



**Causeway  
Coast & Glens  
Borough Council**

# **Welcome to The Portrush Consultation Forum**

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1. Welcome.
2. Introduction to the Portrush Consultation Forum.
3. The Regeneration of Portrush - Department of Communities.
4. NI Electricity.
5. AECOM – Team contracted to provide options and achieve a deliverable design.
6. Group Discussions on the Public Realm Scheme.

## 2010 - Portrush Regeneration Strategy:

Reaffirming the status of Portrush as the premier resort.

- East Strand.
- West Bay.
- Station Square.
- Event Development.
- Traffic and Transport Analysis.
- Analysis of Options at the Harbour.
- The Regeneration of the Dunluce Centre / Site.



## 2016 - Portrush Consultation Forum:

- This forum will be inclusive, open to all members of the public – residents, traders, visitors and other stakeholders.
- The primary purpose of the Forum is to act as a '*sounding-board*' in the process of delivering appropriate physical regeneration of the resort of Portrush.

## **Portrush Regeneration Strategy.**

### **Aims:**

1. To optimise the competitive advantages which differentiate Portrush as the premier tourist resort in Northern Ireland;
2. To enhance the physical appearance of the area;
3. To both promote new opportunities and to strengthen the resort as a key economic driver underpinning the local economy;
4. To maintain and enhance the high quality tourism offering and as a key node within the NITB's Causeway Coastal Route;
5. To develop the resort's complementary physical and social infrastructure;
6. To optimise the potential of currently underutilised tourism asset
7. To broaden the visitor market base;
8. To extend the current summer season creating a whole year tourism economic base.



## 2016 - Portrush Consultation Forum:

- Department for Communities – Investment Decision Maker.
- Council is the Client – Project Management.
- Council may appoint specialists – SIB, AECOM.
- The Forum is to act as a ‘*sounding-board*’ and to provide meaningful consultation.
- The Forum shall meet not less than quarterly.

The logo for The Open 144th St Andrews. It features the words 'THE OPEN' in a large, dark blue serif font. The 'O' in 'OPEN' is replaced by a silhouette of the Claret Jug trophy. Below this, '144<sup>TH</sup> ST ANDREWS' is written in a smaller, dark blue serif font. The background of the slide is a photograph of a golf course at St Andrews, showing a green, a white flag on a pole, and a view of the coastline with cliffs and the sea under a blue sky with some clouds.

# THE OPEN

## 144<sup>TH</sup> ST ANDREWS

### Sheffield Hallam University's Sport Industry Research Centre:

- £140 million of economic benefit to Scotland.
- Spending by visitors generated £88 million.
- A further £52 million in marketing benefit broadcast to more than 500 million households.
- Fife alone benefitted to the tune of around £52 million.

# PORTRUSH REGENERATION

PAULINE CAMPBELL  
DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES



# STATION SQUARE - BEFORE



# STATION SQUARE - AFTER





# STATION SQUARE - AFTER



# EAST STRAND - BEFORE





# EAST STRAND - AFTER



# Portrush Regeneration Programme

The Department's proposed Portrush Regeneration Programme has an expenditure forecast of up to **£27 million**:

- **£17 million** of works to be delivered before the Open;
- Potentially **£10 million** of works to be delivered after the Open.

The key plans are based upon the recommendations from the 2007 Portrush Regeneration Strategy.

# Portrush Regeneration Programme

We have now under 3 years to deliver the £17m programme:

- New Train Station
- Complete public realm / improve streetscape
- Address transportation and car parking for major events
- Address dereliction through a dedicated Urban Development Grant Scheme
- Other regeneration initiatives

After 2019, further potential for £10 million investment in the Harbour.

# Progress to Date

The Department's Minister has highlighted his commitment to the Programme and is working with the NI Executive to secure the budget required.

The Department has committed £500,000 of capital funding in 2016/17 to allow the design for two projects to commence:

- Public realm and
- Train station.

Design teams are in place for both projects.

Focus tonight is on the public realm design and your views are welcome.



