

Castletown Town Commissioners
Town Hall Castletown



NEWS RELEASE

Castletown Town Commissioners launch Public Consultation Document relating to the proposed future closure of The Castletown Market Square to vehicles.

The Castletown Town Commissioners have today - 15th July 2025 - issued a Public Consultation Document setting out the Commissioners proposals for the restricting of vehicles into Castletown Market Square.

The main points of the Commissioners proposals are as follows:

- 1) Defining the following: 'a Visitor Season' being from May until September, 'a Winter Season' being September until May, and an 'Easter Period' being the Thursday before Good Friday to the Tuesday following Easter Monday. [details on Page 1 of document]
- 2) Continuing with the 'no permitted vehicle access' into the pedestrianised streets all year, which is to be effectively managed and controlled by way of movable barriers located within the vehicle restricted pedestrianised streets of Arbory Street and Malew Street.
- 3) Within Barracks Square car park [back of the Civic Hall] - general disc parking, disc parking for disabled x 3 spaces, along with provision for delivery bays for deliveries to businesses and properties located within the pedestrianised streets.
- 4) The Market Square and the Pedestrianised Streets are defined by two areas – **Area A** and **Area B**. [detailed on the Map appended to the Document].
- 5) The placing of moveable barriers to effectively close off all the area(s) to vehicles.
- 6) Seek from the Minister for Infrastructure by way of a formal delegation to enable the Commissioners to manage the area to provide for close off the whole area during the 'Winter Season' for special short-term events.

The Public can obtain copies of the Commissioners Consultation Document, which provides details of the proposals from the Town Hall. The document, for which there is no charge, is also published on the Commissioners Website with a link on the Commissioners Facebook page.

The public consultation will run for 6 weeks from 15th July 2025 through to 5.00pm on Tuesday 26th August 2025.

Residents can write with their comments to the Commissioners at the Town Hall Castletown, or email any comments they may have to the Commissioners at: ctms@castletown.gov.im

The Commissioners would encourage residents to consider the proposals set out in their public consultation document and would welcome any comments from the public.

When the public consultation period closes the Board of the Commissioners will consider all comments and they will subsequently publish their final proposals.

Thereafter, the Commissioners will consult with the Department of Infrastructure seeking to have their proposals implemented being effective from 2026.

The Board of the Castletown Town Commissioners made a presentation last night 14th July 2025 to Town businesses and residents who are affected by the Commissioners proposals. The meeting was well attended, and the proposals were well received, with a number of positive comments and ideas being received.

Chairman Tony Brown said *"we were very pleased with the turnout and responses to the presentation and, we welcomed the comments made. The Board believes it is important to consult with the Town regarding major proposals such as this that will have an impact on residents and businesses. We look forward to receiving comments through the consultation process."*

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Additional Information:

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