

Rosses Point Public Realm Enhancement Project

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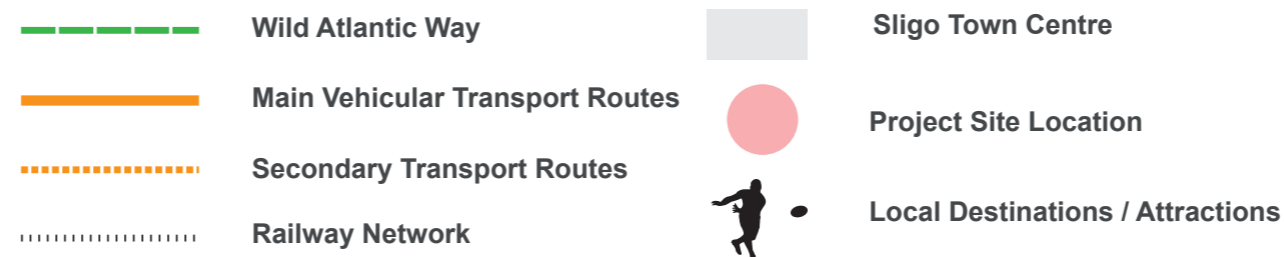
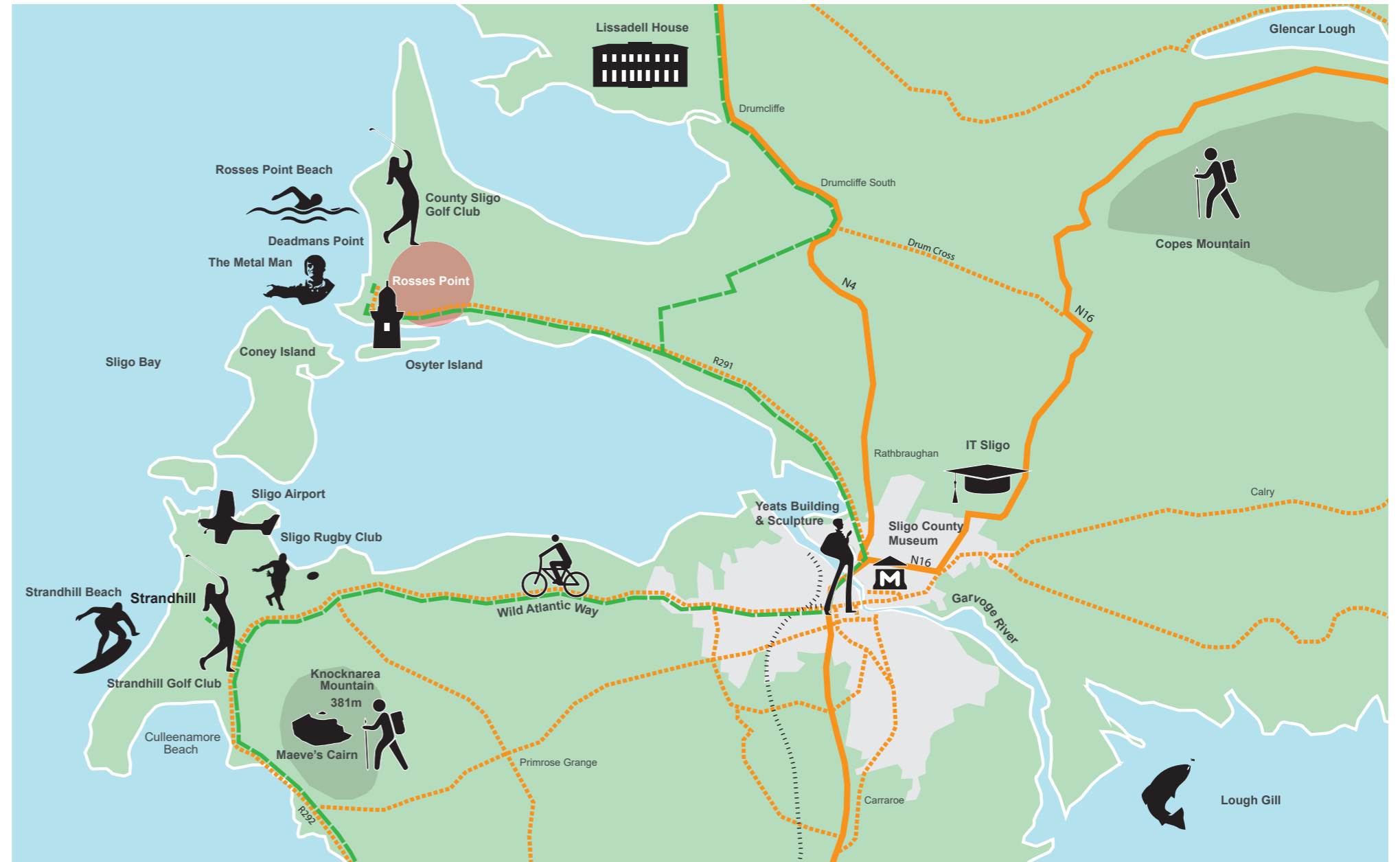
Sligo County Council secured RRDF funding to prepare the first stage of a new public realm scheme for the village of Rosses Point.

