Dublin 15 residents advised to be aware of traffic restrictions due to Pope’s visit

Residents in the Dublin 15 area of Fingal are advised to make themselves fully aware of the traffic restrictions that will be in place in the area from 6am until midnight on Sunday because of Pope Francis’ visit to the Phoenix Park on Sunday as part of the World Meeting of Families 2018.

A Controlled Access Area comes into effect in the Phoenix Park from this evening (Friday) and will remain in place until Tuesday morning at 7am. There will be no access for vehicles, pedestrians or cyclists to the Phoenix Park during this time.
There are also a number of temporary road closures on Saturday and Sunday in the Dublin 15 area around the Phoenix Park and these can be viewed at [http://www.fingal.ie/roads-and-travel/road-works-and-closures/visitofpopefrancisaugust26th/](http://www.fingal.ie/roads-and-travel/road-works-and-closures/visitofpopefrancisaugust26th/).

Residents within the road closure cordon surrounding the Phoenix Park need to be mindful of restrictions and understand that vehicular access will be significantly limited with access and egress at certain points during the day being strictly prohibited.

With 500,000 people expected at Sunday’s Papal Mass, a major logistical operation is being implemented across Dublin, co-ordinated from a Traffic Management and Incident Centre at Dublin Castle. Gardaí have urged all those attending the Mass to enter and leave using the colour-coded route as outlined on their tickets.

The Traffic Management and Incident Centre will provide updates via Twitter @dcctraffic and are contactable at 1800 293 949. For queries regarding traffic management for the Papal visit, email trafficpapapvisit@dublincity.ie. Queries can also be phoned in to 01-2228888, which is a dedicated helpline being run by the Office of Public Works.

There will also be live traffic updates from the traffic control centre on LIVEDRIVE 103.2FM which will broadcast on Sunday from 8am to 2pm and again from 5pm to 7pm. The Live Drive team will be regularly updating their Twitter account throughout the day and they can be followed at @livedrive.

There are also a number of temporary road closures on Saturday and Sunday across parts of Fingal, particularly in the Dublin 15 area around the Phoenix Park.

On Saturday, the R108 from the roundabout between the R122 and the L3125 to Kilreesk Road will be closed from 6am to mid-day, and again from 6am to 8pm on Sunday. Traffic diversion signage will be in place and local access will be maintained.

On Sunday, there will be temporary road closures from 6am to midnight. These will be intermittent Garda controlled road closures and restricted parking, as necessary, to facilitate safe passage of people and public transport, to and from the Phoenix Park, within the area bounded by and including:

- Knockmaroon Hill from junction with Tower Road to Martin’s Row
- Lower Lucan Road from junction with Knockmaroon Hill to Lucan Bridge.
- Somerton Lane
- Rugged Lane
- Tower Road from junction with Knockmaroon Hill to White’s Road
- College Road from junction with Tower Road/White’s Road to Castleknock Road.
- Luttrellstown Road from junction with White’s Road/Tower Road via Sandpits to junction with Porterstown Road/Rugged Lane.
- Carpenterstown Road from junction with Luttrellstown Road to Diswellstown Road (Carpenter Pub Roundabout).
• Anna Liffey Mills Road (Tinkers Hill) from junction with Lower Lucan Road (Strawberry Beds) to junction with Westmanstown Road.
• Castleknock Road from junction with Roselawn Road to R147/Navan Road at Ashtown Roundabout (Halfway House).
• Laurel Lodge Road from junction with Castleknock Road to Laverna Roundabout/ Carpenterstown Road East.  • Auburn Avenue from junction with R147/Navan Road to Castleknock Road.
• R147/Navan Road from junction with M50 (J6) to Ashtown Roundabout (Halfway House).
• R147 Navan Road Parkway Train Station overpass including all ramps.
• Ashtown Road from junction with River Road to R147/Navan Road (Ashtown Roundabout).
• River Road from junction with Ashtown Road to junction with Dunsink Lane.
• Dunsink Lane from junction with R147/Navan Road to Dunsink Observatory.

The National Transport Authority has put in place a robust transport plan to cater for everyone attending the event. Those with tickets for the Phoenix Park, will be allowed to travel for free within Dublin on the day of the event.

Public Transport operators - Iarnrod Éireann, Dublin Bus, Luas, Bus Éireann and Go-Ahead - will commence services from early morning especially for those travelling from outside of Dublin.

There are also three designated cycle hubs where cyclists can park their bicycles before continuing their journey to the Phoenix Park on foot. One of these is located in Fingal at St Brigids (Boys) School, Blanchardstown Village, Dublin 15 while the other two are at DIT Grangegorman, Dublin 7 and The Amphitheatre, Dublin City Council, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8.

Gardaí are also advising all motorists and commuters travelling in the area of Phoenix Park on Monday, August 27, to be aware of traffic restrictions. Because there will be a greater amount of people around the city, people are being asked to plan their journey and leave extra time to get to their destination.

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