

Proposed Wickham St. to Clare St. Active Travel Scheme



(Artists Impression – Scheme Proposals for Broad Street)

Engagement to Date;

A period of Non-Statutory Public Consultation on the project was held between April 26th and May 24th, 2023. This included afternoon and evening in-person sessions in the Citizen Innovation Lab on April 26th, 2023.

A virtual public consultation room went live on April 26th, 2023 and was available to the general public to access until May 24th, 2023.

A Non Statutory Public Consultation Report was published in June 2023.

Businesses and consumers on the proposed project routes are being engagement with via a third party during the compiling of an Economic Assessment Report.

A Public Information Session is being held on December 19th, 2023 with a duplicate session possible in January.

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Feedback;

As part of the ongoing non-statutory consultation, the following is a summary of key issues:

- *Benefits to business*
- *Safe environment for children and adults to walk and cycle in the area*
- *Area more appealing to citizens and tourists*
- *Opportunity to add more greenery*
- *More attractive place for people and families to visit, live and work*
- *Reduce CO2 emissions*
- *Increase daily physical activity for children and adults*
- *Active travel within the city centre*
- *Parking impact*
- *Traffic impact*
- *Access impact*
- *Cyclist safety*
- *Economic impact*
- *Linkage with other active travel schemes*
- *Traffic calming*
- *Street furniture*
- *Segregation*
- *Cost*
- *Drainage impact*
- *Heritage impact*

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Current Stage: **Route Selection Process**

Project Timeline

January 2023 – Elected members of Limerick City & County Council were briefed on the project.

February – April 2023 – Ongoing engagement with key stakeholders.

April 2023 – Non-Statutory Public Consultation process held

September 2023 – Work on Economic Assessment Report began

December 2023 – Public Information Session

January 2024 –Refinement to the design, possibility of duplicate Public Information Session

March 2024 – Second Non-Statutory Public Consultation process anticipated

Part 8 application anticipated in 2024

Public Information Event

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Project Key Points

- Key part of Limerick's overall Active Travel Network and is funded by the National Transport Authority.
- A connector between the Colbert Station Quarter and Clare Street with the possibility of ongoing connections to the University of Limerick.
- Proposed to facilitate Future Active Travel Connections to: National Technology Park (Plassey); Annacotty; Castleconnell; Scarriff.
- Work has begun with Limerick City & County Council's Place-Making department to ensure proposals tie in with overall long term plans for the area.

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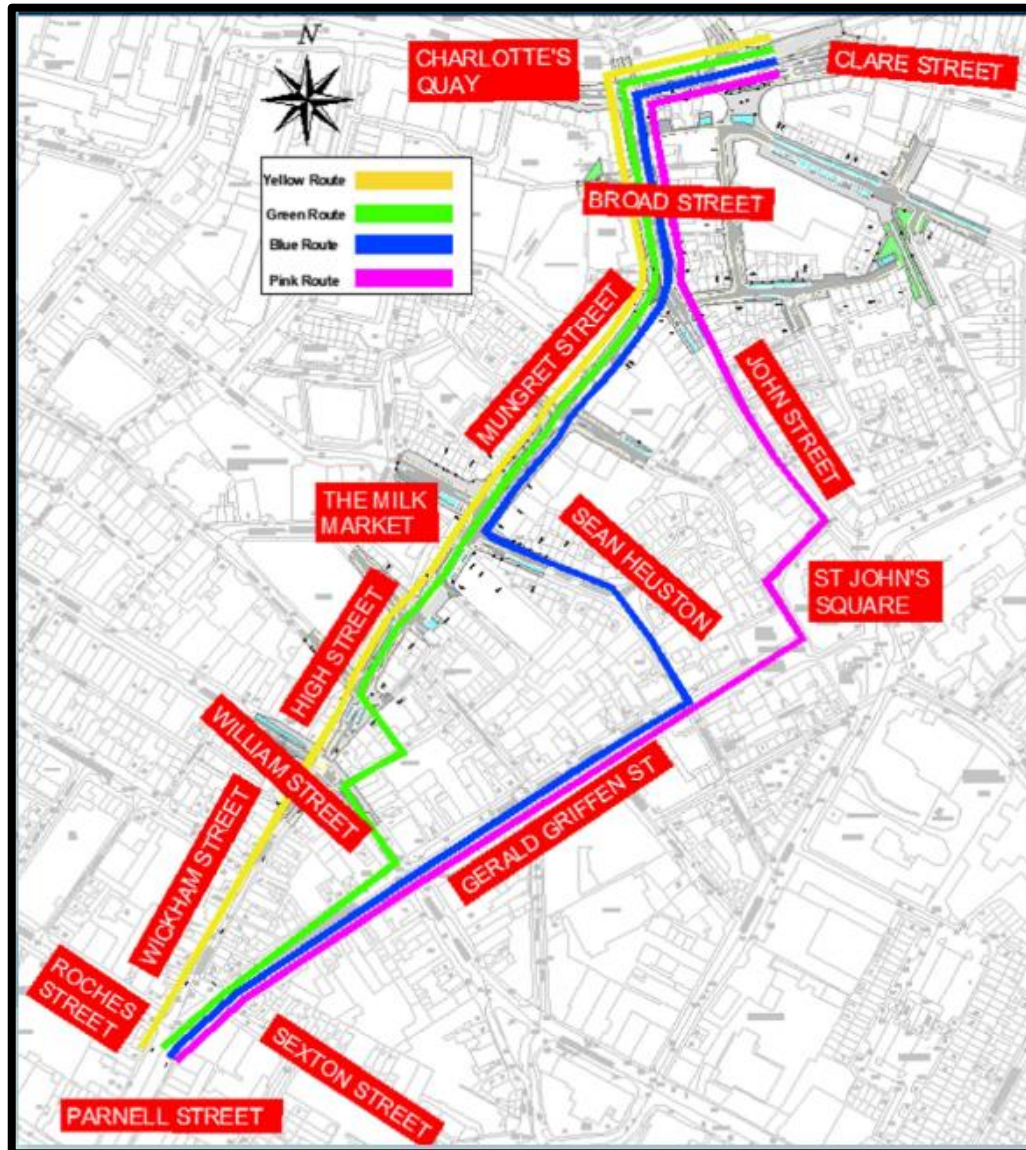
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Progress

