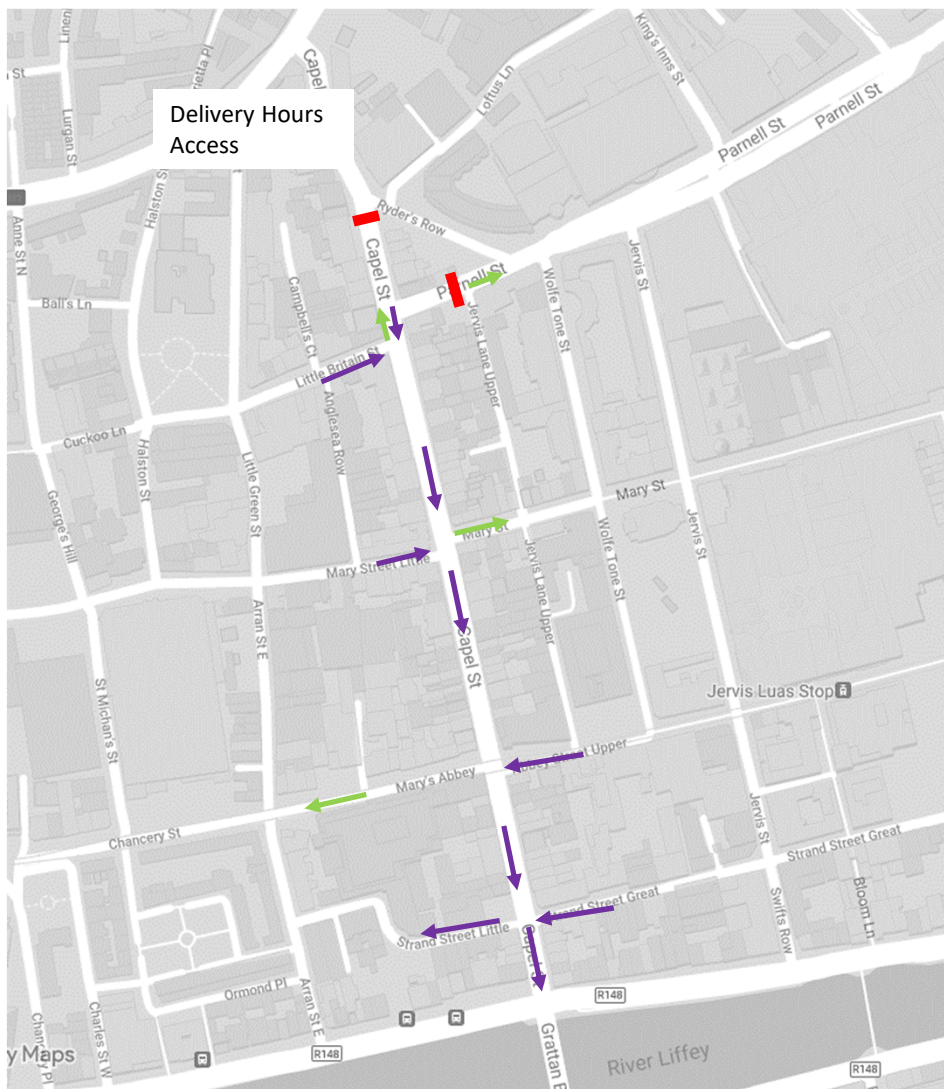
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Permanent 24/7 closure at Parnell St to remove through traffic



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During Delivery/Access hours, access via:

