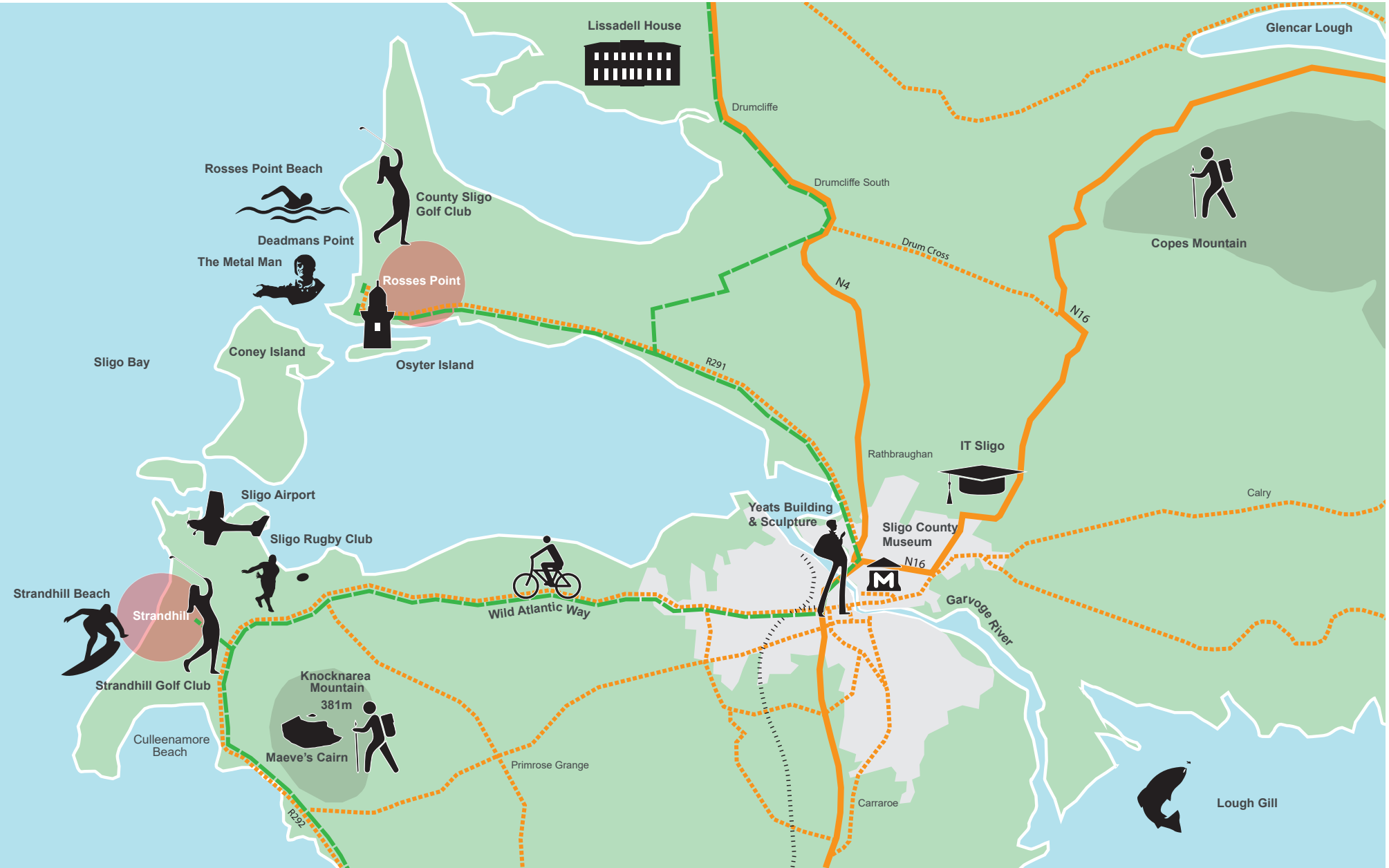


# Strandhill Public Realm Enhancement Project

## Background



Sligo County Council secured RRDF funding to prepare the first stage of a new public realm scheme for the village of Strandhill.