- Engagement with stakeholders is ongoing.
- An Economic Assessment Report is close to completion.
- Traffic and parking surveys are complete. These are informing the ongoing design of both the proposed pink and yellow routes.
- Work is continuing on procuring radar counters, which will allow for mobility counting on the proposed routes. This will provide the team important information about the latest mobility trends in relation to cars, bicycles and pedestrians in the proposed areas.

No cameras are used and no personal data is recorded in respect of these radar counters.

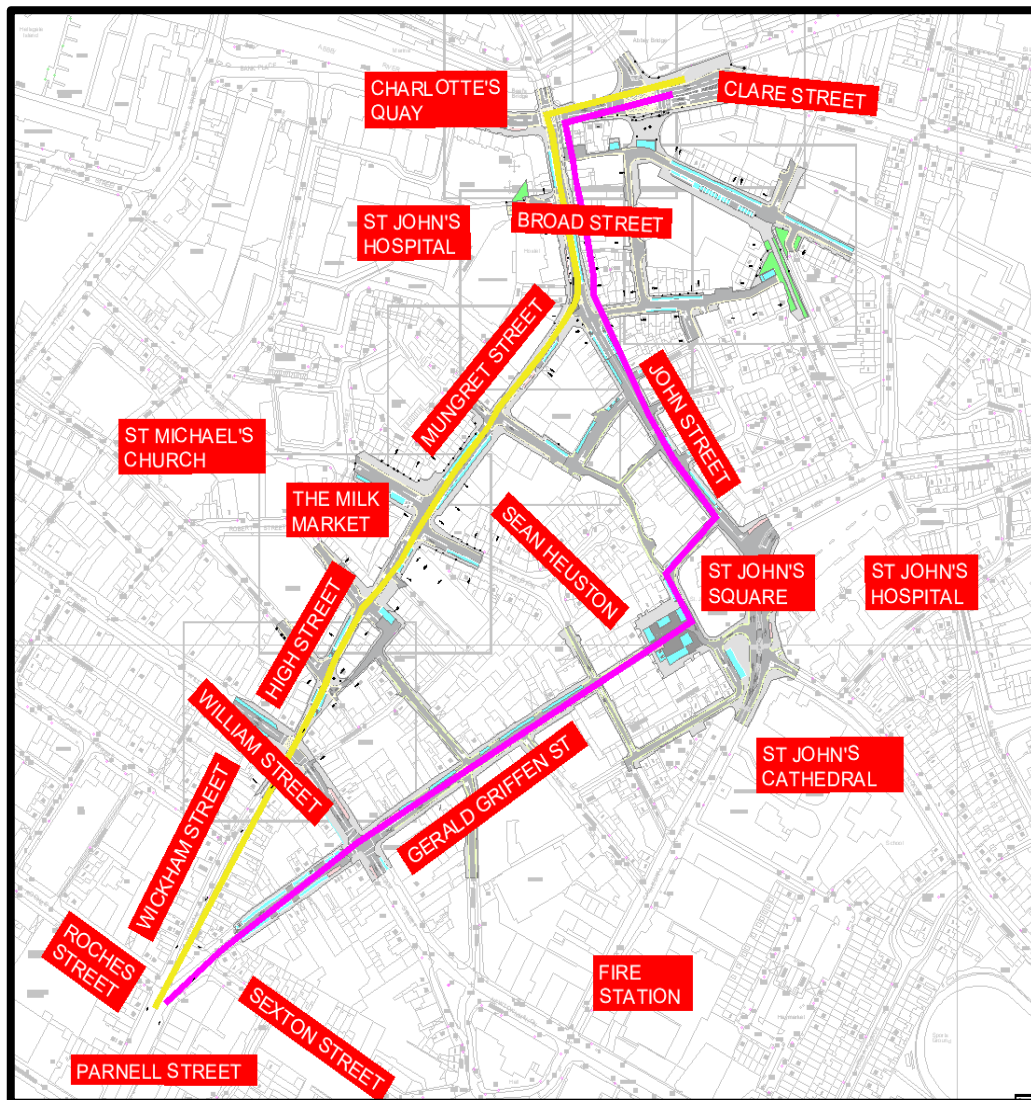
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Route Selection Process