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



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Introduction and Key Issues



Existing view looking along the Old Village Road

- No footpaths - creating pedestrian safety issues
- No designated crossing points
- Excessive traffic and parking create an unsafe environment for pedestrians
- Lack of connection with promenade and seafront
- Speed of traffic along the Old Road
- Lack of seating and signage infrastructure



Existing view looking along the New Road

- Lack of designated crossing points along the New Road
- Speed of traffic along the New Road
- Lack of pedestrian connections to the Old Road
- Lack of well integrated cycle infrastructure
- Lack of seating and signage infrastructure

Aim

“To create a **safe, friendly and well-connected** village core with exciting, vibrant and innovative **public realm enhancements**, enhancing links to the beach whilst protecting the **valuable and unique** environment of Rosses Point.”



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Key Objectives / Design Principles



1. Ensure pedestrian safety

2. Strengthen connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists



3. Reduce traffic speeds

4. Enhance the character, views and heritage



5. Create a destination at the heart of the village

6. Reconfigure parking



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Resilience to Climate Change

An aim of the RRDF is to revitalise our rural towns and villages, supporting projects that will deliver planned, sustainable regeneration and development and support the transition to a climate-resilient and environmentally sustainable economy.

It is important that this project exhibits nature based solutions to manage rainwater, where possible and to protect our water quality and the environment. The proposals for Rosses Point seek to make the village more resilient to climate change by:

- Introducing native species and areas of native planting that can accept surface water-run off
- Protecting and retaining existing greenspace and land between the housing and the coastline
- Introducing native tree / shrub planting that will aid resilience to flooding
- Using a permeable resin bound aggregate surfacing along specific pedestrian access routes.
- Select native species, which will aid biodiversity.
- In addition to the proposed suds, the designs actively promote active travel by the introduction of the designated two way cycle way and additional cycle parking.



Example of planting beds using grasses and native species to accept surface water run-off at Leicester Mill Lane, UK.



View overlooking sligo bay, a special area of conservation that is likely to be impacted by future climate change

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Overview of Improvements



Key - Proposals



Junction improvement works including new crossing points and traffic calming.



Additional traffic calming / crossing points installed at key nodal locations



New two-way cycleway integrated at footway level along the promenade side of the carriageway