# PORTRUSH UNDERGROUND CABLE REPLACEMENT

James Duffin, Asset Investment Engineer

# The need for investment

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**The Portrush Underground Cable Replacement Scheme involves laying new 11000 volt & low voltage cables in the town and replacing where required any existing services to individual premises.**

**The existing network is constructed from underground cables, which are approximately 40-60 years old.**

**Most of the underground cables are located in the public footway.**



# Work to be carried out

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- **Excavate trench in footway/carriageway and install new underground cables**
- **Transfer/replace existing services to affected properties**
- **Some high level meter positions may need to be relocated.**

# What we are going to do?

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- This project involves a £500k investment in the local electricity network
- Approximately 3,615m of high voltage and 3900m low voltage cables to be replaced
- NIE Networks planners will call to each property directly affected by the works
- Specific service cable arrangements/alterations will be agreed with the property owner
- Over 1,200 properties will benefit from our works as we upgrade the underground cable network in the area.

# Where will NIE Networks be working?

**Causeway Street**

**Main Street**

**Bath Road**

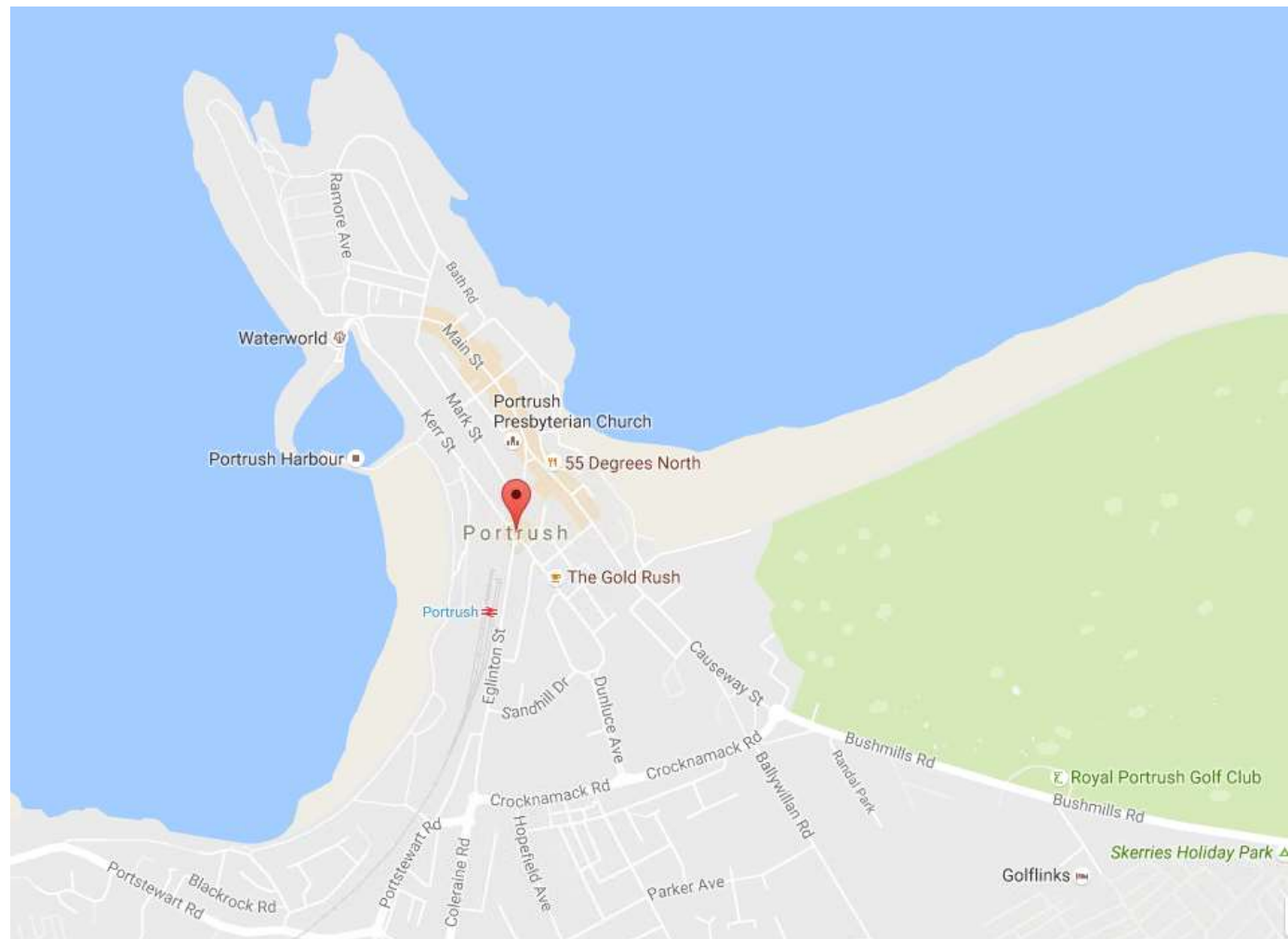
**Causeway View**

**Mark Street**

**Dunluce Avenue**

**Eglinton Street**

**Princess Street**



# What is the impact?





# How will this affect you?



# Programme outline

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- **Proposed start date of mid-late November 2016**
- **Work will begin on Causeway Street moving towards Main Street**
- **Main Street - Mark Street – Causeway View - Barrys**
- **Bath Road - Dunluce Ave - Eglinton Street**
- **Princess Street and associated side streets**
- **The project is expected to last five months**



# Summary

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- Work will take place across most of the Portrush headland.
- We will consult with all customers via letter drops to provide up to date information throughout the programme.