Four potential route options were previously considered

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Route Selection Process

Two Potential Routes Emerged

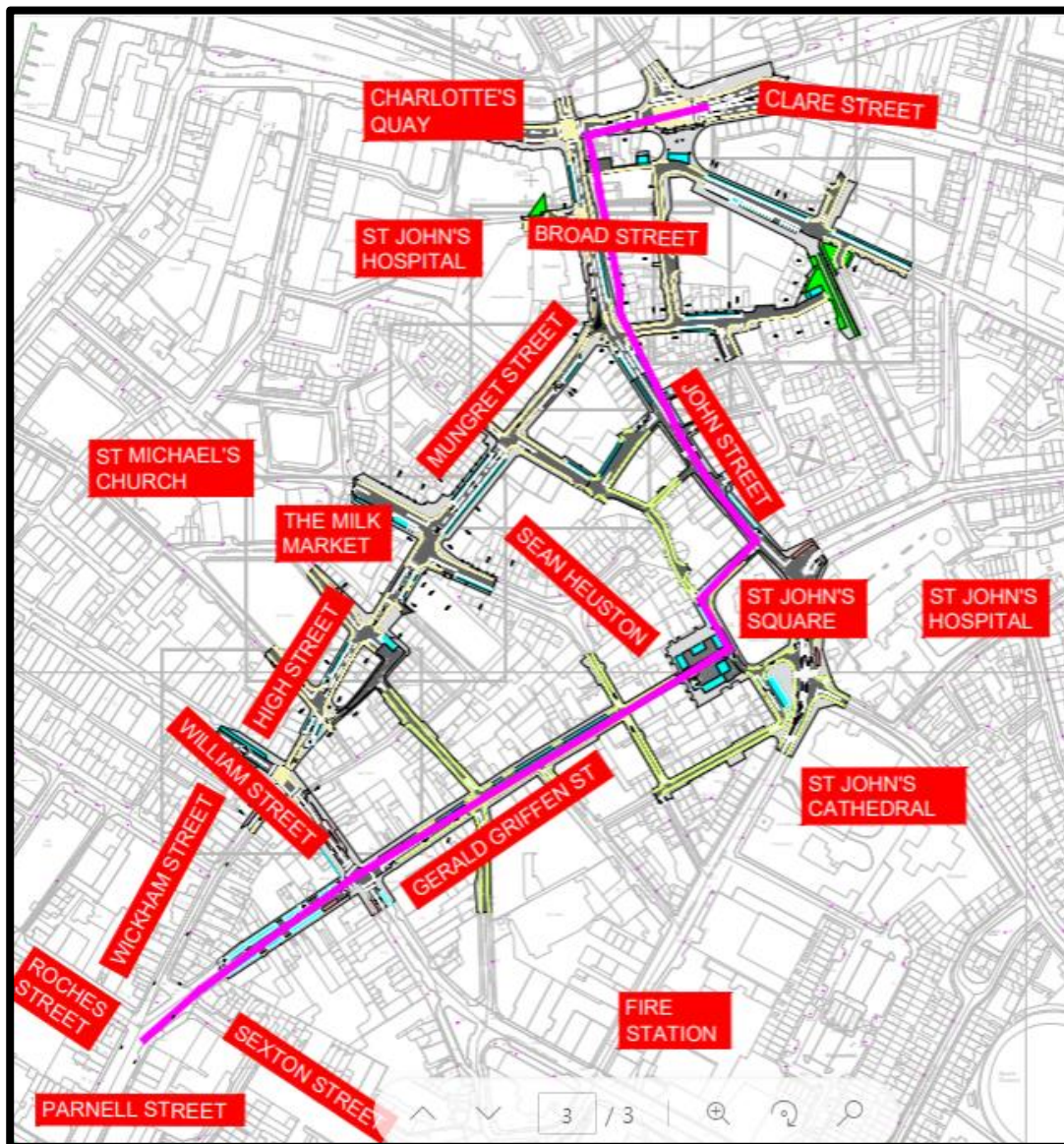
Pink Route

This route provides cycle facilities in both directions going from south to north from Gerald Griffin Street to Clare Street via St. John's Square, John Street & Broad Street.