Reconfigured and enhanced parking areas

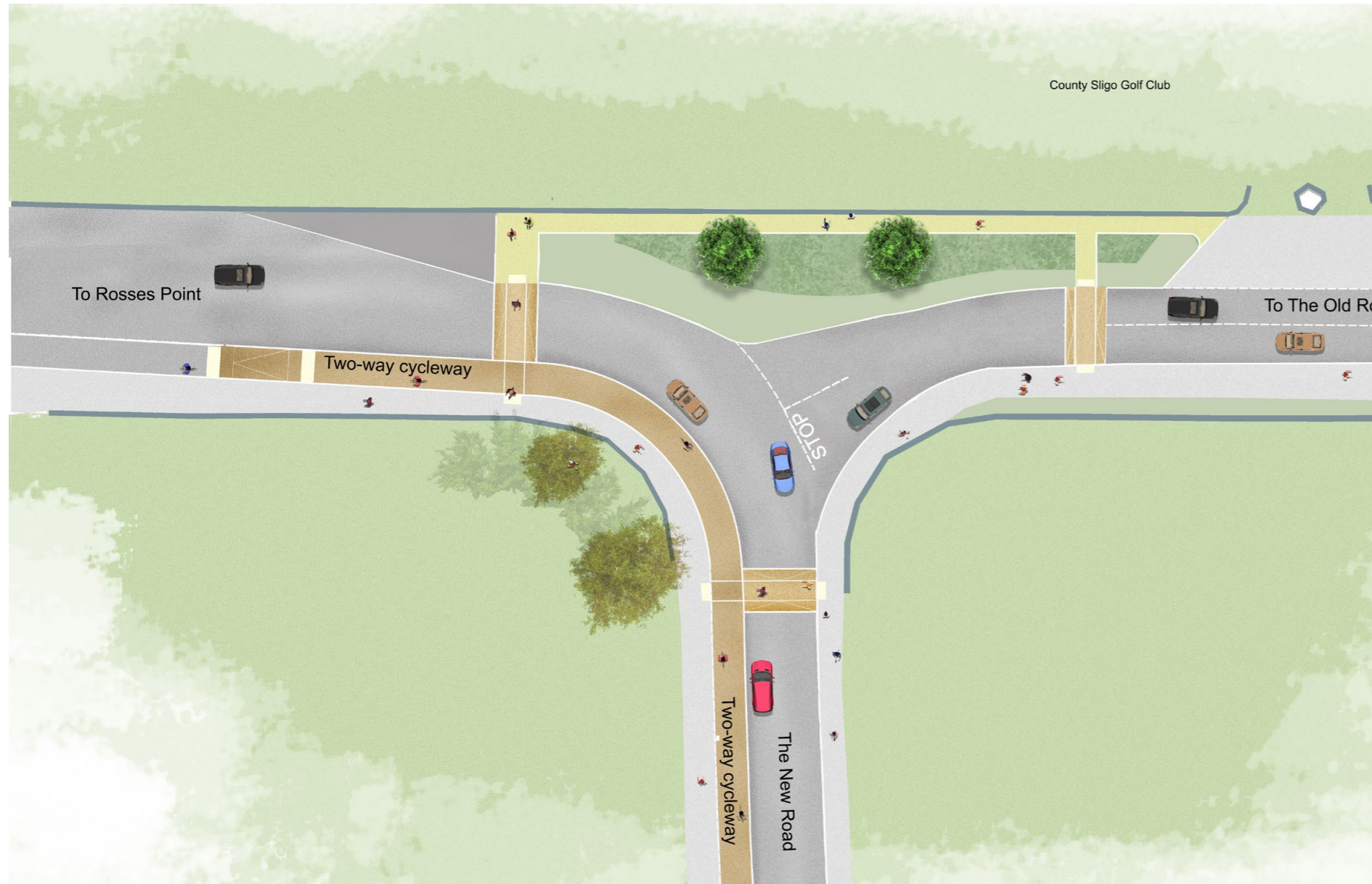
Area of Improvement

- ① Entrance to the Old Village Road at Sligo Golf Club
- ② Outside Austies
- ③ Outside Driftwood on Old and New Road
- ④ Area on the New Road opposite Harrys Bar
- ⑤ Junction at the Little Cottage Cafe
- ⑥ Crossing at start of the promenade / entrance to the village

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Areas of improvements

Area 01 - Entrance to the Old Village Road at Sligo Golf Club



Key

	Proposed tactile paving (Uncontrolled crossing)		Asphalt surfacing to carriageway and footway
	Proposed coloured asphalt on raised table crossings		Proposed tree planting
	Proposed coloured asphalt on two-way cycleway		Proposed native shrub planting
	Proposed resin bound surfacing		Existing Grass
			Existing stone wall boundary maintained
			Proposed native wildflower mix

