

Portrush Public Realm - Consultation

Portrush has seen significant improvement since beginning the implementation of the Portrush Regeneration Strategy in 2010, however a considerable proportion of the masterplan remains to be delivered. The proposed public realm works are a core element within the Regeneration Strategy and essential to ensuring Portrush is 'fit for purpose' in 2019.

The existing public realm is both dated and does not reflect the role of Portrush as the premier tourist resort in Northern Ireland. The Station Square Environmental Improvement Scheme completed in 2012 has set the quality benchmark for the Public Realm Scheme. Station Square receives the heaviest footfall within the resort and has proven to be both physically resilient and extremely popular with visitors, local residents and businesses.

The Need



Aims & Objectives

Reflect the Council's aspiration of achieving a high quality, stylish and contemporary design consistent with the arrival of The Open Golf championship in 2019.

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.

Timeframe for Delivery

To have the scheme completed for The Open in July 2019, construction will commence in autumn 2017.

The appointed Contractor will be required to give careful consideration to phasing of the works to minimise disruption to the tourism trade and ensure completion of construction works by spring 2019.

We need your input

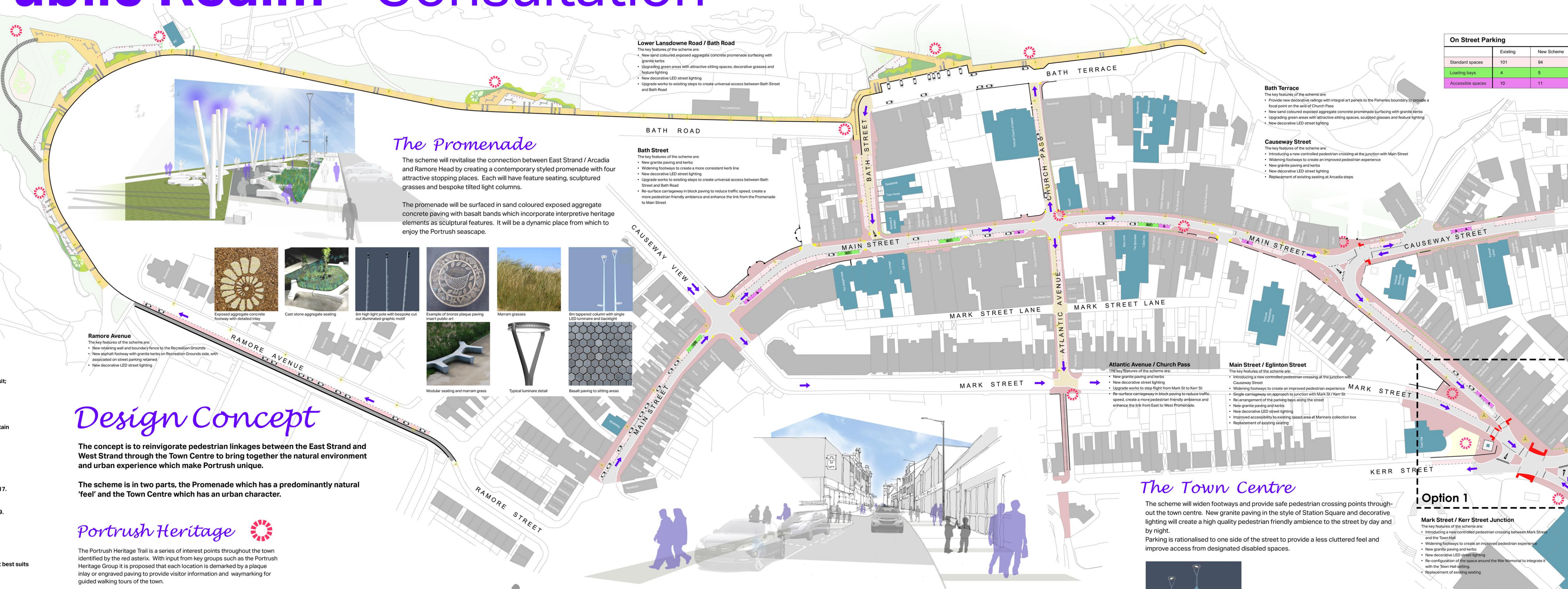
The design is not yet finalised and your views will assist the design team in developing a solution that best suits the needs and aspirations of Portrush.