Yellow Route

This route is a direct route, providing in general for cycle facilities in 2 directions going from south to north between Wickham Street and Clare Street via High Street, Mungret Street & Broad Street.

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Pink Route

Potential Impact

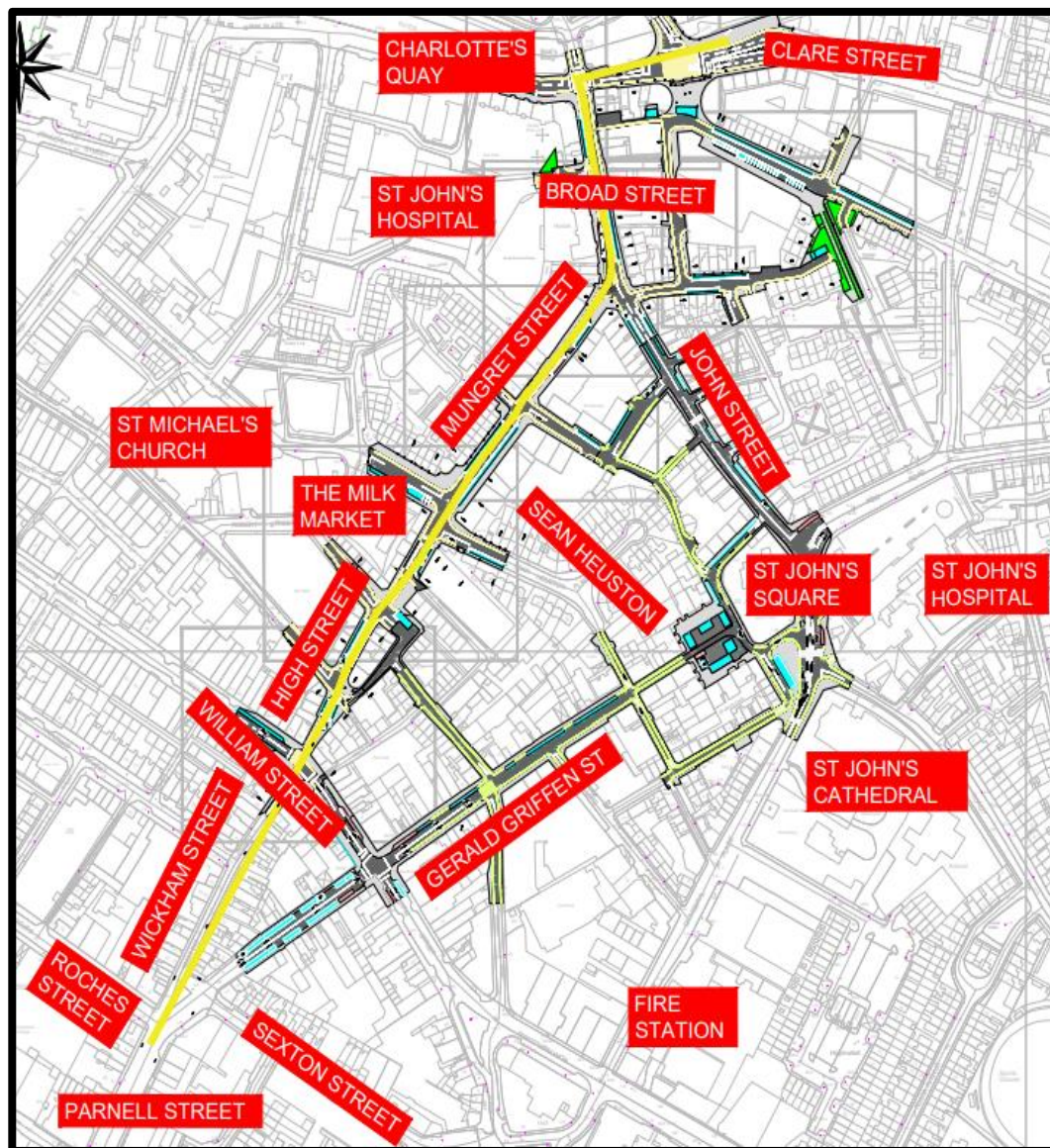
Pink Route – Vehicular Traffic;

- Changes to existing traffic arrangements at St. John's Square Area.

Pink Route – Street Parking;

- **104** existing on street parking spaces would be **reduced to 45** on street parking spaces.
- Removal of parking at St. John's Square

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Yellow Route

Potential Impact

Yellow Route – Vehicular Traffic;

- Upper Gerald Griffin Street could change from one way to two way vehicular traffic.
- High Street and Back Lane could be closed to vehicular traffic – or remain open to vehicular traffic.
- Wickham Street could be closed to vehicular traffic from Thomas Street to William Street.
- Potential to reverse the one-way traffic on Wickham Street from Thomas Street to Sexton Street.