Overview of Proposals

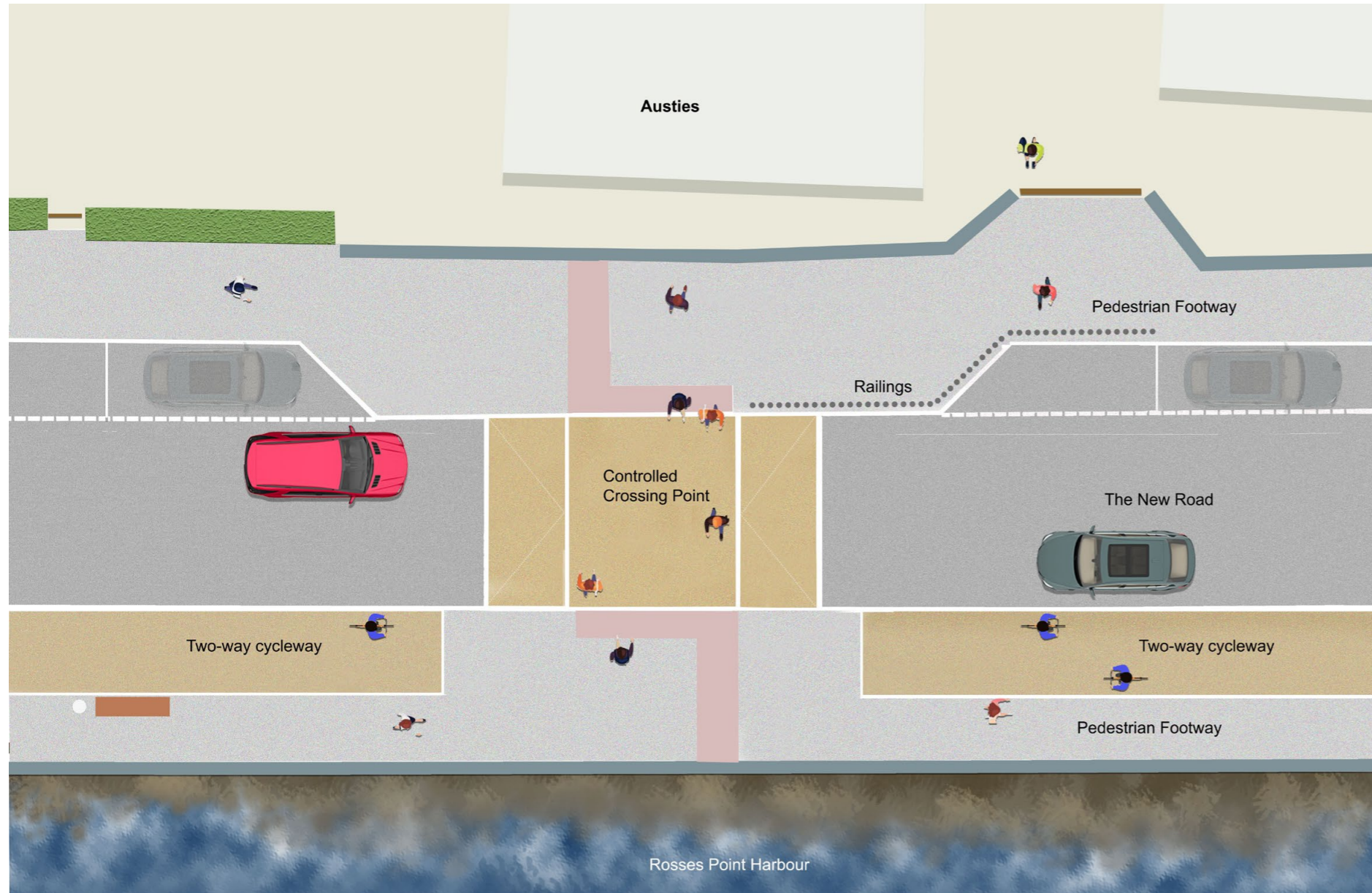
- Realignment of the junction to guide traffic along the New Road and prevent excess vehicles travelling along the Old Village Road
- Three uncontrolled raised pedestrian crossings improving access and safety
- Native shrub planting creating an improved gateway and sense of arrival
- Two-way cycleway at footway level overlooking the promenade adjoining the existing on-road cycleway linking to Rosses Point Beach

The aim of this intervention is to divert traffic away from the old village road and make it safer for pedestrians to cross from one side of the road to the other.