To that end Causeway Coast and Glens District Council / DFC / AECOM are seeking your views on the proposals.

The public consultation event will take place between Wednesday 4th January and Friday 27th January 2017.

Following Friday 27th January 2017 there will be a review of all comments received during the public consultation event. Amendments to the proposals will be made before a Planning Application is submitted in March 2017.

This will provide a further opportunity for your views to be considered.

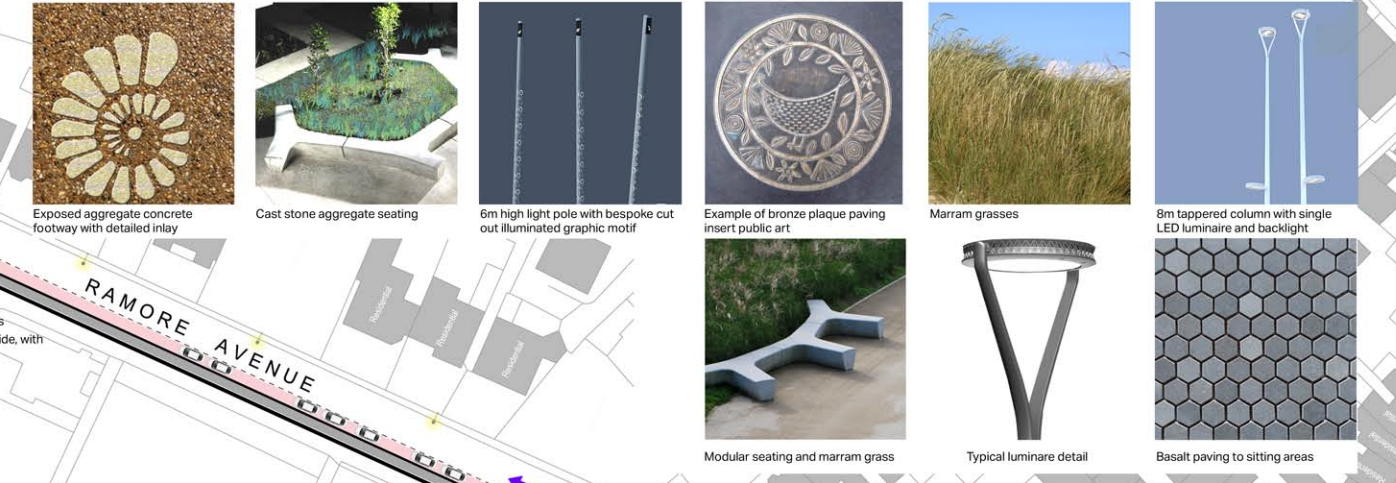


On Street Parking		
	Existing	New Scheme
Standard spaces	101	94
Loading bays	4	5
Accessible spaces	10	11

The Promenade

The scheme will revitalise the connection between East Strand / Arcadia and Ramore Head by creating a contemporary styled promenade with four attractive stopping places. Each will have feature seating, sculptured grasses and bespoke tilted light columns.

The promenade will be surfaced in sand coloured exposed aggregate concrete paving with basalt bands which incorporate interpretive heritage elements as sculptural features. It will be a dynamic place from which to enjoy the Portrush seascape.