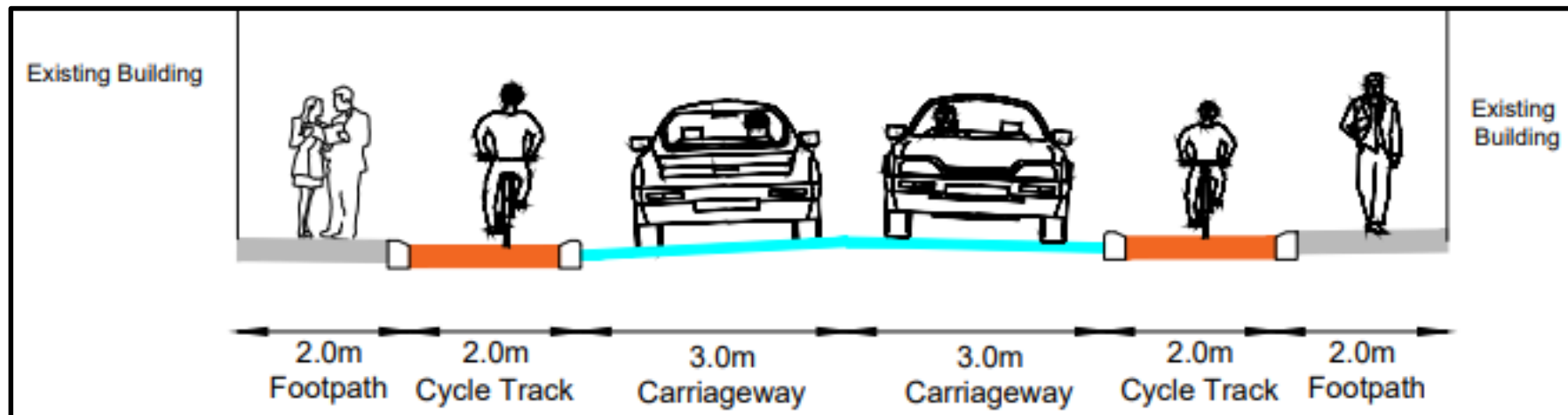
Yellow Route – Street Parking;

- **50** existing on street Parking Spaces would be **reduced to 25** on street parking spaces.

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Typical Section;

- Below is a Draft Typical Section for the proposed Scheme for the Broad Street Location of the Project, which is common to both the Pink & Yellow Routes.



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Highlights from Economic Assessment (to date);

- Repucon Consulting are conducting the Economic Assessment
- Repucon have engaged with businesses and consumers on the proposed Pink and Yellow Routes in the form of questionnaires and surveys.
- The Economic Assessment is ongoing and nearing completion
- The following slides contain highlights from the Economic Assessment so far;



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SOURCE OF BUSINESS SURVEY RESPONSES

