

Cork City Council Seeking “Parklet Partners” to Provide New Parklets for Cork City

Parklets convert a few on-street parking spaces into public open space and are a cost-effective way to create more vibrant streets, support local business, and provide an inviting green space for residents and passers-by to sit, relax, and interact.

Following a successful pilot project on Douglas Street, Cork City Council is looking to provide up to ten new parklets in the city centre and town centres of Cork City.

Who can apply?

Business owners, institutions, neighbourhood organisations, and other community-based groups are eligible to apply to be a “Parklet Partner.”



What will the parklet be like?

The parklet will be similar to the current parklet on Douglas Street (shown above) and will incorporate seating and pollinator-friendly planting. The parklet can be used by customers if it is associated with a business, but it must be available for public use and will include signage indicating that it is a public space.

Partner’s Responsibilities

Cork City Council will fund and install the parklet. The Parklet Partner will be responsible for the day-to-day upkeep of the parklet and its planting. (See the back of this leaflet for feedback from Cork Flower Studio on their experience with the Douglas Street parklet.)

Site Selection

- Parklets are typically installed in on-street parking spaces, but other locations can be considered.
- The location must be in an area with high footfall where it will provide a public amenity.
- The preferred locations for parklet are those that would enjoy broad support from the street/neighbourhood and also serve shoppers and visitors.
- The site should provide a pleasant environment where someone would like to sit—for example, not in constant shade and not located in an area where the volume of passing motor traffic is so high that noise and fumes would create an unpleasant environment.
- The parklet cannot block access to public utilities, hydrants, or driveways, bus stops, or cycle lanes.
- The site itself needs to be relatively level (i.e. no hills or steep inclines).

How long will the parklet be in place?

Parklets will initially be in place for one year. After a year, they will be evaluated to consider whether they should be kept in place for another year, replaced with more permanent seating, or moved to a new location.

How do I apply?

Please complete and submit the attached application form by 5 pm on Monday, **28th September 2020**. The form is available on-line at www.corkcity.ie

Further Questions?

Email City Centre Coordinator (erin_obrien@corkcity.ie)

Parklet Experience of Cork Flower Studio, Douglas Street

The parklet on Douglas Street has been in place in front of Cork Flower Studio since July 2019. Here is feedback on their experience:

How has the parklet been received in the neighbourhood?

The parklet is very popular. It has become a meeting point on the street and is in regular use as a place to relax for people of all ages. Some of our neighbourhood “regulars” include an older couple who stop for a rest on their morning walk and two children who stop with their dad every week to enjoy an evening ice cream. A letter of support to retain the parklet on the street after the initial trial period received almost 1,000 signatures (in-person signatures, not on-line).

How has it been for business?

Having the parklet out front has been positive for business. It makes my shopfront more visible, too.

What is upkeep and maintenance like?

We sweep the parklet daily and keep it tidy. Occasionally we find a bit of litter but there have been no major issues to address.

“I can’t think of a negative thing about having the parklet.”



Parklet in front of Cork Flower Studio, Douglas Street

Parklet Application Form

This form can be printed out or filled in electronically—just type below. If completed electronically, be sure to save the .pdf when you are finished.)



Applicant Name:	
Email:	
Telephone:	
Proposed Parklet Location:	

The space in which the proposed parklet would be located is	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parking space
<input type="checkbox"/>	Loading Bay
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please describe)

Please ensure that you have considered the following:

<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed site is in a busy public location and would provide public amenity.
<input type="checkbox"/>	To the best of my knowledge, the proposed location would not block access to public utilities, hydrants, or driveways, bus stops, or cycle lanes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed site for the parklet is relatively level (i.e. no hills or steep inclines).
<input type="checkbox"/>	I consider that the volumes of passing motor traffic are not high enough that noise and fumes would create an unpleasant environment for users of the parklet.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The parklet would enjoy broad neighbourhood support. (Please speak to any adjoining businesses and others in the neighbourhood and seek their support before applying.) While not required, you are invited to submit letters of support from adjoining businesses, the community, etc. in support of the parklet if you have them.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	I understand that I (or my group) will be responsible for the day-to-day upkeep of the parklet and planting.

Any Further Information you wish to provide (optional)

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Applicant Signature	
Date	

Submit by email or post to City Centre Coordinator (erin_obrien@corkcity.ie or Strategic & Economic Development Directorate, City Hall, Anglesea Street by 5 pm on Monday, 28th September 2020)