

# Business and Community Liaison work for the Visit of Pope Francis for the World Meeting of Families

For this visit, a Business & Community Liaison team have been put in place by the Office of Public Works. The focus of the Business & Community Liaison Team is to communicate clearly to a range of diverse audiences the impact of the upcoming Visit to Dublin and Knock to residents, businesses and all operators.

Below is some initial useful information for Dublin businesses and residents as well as Knock businesses and residents regarding this visit.

## **For Dublin residents impacted by this Visit**

- You should receive a package of information in the post that will outline the potential road closures, traffic diversions as well as some helpful advice on access during this weekend. This package of information is to be posted to over 125,000 homes in the coming weeks via An Post.
- A series of residential briefings are set to take place in the coming weeks in your local area. Please keep an eye out for information regarding these via your residential organisations and via posters in your local shops.
- There is a dedicated phone line that will be announced soon, run by Dublin City Council, to help answer your queries.

## **Briefings for Dublin businesses starting next week**

- For businesses affected by this Visit, a Business and Community Liaison team will be holding a series of briefings next week.
- Briefings will take an hour max and will run through how your business may be affected regarding deliveries, access for staff and customers, waste disposal and other elements.
- The briefings are set to take place as follows (subject to demand):
  - Tuesday 31st July (10am)
  - Tuesday 31st July (1.30pm)
  - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July (4.00pm)
  - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July (6.00pm)
  - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August (10am)
  - Wednesday 1st August (1.30pm)
  - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August (4.00pm)
  - Wednesday 1st August (6.00pm)
- To reserve a space at one of these briefings please contact [Businessandcommunity.papal@opw.ie](mailto:Businessandcommunity.papal@opw.ie), noting 'Business Briefings, Dublin' in the subject line and giving an indication of the briefing time you would like to attend.
- You should also receive information via your local business organisations and a package of information to be posted to your business in the coming weeks via An Post.

## **For individuals and businesses inside the Phoenix Park**

A letter has been circulated to those living and working within the Phoenix Park today which has outlined to them the main closures to the Park and the supports available to them in getting about for that weekend.

**For Knock businesses and residents impacted by this Visit**

A questionnaire regarding the potential impact of this Visit has already been distributed by An Garda Síochána. If you have not already received this, please contact Claremorris Garda Station at 094 937 2080 (24 hour line) and they will be able to supply you with this.

Further to these questionnaires, community briefings are being planned as well as a package of information regarding road closures and traffic diversions to 1,000 homes and businesses in Knock and the surrounding area.

**For more information**

Dedicated email address for both Dublin & Knock	<a href="mailto:businessandcommunity.papal@opw.ie">businessandcommunity.papal@opw.ie</a>
For information regarding the overall visit	<a href="http://www.gov.ie/popeinireland">www.gov.ie/popeinireland</a>
For road closure information for Dublin	<a href="http://www.dublincity.ie">www.dublincity.ie</a> <a href="http://www.garda.ie">www.garda.ie</a>
For road closure information for Knock	<a href="http://www.mayo.ie">www.mayo.ie</a> <a href="http://www.garda.ie">www.garda.ie</a>