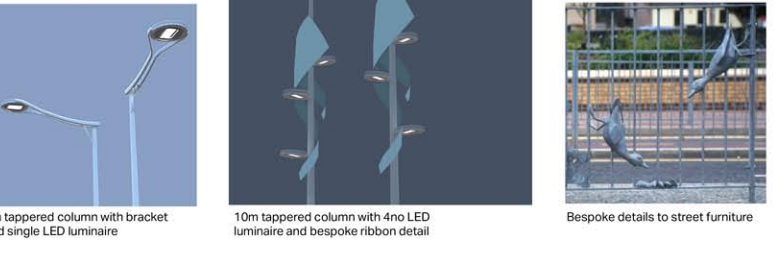
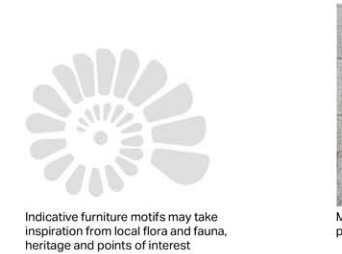
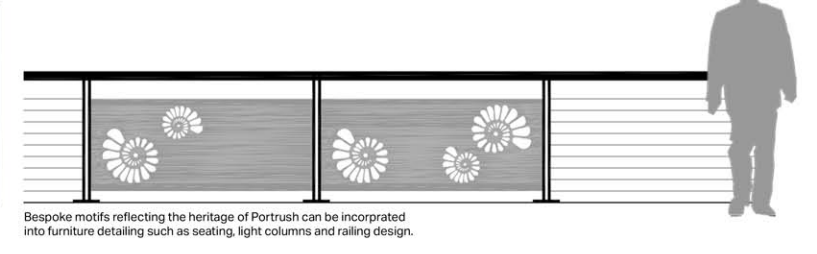
Design Concept

The concept is to reinvigorate pedestrian linkages between the East Strand and West Strand through the Town Centre to bring together the natural environment and urban experience which make Portrush unique.

The scheme is in two parts, the Promenade which has a predominantly natural 'feel' and the Town Centre which has an urban character.

Portrush Heritage

The Portrush Heritage Trail is a series of interest points throughout the town identified by the red asterisk. With input from key groups such as the Portrush Heritage Group it is proposed that each location is demarked by a plaque inlay or engraved paving to provide visitor information and waymarking for guided walking tours of the town.



KEY

- Existing buildings
- Listed buildings
- Proposed kerb line
- Railings / handrails
- TNI adoption boundary
- Third party ownership boundary
- New carriageway construction
- Footway surface (granite)
- Footpath surface (basalt)
- Artwork inlay paving bands
- Parking
- Accessible Parking
- Loading only
- Taxi drop-off / pickup
- Controlled pedestrian crossing
- Uncontrolled pedestrian crossing
- Marram grass planting
- Tree Planting
- Pre-cast modular seating
- Hardwood and cast iron seating
- Landform roof
- 8m column with bracket and single luminaire
- 8m column with single luminaire and back light
- 10m column with 4 luminaires and bespoke ribbon
- 6m light stack with cut out graphic motif

Junction Improvements

To promote a more pedestrian friendly feel to the town centre we are proposing to reconfigure the main junctions and encourage through traffic to use Mark Street rather than Main Street.

The Main Street / Causeway Street junction will give priority to traffic from Causeway Street to Eglinton Street. A new controlled pedestrian crossing will provide safe access across Causeway Street to the Arcadia and East Strand.

We are considering two options for the Station Square junction:

Option 1 - Signalised and Signalised
 This provides a widened signalised pedestrian crossing from Station Square to Eglinton Street which is safer for large crowds to cross on busy days. Mark Street / Eglinton Street traffic is controlled by new traffic signals which also provide a safe pedestrian crossing to the Town Hall. Traffic flow will be reduced on busy days due to lag between both sets of lights.

Option 2 - Signalised and Give Way
 This provides a widened signalised pedestrian crossing from Station Square to Eglinton Street which is safer for large crowds to cross on busy days. Mark Street traffic has priority over Eglinton Street which gives way to it. Uncontrolled pedestrian crossings from Eglinton Street across Mark Street to the Town Hall provide a designated access point for pedestrians. Traffic flow operates smoothly as there is only one set of traffic signals.