- Little Britain Street
- Mary Street Little
- Abbey Street Upper

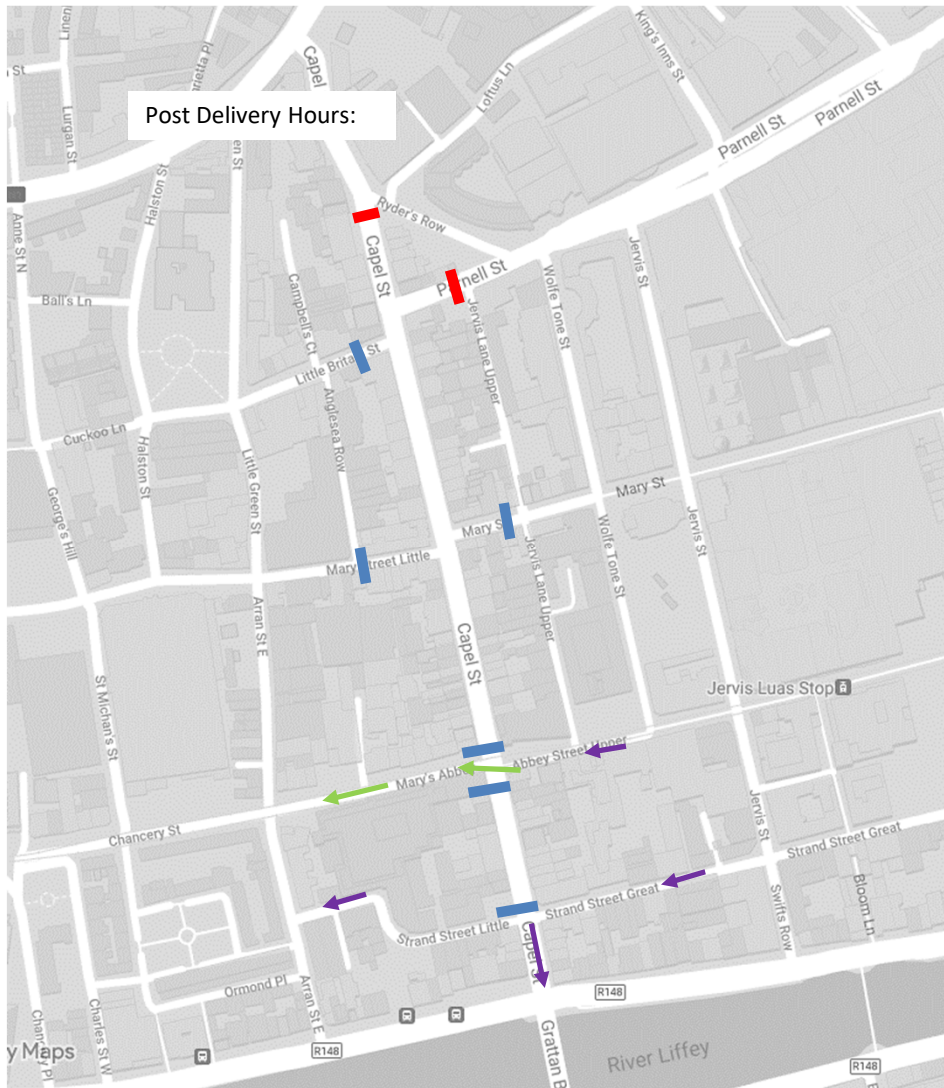
Exit via

- Capel Street
- Mary Street
- Strand Street Little

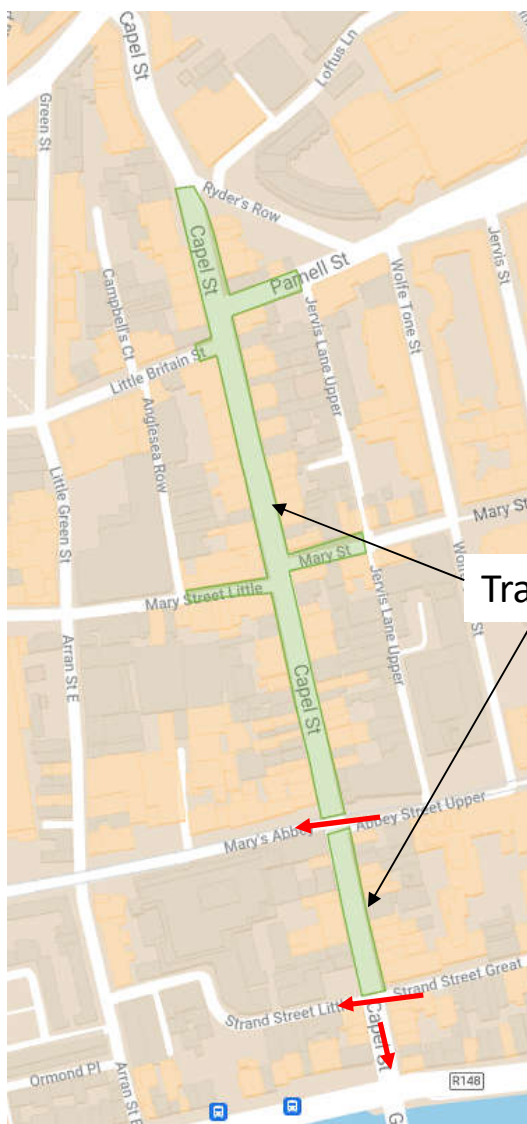
All parking to be removed and converted to loading bays