- Wild Atlantic Way
- Main Vehicular Transport Routes
- Secondary Transport Routes
- Railway Network
- Sligo Town Centre
- Project Site Location
- Local Destinations / Attractions

### The Aims of the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)

- Rejuvenate towns and villages
- Support people to live, work and learn in their own community
- Enhance our unique outdoor amenities, culture and heritage
- Strengthen rural economies and achieve economic and social development in these areas
- Re-purpose derelict, disused or heritage buildings
- Deliver tourism infrastructure

### The Overarching Vision

- To support the function of Strandhill as an effective suburb of Sligo town and to enable it to grow in a sustainable and safe manner into the future;
- To enhance the tourism potential and capacity of Strandhill;
- To readdress the balance between pedestrian and vehicular activity to improve safety and the overall visitor experience.

### Have Your Say

The following pages showcase three possible options for the future of Strandhill.

Tell us your thoughts - Click on 'make a submission' and let us know what you think.



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## Introduction



## Aim

“To strengthen Strandhill’s position as a **unique coastal destination** enjoyed by **all members of the local and wider community**. Proposals will seek to re-address the balance between vehicles and pedestrians, creating a **safer environment** for social interaction and **engagement within the unique landscape**”

## Existing Key Issues



View looking along Shore Road



View looking along the promenade at Strandhill Beach

- Narrow footpaths
- Bollards clutter the environment and impede pedestrian movement
- Lack of designated crossing points
- Speed of traffic along Shore Road
- Lack of well integrated cycle infrastructure
- Lack of seating and well integrated signage
- Too many cars traveling down Shore Road unnecessarily
- Traffic and large numbers of parked cars impede pedestrian movement
- Traffic contributes to a noisy, congested environment
- Lack of designated crossing points
- Limited pedestrian only space for events and gatherings
- Lack of well integrated signage
- Vacant building plots



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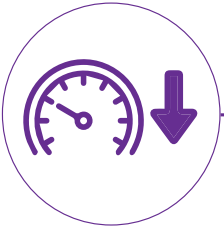


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## Key Objectives



1. Ensure pedestrian safety



3. Reduce traffic speeds



5. Reconfigure parking

2. Strengthen pedestrian connectivity



4. Enhance the character, views and heritage



6. Increase the amount of civic space



## A Vision for Strandhill - Overarching Design Considerations



### Key Public Realm Design Considerations

- Reduce traffic speeds along Shore Road
- Create a sense of arrival
- Provide clear signage on car parking and traffic speeds
- Reduce the number of cars on the Shore Front
- Consider a seasonal approach (high season - March to September)
- Increase the width of the promenade and improve facilities
- Create civic spaces along the Shore Front
- Consider a shared surface along Shore Road and the Shore Front, with pedestrian priority
- Introduce 'Viewing Shelters'
- Enhance links to wider coastal connections
- Maintain emergency access to the Shore Front at all times
- Maintain cycle access to the Shore Front at all times and provide cycle parking
- Reconfigure the existing council car park with the aim of increasing the number of spaces and examine the possibility of introducing SUDS
- Create off road walkway to Shore Front from the Council Car Park