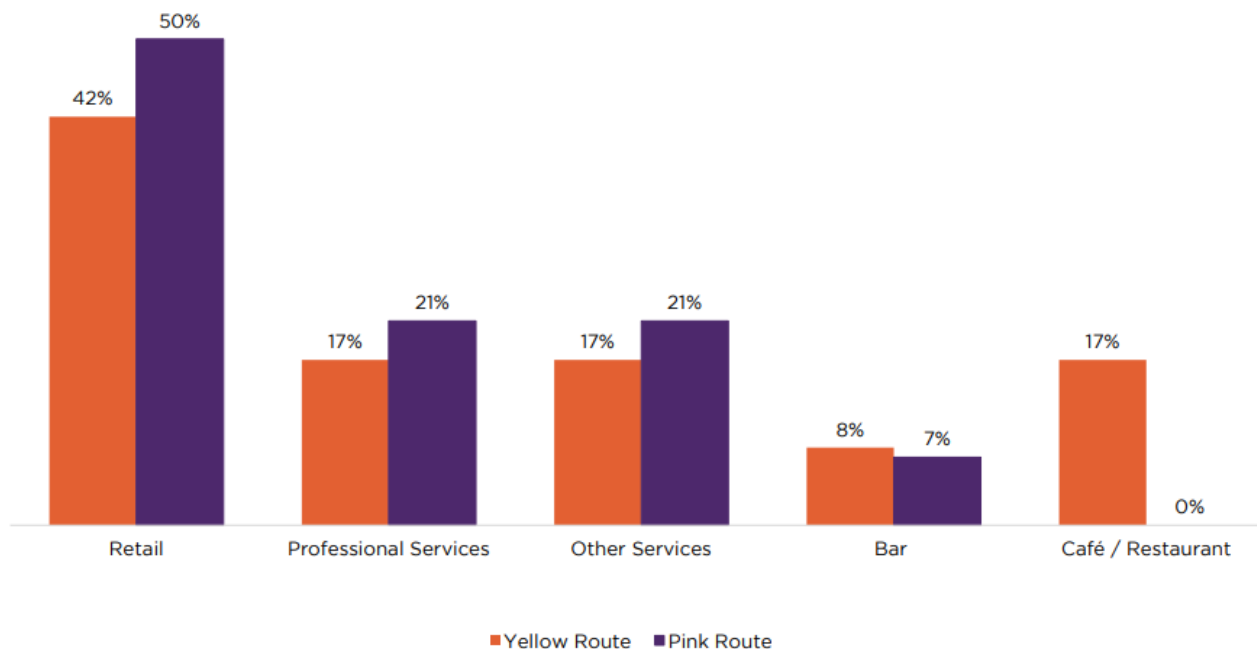


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BUSINESS CATEGORIES - PINK ROUTE VS. YELLOW ROUTE

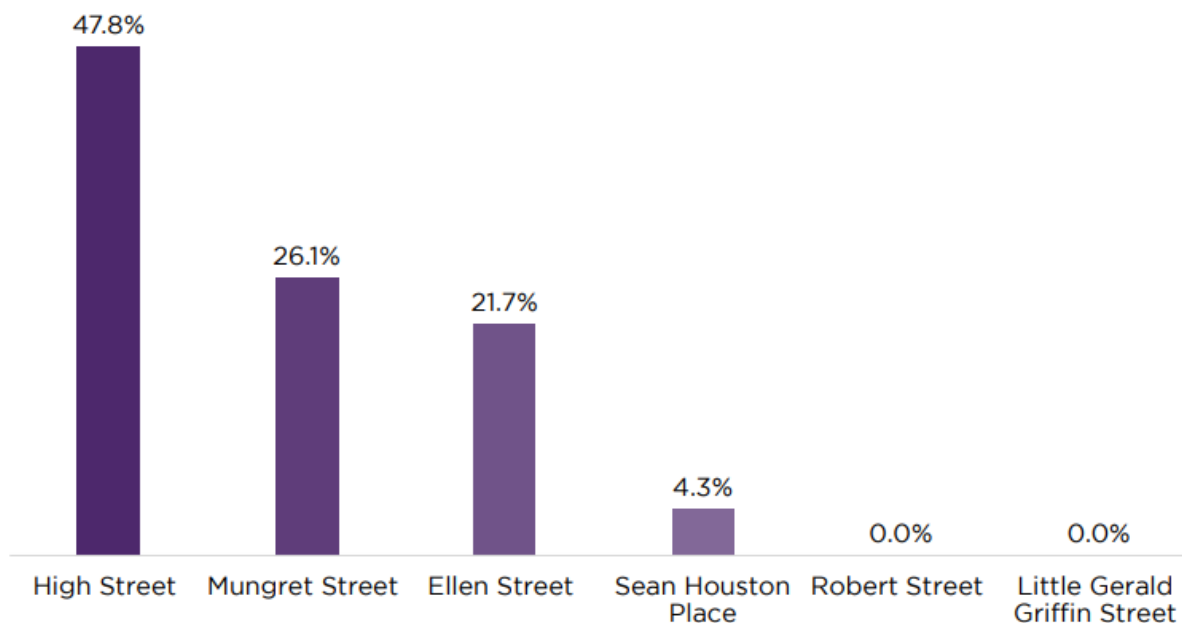


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ROUTE USED BY TRADERS TO ACCESS MILK MARKET TO SET UP IN THE MORNINGS