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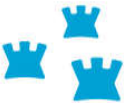
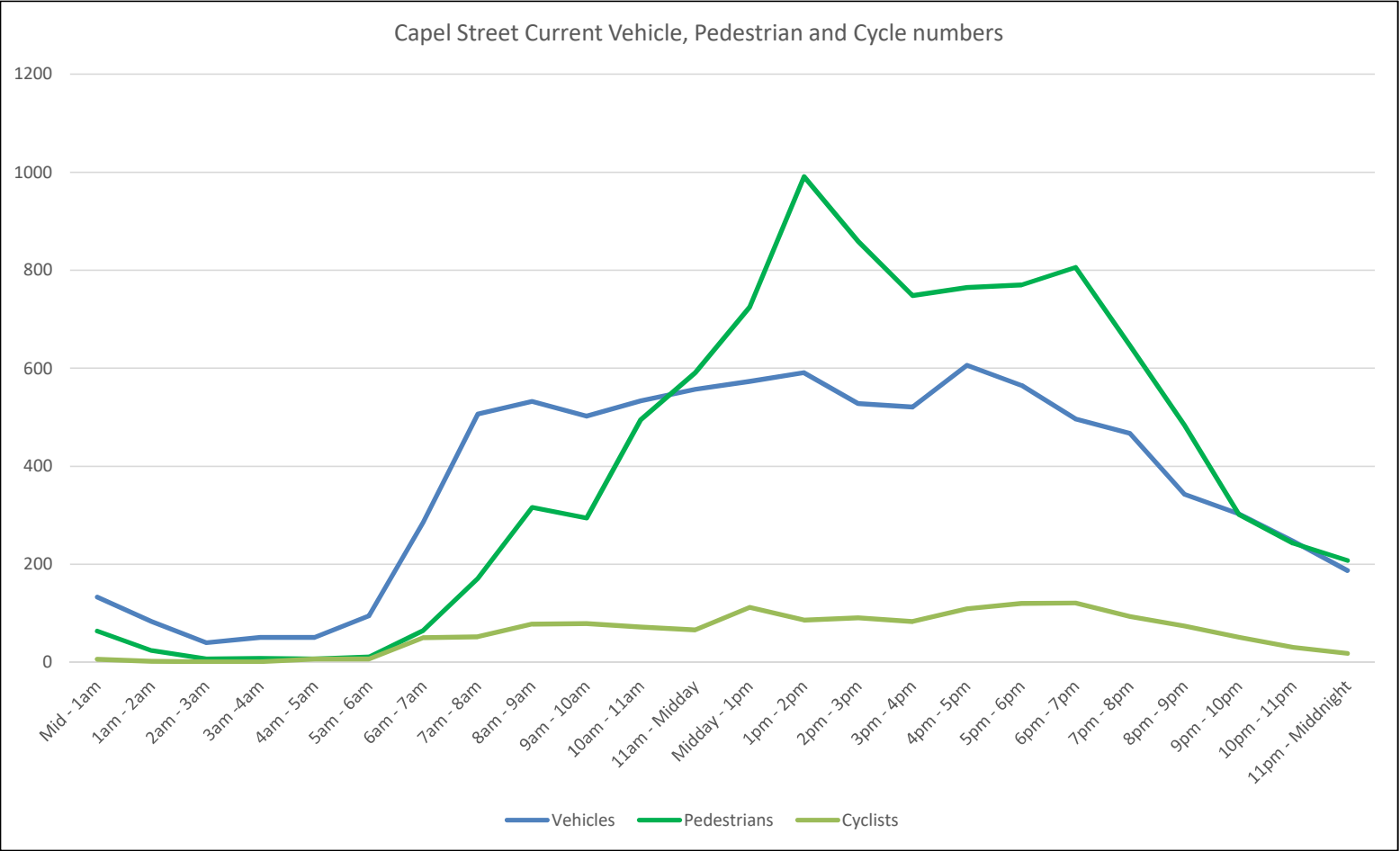