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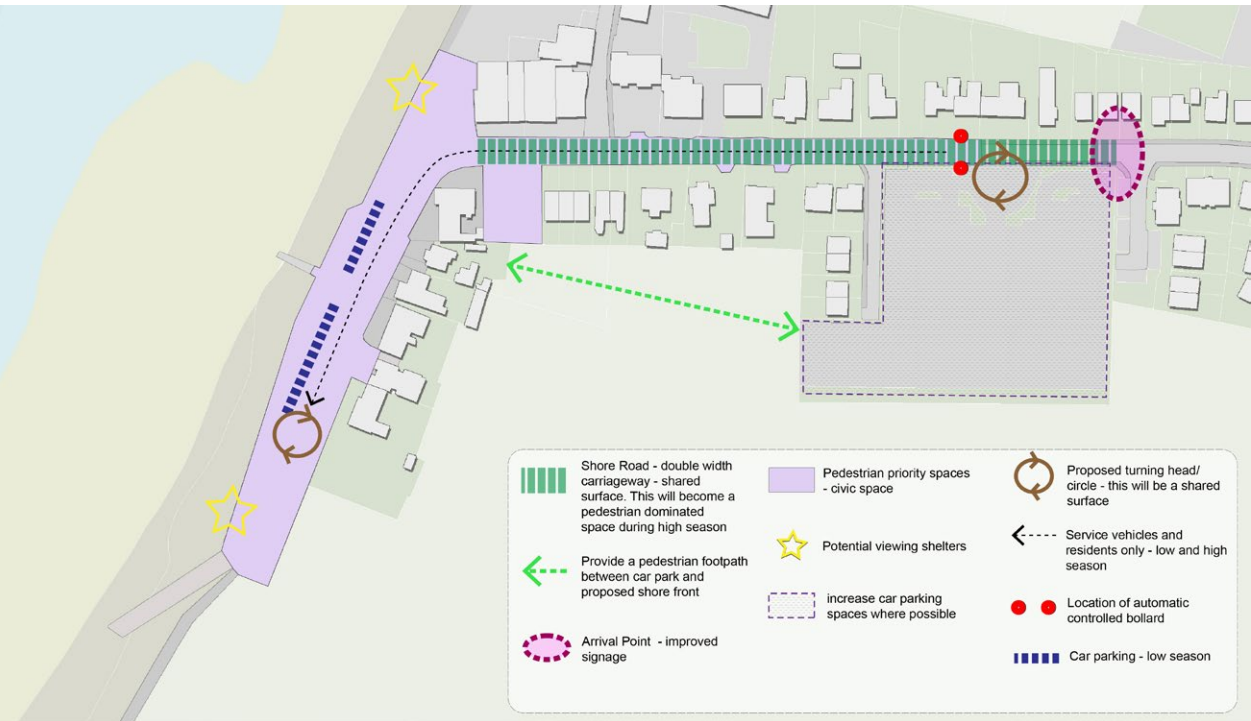
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## Summary of the public consultation carried out so far