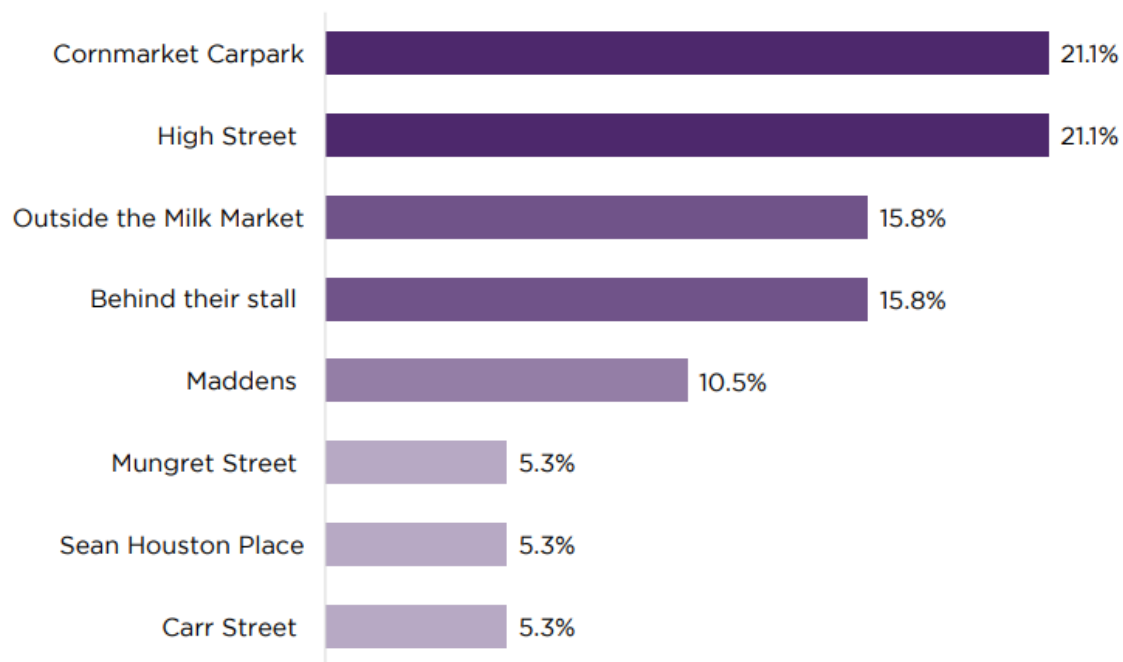


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WHERE TRADERS PARK WHEN OPERATING THEIR OUTLET / STALL ON A SATURDAY