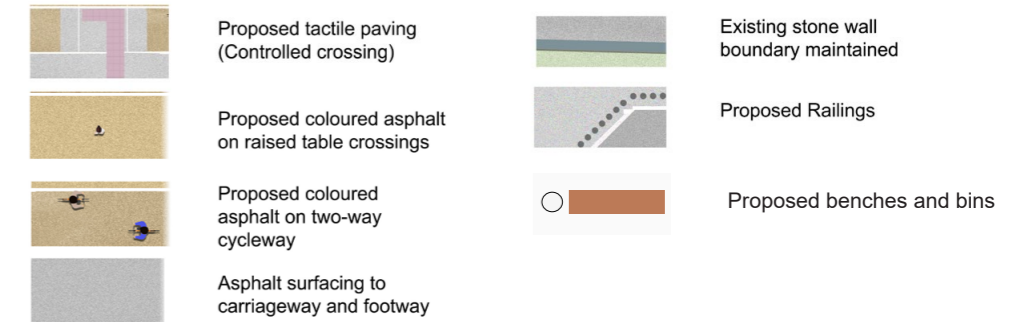


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Area 02 - Outside Austies



Key



Overview of Proposals

- Controlled crossing point improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists crossing between the New Road and Old Village Road.
- Crossing upon a raised table to slow traffic down upon the entrance to the village.
- Railings improving pedestrian safety upon the approach to the crossing
- Demarcated on-street parallel parking bays
- Two-way cycleway at footway level overlooking the promenade

The aim of this intervention is to improve pedestrian safety outside Austies, slow down traffic on the main road and improve the connections between key facilities and the sea promenade. Parking will also be improved through demarcated parallel bays.



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Area 03 - Outside the Driftwood on the Old Village Road and New Road



Key

	Proposed tactile paving (Uncontrolled crossing)		Parking bay spaces demarcated in stone setts
	Proposed natural stone bollards and timber benches		Asphalt surfacing to carriageway and footway
	Proposed tumbled natural stone sett paving		Proposed native shrub planting
	Proposed tumbled natural stone flag paving		Existing Grass
	Proposed coloured asphalt on raised table crossings		
	Proposed coloured asphalt on two-way cycleway		
	Proposed resin bound surfacing		