Traffic Free areas



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Current use by mode



Vehicular Traffic

- Approximately half of Capel Street traffic arrives from Parnell Street
- Other half from network of sides Streets
- Traffic Free evenings showed main alternative route was via Church Street
- Closing of street to traffic has not been trialled during the week or before 6.30pm



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Disabled Bays

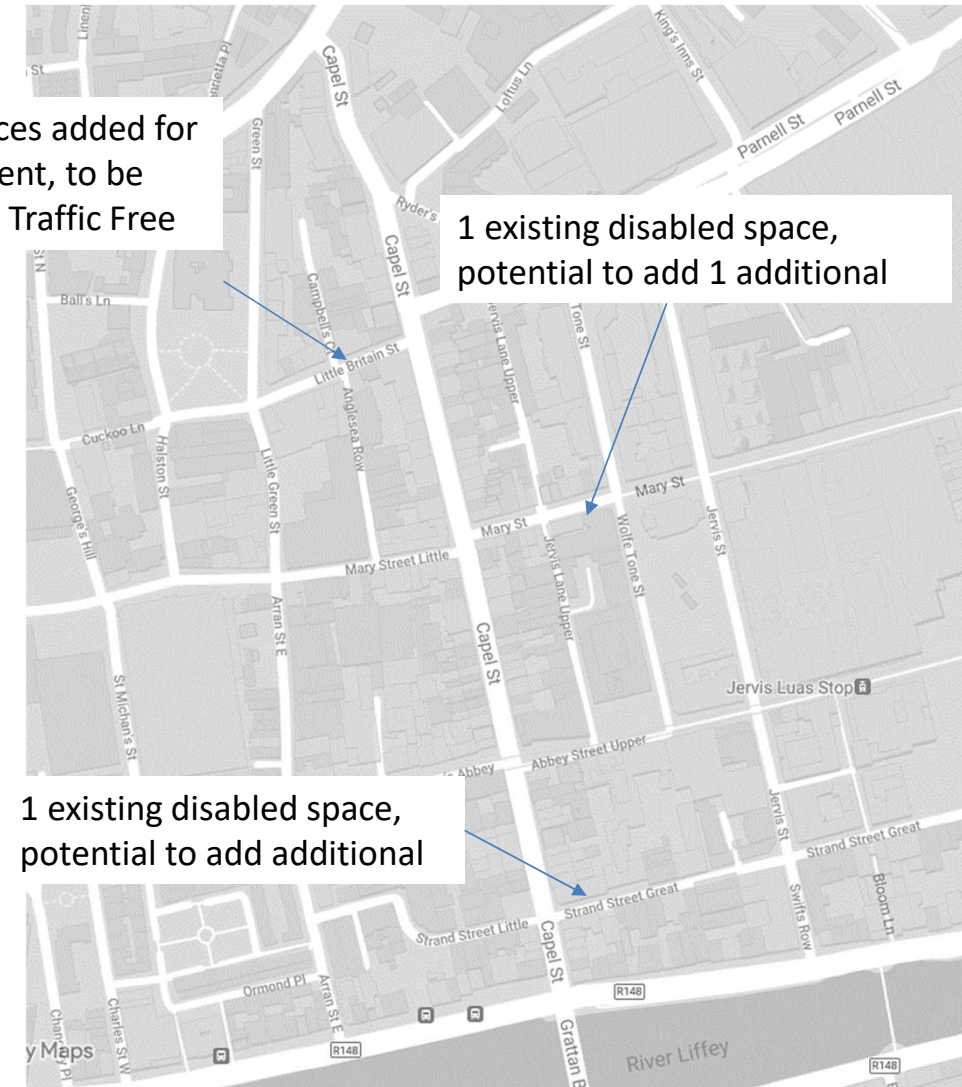
Currently 2 disabled spaces on Capel Street

