The Galway City Council Mobility Team (GCCMT) held two meetings again this week.

Progress to date includes:

**Identifying priority areas for action. Two priority zones have been agreed:**

**Zone 1 - Core City Centre**

Includes Forster Street, Shop Street & Environs, Spanish Arch/Parade, Claddagh Area, Salmon Weir Bridge & Woodquay

Local authority staff will be on the ground next week to conduct Street Audits. An in-house App has been developed to capture a wide range of information and help inform appropriate solutions and interventions to be undertaken

**Zone 2 - Salthill**

A second team will be conducting an audit in Salthill to identify how best temporary cycling facilities can be accommodated in the busy Salthill area.

**Public submissions:** The response to the call for submissions for public input via the online request form has been substantial. To date, several hundred suggestions have been received and will take some time to assess and analyse. These requests have now been populated on publicly available interactive map [https://arcg.is/OnSTzn](https://arcg.is/OnSTzn) allowing all stakeholders the opportunity to view what has been submitted to date. Regular maintenance and non-COVID-19 social distancing requests should continue to be made via normal Customer Service procedures. The map will be updated as submissions are reviewed.

**Liaison with An Garda Síochána:** Members of the Mobility Team continue to hold regular discussions with An Garda Síochána to identify issues arising with implementation of physical distancing across the city. Ahead of the upcoming bank holiday weekend, strict enforcement of parking laws is a priority action for both the local authority and Gardaí. Community Wardens and members of the Gardaí will have an increased presence on the ground over the weekend particularly in popular amenity areas.

**St Nicholas Market:** The partial re-opening of the market last week gave rise to some issues with regards to social distancing and our Recreation & Amenity Team are working with the traders to address these. As a result, new measures will be in place this bank holiday weekend. A one way walking system will also be in operation from Shop St down to the market, which will be clearly signposted. To help prevent the build-up of queues, market traders selling hot food will this week be located in the car park of St. Patrick’s Primary school.

**Engaging with Businesses:** Members of the Economic Development section continued discussions with Galway City businesses on a range of measures to ensure that customers can be given enough space to physically distance in line with the re-opening of businesses under the Government’s roadmap. This includes the revision of delivery times and possible closure of existing loading bays as well as discussions on how best to mark out physical distancing on public streets in a fair, consistent and safe manner.