Overview of Proposals

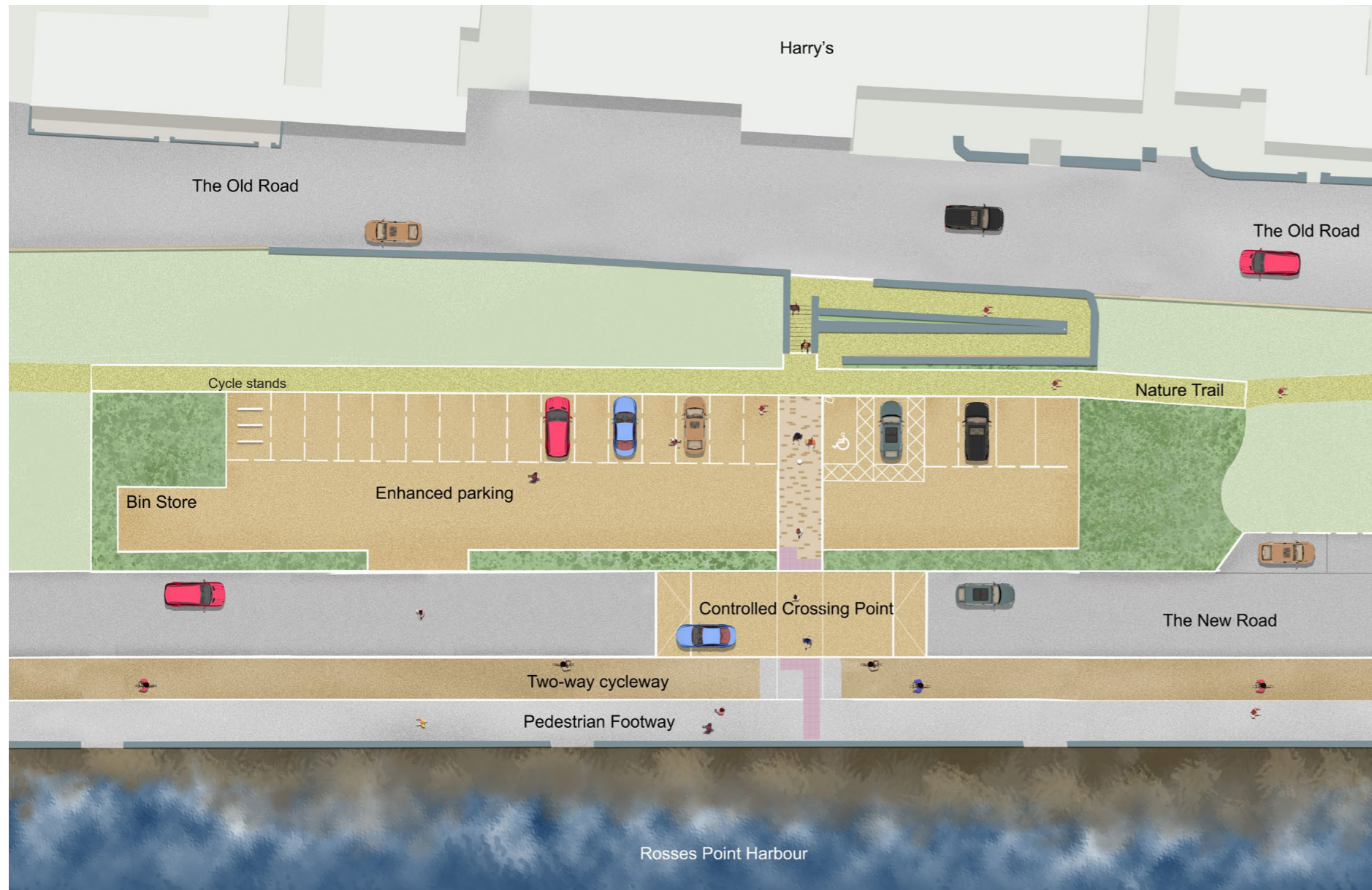
- Uncontrolled raised table crossing point improving pedestrian access between the New and Old Village Road and slowing traffic down.
- New accessible ramp access improving access for all between the New and Old Village Road.
- Public realm enhancements outside the Driftwood introducing a section of footway and narrowing the carriageway to reduce traffic speeds.
- Crossing upon a raised table to slow traffic down upon the entrance to the village.
- Retained and enhanced ramp access from the car park to the Old Village Road.
- Enhanced parking area, resurfaced and demarcated bays with provision for disabled bays
- Shrub and native planting
- Pedestrian access linking in with the Nature Trail
- Two-way cycleway at footway level overlooking the promenade

The aim of this intervention is to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility between the New Road and the Old Village Road (opposite the Driftwood), slow down traffic both roads and improve the connections between key facilities and the sea promenade. Parking will also be improved through demarcated parallel bays.





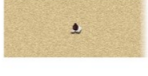


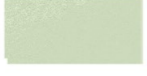




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Area 04 - On the New Road opposite Harry's



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	Proposed tactile paving (Controlled crossing)		Parking bay spaces demarcated in stone setts
	Proposed tumbled natural stone sett paving		Asphalt surfacing to carriageway and footway
	Proposed coloured asphalt on raised table crossings		Proposed native shrub planting
	Proposed coloured asphalt on two-way cycleway		Existing Grass
	Proposed resin bound surfacing		Existing stone wall boundary maintained

Overview of Proposals

- Controlled crossing point improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists crossing between the New Road and Old Village Road.
- Crossing upon a raised table to slow traffic down upon the entrance to the village.
- Retained and enhanced ramp access from the car park to the Old Village Road.
- Enhanced parking area, resurfaced and demarcated bays with provision for disabled bays
- Shrub and native planting
- Pedestrian access linking in with the Nature Trail
- Two-way cycleway at footway level overlooking the promenade

The aim of this intervention is to improve pedestrian safety and slow down traffic on the R291 opposite Harry's Bar, improve the connections between the Old Road and the New Road R291, improve cycling infrastructure and enhance existing car parking provision.



This project is being funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development through the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.

