**Cork City Council Seeks new “Parklet Partners” to Provide 6 more 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, promote economic vitality, and provide an inviting green space for residents and passers-by to sit, relax, and interact.

Following the success of the recent Parklet Scheme in the City Centre, Cork City Council is looking to provide up to six new parklets in the greater metropolitan area. Areas eligible and particularly encouraged to apply include all suburbs of the City and the RAPID designated areas 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.

**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 planting. The parklet can be used by customers if it is associated with a business, but it must be available for public use.

**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 steep hill or 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 Parklet Partner Application form by**5 pm on Friday 4 June 2021**.

The form is available on-line at [www.corkcity.ie](http://www.corkcity.ie)