

Launch of HGV Permit Checker App

Public can now check in Real Time if 5+ axle vehicles have a valid permit to be in the city

The Lord Mayor of Dublin Paul Mc Auliffe will officially launch Dublin City Council's new HGV Permit Checker App on Monday, 15th July, at 10 am in the Council's Civic Offices at Wood Quay, Dublin 8.

The APP which was developed as part of EU NWE INTERREG [BE - GOOD Project](#) will be used to complement Dublin City Council's HGV Management Strategy which provides for a ban on 5+ axle vehicles during the hours of 07.00-19.00 seven days a week within a designated [cordon](#) area in the city.

The public will now be able to assist the City Council by downloading the FREE HGV Permit Checker App and if they spot a 5+ axle vehicle they can check in real time if it has a valid permit to be in the city.

Speaking ahead of the launch, the Lord Mayor said "I would like to congratulate Dublin City Council on the development of the HGV Permit Checker App and I would encourage everyone in Dublin city to download it and check the status of HGVs in their area."

Brendan O' Brien, Head of Technical Services, Dublin City Council added "It is great to be part of this EU BE - GOOD Project that enables us to unlock and reuse data and to see the positive benefits it can have for the citizens of Dublin."

To coincide with the launch of the APP, a suite of visuals, a radio ad and a video have been developed to raise awareness about the new HGV Permit Checker App and the City Council's HGV Management Strategy.

Photographs will be syndicated to picture desks after the launch by Conor McCabe Photography.

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BE - Good Project

Dublin City Council's Environment and Transportation Department is a partner of the INTERREG Northwest Europe Building an Ecosystem to Generate Opportunities in Open Data (BE - GOOD) project. This is a pioneering project aiming to unlock, re-use and extract value from Public Sector Information (PSI) to develop innovative data-driven services in the area of infrastructure & environment.

An important aspect of this initiative was the collaboration between the international partners in the BE - GOOD project to establish transnational links between this project and other projects and stimulate economic activity in the areas of open data for environment and transportation services within the public sector

Partner organisations:

- Vlaamse Milieumaatschappij
- Orléans Métropole
- Départemental du Loiret
- Glasgow City Council
- Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology
- Hoogheemraadschap van Delfland

- Ministerie van Infrastructuur & Rijkswaterstaat
- Dublin City Council

For more information on the BE - GOOD Project, visit

www.nweurope.eu/projects/project-search/

HGV Management Strategy

Dublin City Council's Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV) Management Strategy was introduced on the 19th February 2007 to encourage maximum use of the Port Tunnel which opened in December 2006 and to enhance the environment of Dublin's city centre.

The HGV Strategy provides for a ban on 5+ axle vehicles during the hours of 07.00-19.00 seven days a week from a designated cordon area and provides a limited permit scheme for 5+ axle vehicles that need to load/unload within the city centre area. In addition, as the HGV cordon is a closed cordon around the port area, Dublin City Council operates an Eastlink Rebate Scheme for affected vehicles.

Since the introduction of the HGV Strategy there has been a dramatic reduction of 5+ axle vehicles within the city centre area of between 80 - 94% on different routes within the cordon area.

Dublin City Council issue an average of 80 permits per day. The cost of a permit for a 5+ axle vehicle is €10 and permits are issued online via www.hgv.ie
HGV drivers who enter the cordon without a valid permit can be fined €800.

How to download the Permit Checker App

The App is available to download from today, Monday, 15th July for Android devices on the Google Play Store and Apple devices on the App Store. Please search for HGV Permit Checker or Dublin City Council or Permit Checker.