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Areas of improvements

Area 05 - Junction at The Little Cottage Cafe



Key

	Proposed tactile paving (Uncontrolled crossing)		Demarcated parking bays
	Proposed coloured asphalt on raised table crossings		Asphalt surfacing to carriageway and footway
	Proposed coloured asphalt on two-way cycleway		Proposed tree planting
	Proposed resin bound surfacing		Proposed native shrub planting
			Existing Grass
			Existing stone wall boundary maintained

Overview of Proposals

- Narrowing of the junction creating more green space and slowing traffic.
- Uncontrolled raised table crossing points improving pedestrian access between the New and Old Village Road and slowing traffic down.
- At grade crossing point improving safety for pedestrians accessing to Little Cottage Cafe.
- Relocation of the existing circular stone planter
- Pedestrian access linking in with the Nature Trail
- Demarcation of the perpendicular parking bays and reconfigured parking to the east of the junction with provision for disabled bays
- Native planting creating an attracting seating area and gateway to the village
- Two-way cycleway at footway level overlooking the promenade

The aim of this intervention is to improve pedestrian safety at the junction near The Little Cottage Cafe, improve the connections between the old village road and the sea, improve cycleway infrastructure and enhance the civic space offer, set within enhanced landscaping.







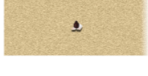


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Areas of improvements

Area 06 - Crossing at the start of the promenade / entrance to the village



Key

	Proposed tactile paving (Controlled crossing)		Asphalt surfacing to carriageway and footway
	Proposed tumbled natural stone flag paving		Existing Grass
	Proposed coloured asphalt on raised table crossings		Existing stone wall boundary maintained
	Proposed coloured asphalt on two-way cycleway		

Overview of Proposals

- Controlled crossing point improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists crossing between the Old Road and the New Road.
- Crossing upon a raised table to slow traffic down upon the entrance to the village.
- Two-way cycleway at footway level along the promenade
- Transition between existing on-road cycleway and new two-way cycleway
- Seating and street furniture enhancements
- Maintain bollards creating a 'no vehicular access' at the eastern end of the Old Road improving safety as this junction.
- Materiality enhancements at the approach to the crossing point
- Bus stop location

The aim of this intervention is to improve pedestrian safety and slow down traffic at the entrance to the village and signal to drivers that they are entering a traffic calmed village. This crossing will also be a key transition between the existing on-road cycle way heading towards Sligo and the proposed two way cycleway along the Promenade.



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The Old Village Road - before and after



Existing view outside the Driftwood



Proposed view along the Old Village Road outside the Driftwood with public realm enhancements



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Sample Material Palette



Example of shrub and native planting



Example of coloured asphalt



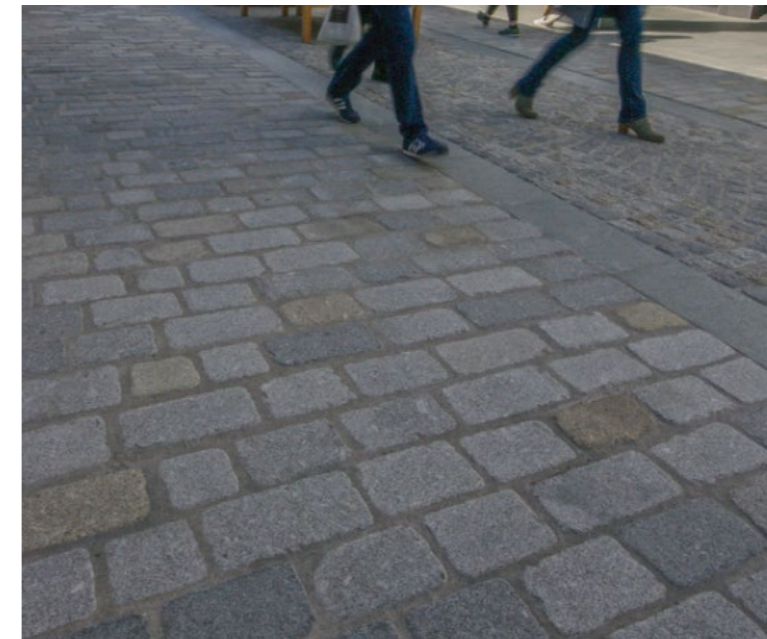
Example of coloured asphalt used to demarcate cycleways



Example of resin bound surfacing



Example of natural stone paving with a traditional finish and colour variation



Example of natural stone sett surfacing with a traditional finish and colour variation

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Sample Street Furniture



Example timber bench with backrest



Example cycle stands



Example lighting column



Example litter bins



Example natural stone bollard



Example wayfinding / signage