- We will endeavour to minimise disruption.
- This NIE Networks investment for Portrush will significantly improve the performance of the electricity network.

**THANK YOU**

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# Portrush Public Realm Consultation

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– Civil Engineer

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– Project Manager

29<sup>th</sup> September 2016

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# Portrush Public Realm

## Scheme Objectives

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The overarching aim of the project is to improve the quality of the public realm by:

- Providing a safe, accessible, attractive and well connected place for people to live in, work and visit;
- Using high quality materials in keeping with the town's status as a premier tourist resort;
- Widening footways where possible to enhance the pedestrian experience;
- Enhancing the potential to attract investment, encourage visitor footfall / spend, and create / sustain jobs and businesses in Portrush.

# Portrush Public Realm

## Indicative Timeline

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Appointment of AECOM	August 2016
<u>Development &amp; Submission of Economic Appraisal*</u>	<u>October 2016</u>
Design Development & – Pre Planning Public Consultation	January/February 2017
Submission of Planning Application	January/February 2017
Completion of Detailed Design	May/June 2017
Procure & Appoint Contractor	Summer 2017
Construction Works Commence	Early Autumn 2017
<b>Completion of Construction Works</b>	<b>April 2019</b>

*\* Subject to Securing Funding*

# Portrush Public Realm

## Next Steps



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Over the coming weeks the design team will:

- [Initial Introduction & Consultation 29.Sept.16](#)
- Complete and submit the Economic Appraisal to help secure funding for the project;
- Undertake technical stakeholder consultation to inform the design;
- Develop draft scheme proposals for planning application;
- Public Consultation;
- Submit planning application;
- Develop full detailed design for contract tender / construction.