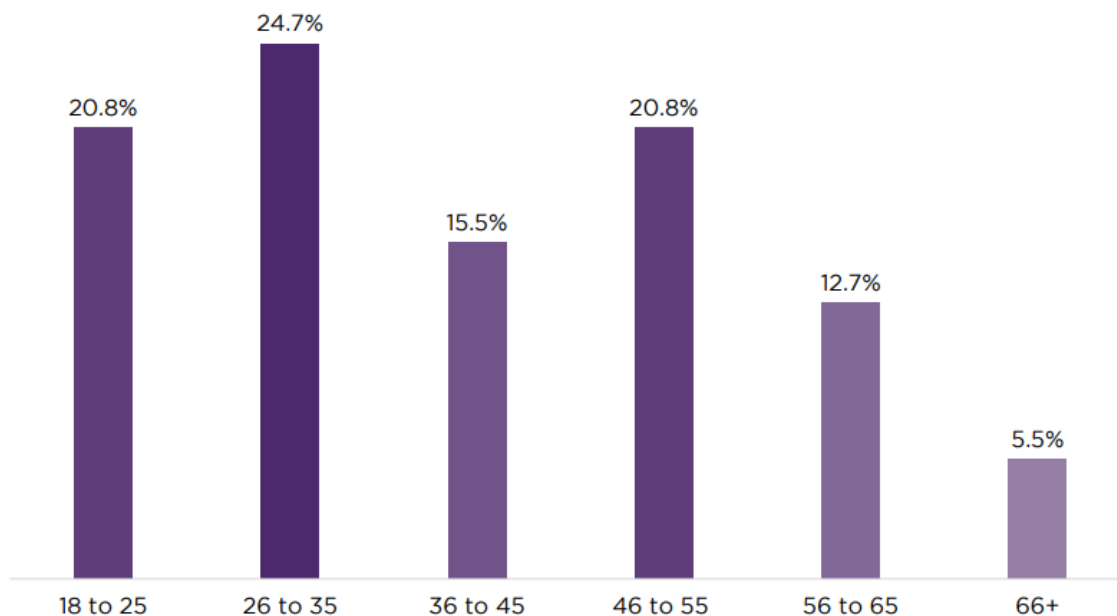


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AGE PROFILE

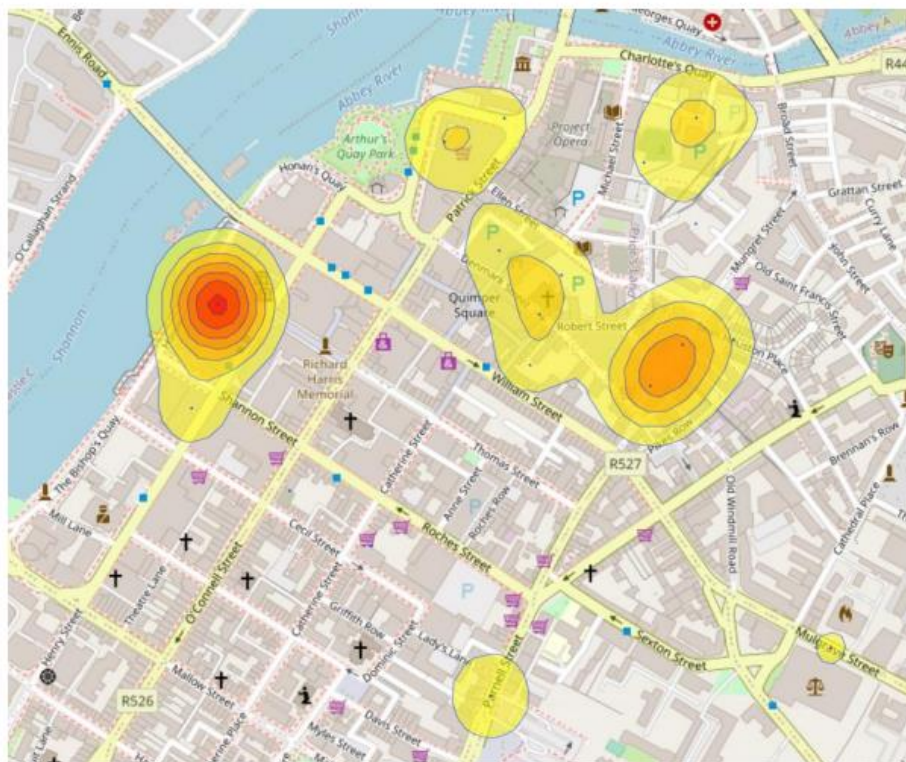


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CAR PARKING HEAT MAP

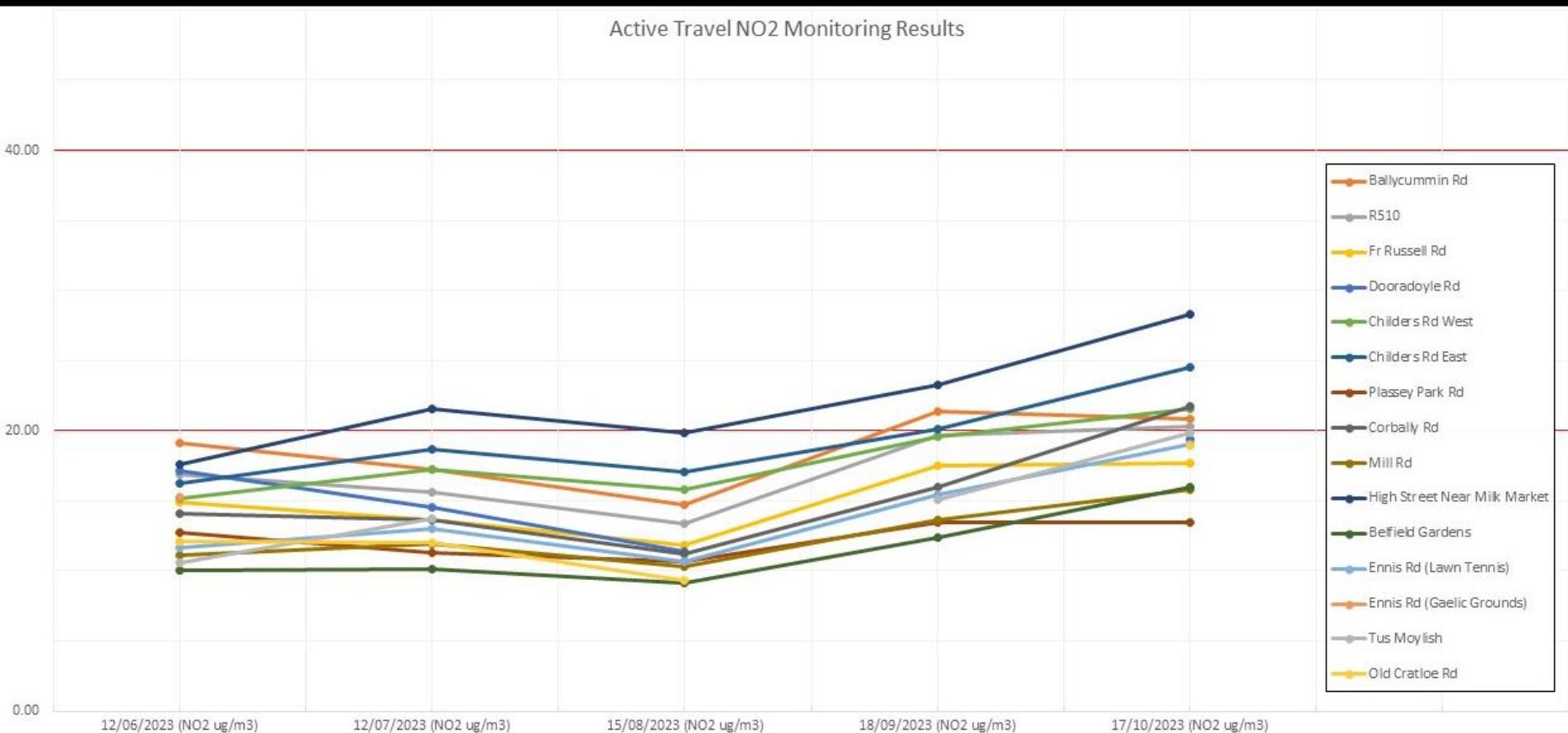


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Air Quality

Results of ongoing air quality monitoring show higher levels of Nitrogen Dioxide in the City Centre. By providing an alternative to travelling by car, the Wickham Street to Clare Street Active Travel Project would contribute towards an improvement in air quality in the City Centre.



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Thank you for your interest in the
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