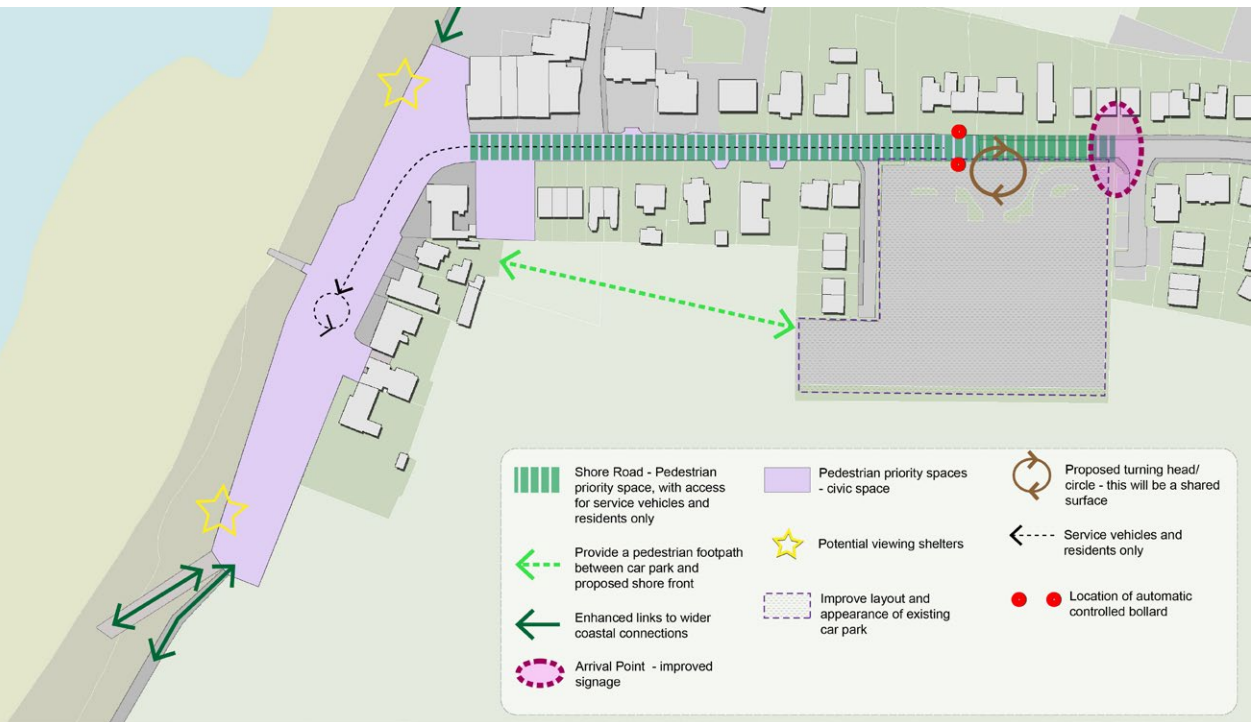
**Option 1 -**  
retain some car parking and improve public space

Only 20% respondents supported this option



**Option 2 -**  
seasonal access = no access during summer months with reduce car parking on Shore Front during winter months.

41% of respondents supported this option but wanted access for 'blue badge' holders all year around



**Option 3 -**  
Complete Pedestrianisation of Shore Road and Shore Front

56% of respondents preferred this option.

- Maintaining access to designated disabled drivers at the same time as restricting access to the Shore Front on a seasonal basis is not easily achievable.
- Complete pedestrianisation while maintaining access to residents and businesses is achievable but could be seen as too restrictive, particularly for those with mobility issues.
- A compromise solution is to only provide disabled and age friendly spaces on the Shore front all year round and increase the number of spaces in the main Council Car Park on Shore Road.
- With reduced traffic on Shore Road as a result of less car parking on the Shore Front, footpaths can be widened and the walk down to the sea front enhanced and made safer and more accessible for all.





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Following on from feedback received to date, we have set out three possible options for this part of Strandhill - (1) a do nothing option, (2) a full pedestrianisation of Shore Road and the Shore Front with significant public realm improvements and no car parking on the Shore Front or (3) transformation of the Shore Front into a child friendly, safe and sociable space with limited parking spaces for designated disabled permit holders and older persons (age friendly).

## Option 1 - no intervention



### All year round

- All traffic allowed access along Shore Road and the Shore Front, as existing
- Car parking provision as existing along the Shore Front
- No public realm interventions



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## Option 2 -

### Full pedestrianisation of Shore Road and Shore Front

- no vehicle access year round other than for property owners and deliveries



#### All year round

- Residents and service vehicles allowed access - monitored by a key fob/ barrier system
- No other vehicle access/ car parking
- Emergency vehicle access
- Vastly improved Shore Front which will become a true shared space
- Vehicles allowed for delivery only
- Public realm improvements to Shore Road



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## Option 3 - Enhanced pedestrian friendly space along the Shore Front with restricted vehicle access / parking



### All year round

- Narrowed one-way entrance onto Shore Road with enhanced public realm and widened pedestrian footpaths
- Enhanced Shore Front which will become a pedestrian friendly promenade space focused on the movement of people
- Layby / drop off space for refuse and service vehicles
- Retention of circa 20 car parking spaces - 10 designated disabled spaces and 10 age friendly spaces
- Increased parking spaces within the existing council car park
- Emergency vehicle access



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