# Portrush Public Realm

## Potential Scheme Extents

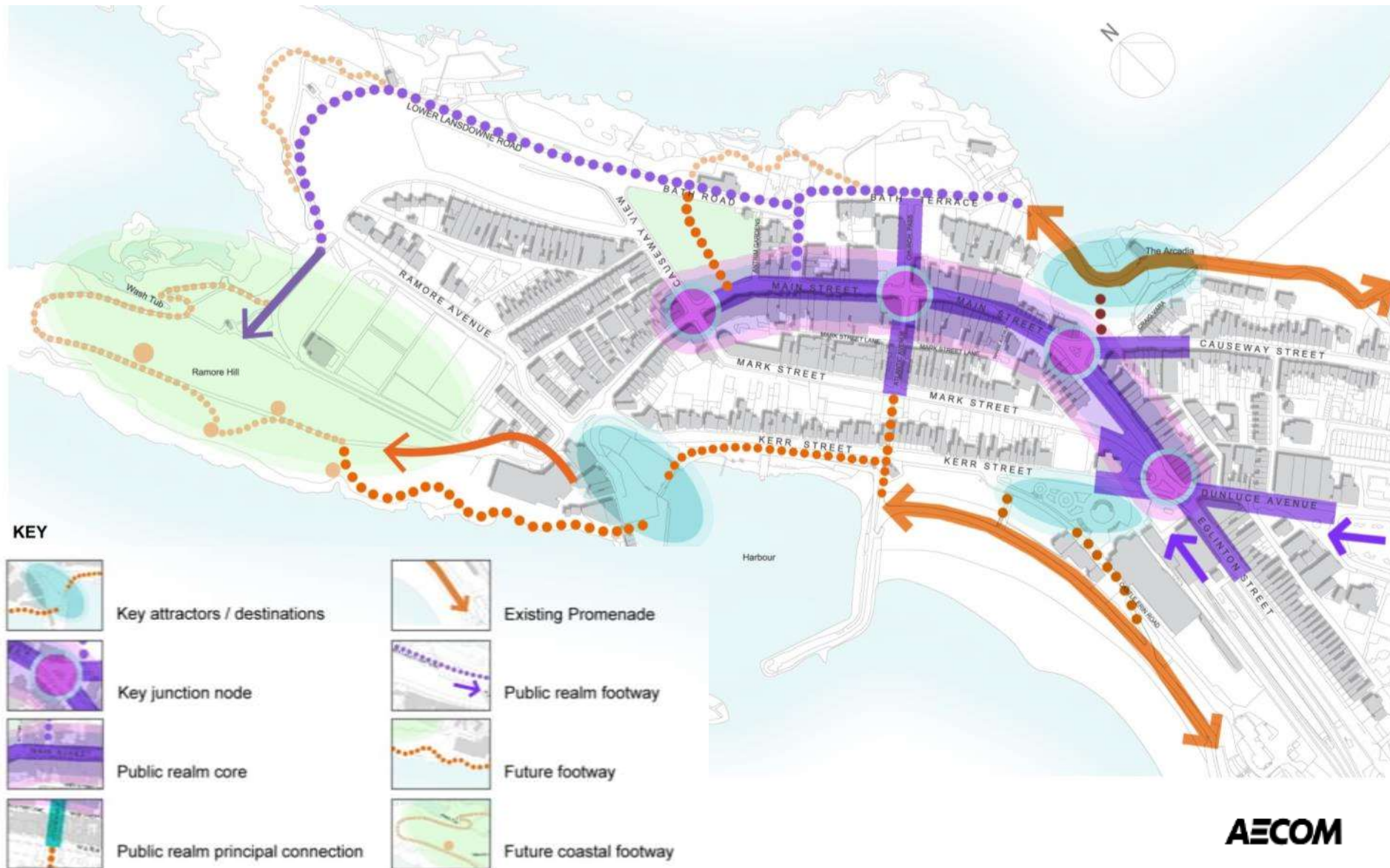
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# Portrush Public Realm

## Scheme Connectivity

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## The 'Need'

# Poor Connectivity



- Narrow Footways



- Poor pedestrian links



# Street Clutter



- Shop signboards present issues for partially sighted shoppers



- Street furniture, utility cabinets



# Disability Access Issues



- Improve Pedestrian accessibility

# Poor Quality Surfaces



- Inconsistent footway materials



- Poor condition surfaces

# Poor Condition Street Furniture



- Poor quality and damaged guardrail and railings
- Damaged tree guards and traffic bollards