Spaces to be relocated to Little Britain Street

Potential to add 2 additional Spaces, 1 on Mary St, 1 on Strand Street Great

2 disabled spaces added for Summer 21 event, to be permanent for Traffic Free

1 existing disabled space, potential to add 1 additional



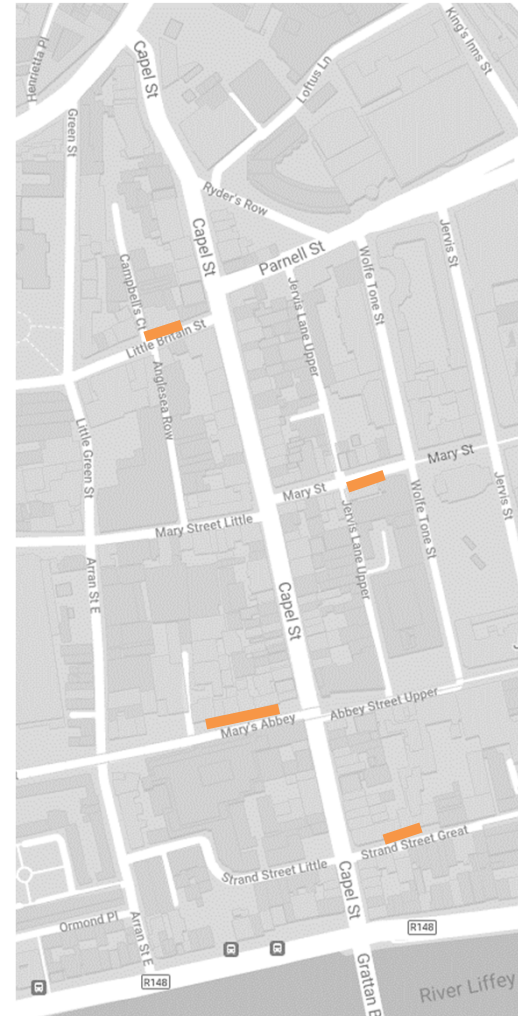
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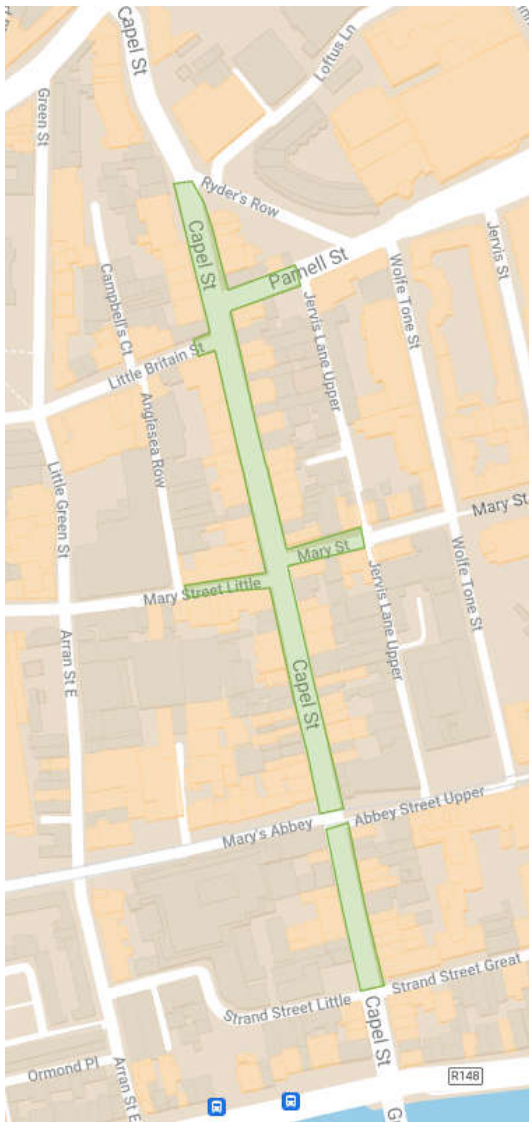
Existing carpark spaces to be converted to loading to maximize loading space during 6am to 11am

Loading available post 11am on side streets:

- Little Britain Street
- Mary Street
- Mary's Abbey
- Strand Street Great (new)



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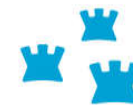
Traffic Free Space:

Capel Street – 7,000 m²

Henry St – 5,300 m²

Grafton Street – 5,000m²

Potential to create a vibrant, people focused street



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Next Steps

February

- Agree layout and design with TII at Luas junction
- Commence temporary footpath buildouts at required locations

March

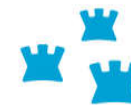
- Finalise and present report for March Area Committee meeting
 - Options for times to be discussed
- Consultation on proposal until end March
- Commence pre implementation monthly traffic and pedestrian counts

April

- Assess consultation
- Commence civil works (mainly at Luas junction)

May

- May – implement proposal (this could be trials of different times)
- Initial street improvements – Buff surfacing, planters, seating, street furniture declutter



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Thank you



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