# Portrush Public Realm

## Scheme Precedents

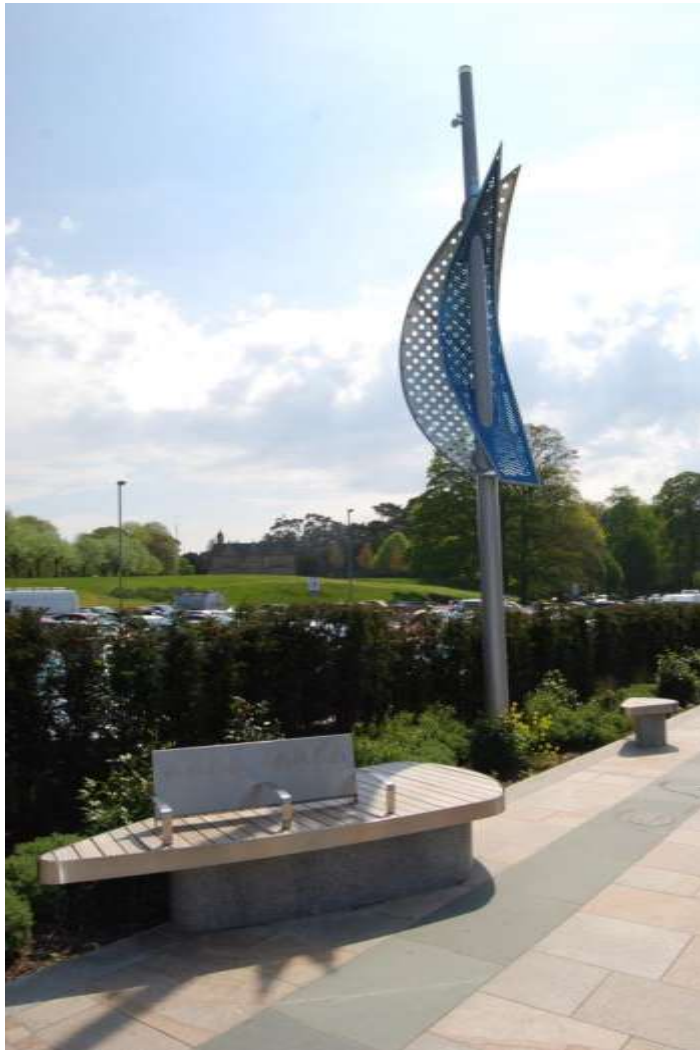
# Station Square



The Station Square has been revitalised and is the key gateway and arrival point for visitors to Portrush. The improvements ensure visitors receive a very positive first impression of Portrush as a modern, inviting, vibrant and dynamic resort.



# Bangor



# Omagh



Pedestrian experience improved by:

- Increased footway widths;
- Parking rationalised;
- Quality paving, lighting and furniture.

## Downpatrick



Improvements to promenade and square through bespoke paving design, seating and street lighting creates a unique character in each town.

## Newcastle



## Armagh



Improvements to footway levels and step flights designed to comply with current standards.

## Holywood





# Portrush Public Realm

## The Street

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## View 1a – Possible footway improvement



Existing



Footway improvement

# The Street

## View 1b – Possible footway improvement



Existing



Footway improvement

# The Street

## View 2a – Possible footway improvement



Existing



Footway improvement

# The Street

## View 2b – Possible footway improvement



Existing



Footway improvement

# The Street

## View 3a – Possible footway improvement



Existing



Footway improvement

# Portrush Public Realm

## The Crossings



# The Crossings

**A** - Main St / Causeway View / Mark St

**B** - Main St / Church Pass / Atlantic Ave

**C** - Main St / Causeway St

**D** - Eglinton St / Kerr St

Opportunities to:

- Create a gateway to the town centre;
- Rationalise traffic / pedestrian priority;
- Improve pedestrian crossings;
- Encourage through traffic to utilise Mark St;
- Improve connectivity and wayfinding;
- Improve pedestrian experience;
- Encourage placemaking.

**A**



**B**



**C**



**D**





# Thank You

Please complete a questionnaire and place in the comments box.  
AECOM staff are available to answer any questions you may have.

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