Rosses Point Public Realm Enhancement Project Background

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

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

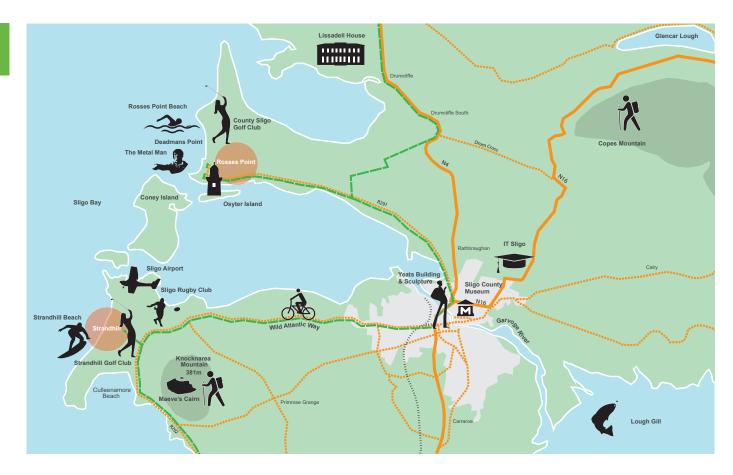
The Overarching Vision

- To support the function of Strandhill and Rosses Point as effective suburbs of Sligo town and to enable them to grow in a sustainable and safe manner into the future.
- To enhance the tourism potential and capacity of these settlements.
- To readdress the balance between pedestrian and vehicular activity to improve safety and the overall visitor experience of these settlements.

Have Your Say

The following pages highlight options and opportunities for Rosses Point, we would appreciate any feedback you may have.

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





Wild Atlantic Way



Sligo Town Centre



Main Vehicular Transport Routes
Secondary Transport Routes



Project Site Location



Railway Network



Local Destinations / Attractions

















Introduction



Key images depicting the local landscape character at Rosses Point















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."

















Existing Key Issues



View looking along the Old Road

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



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

















Key Objectives



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





















Rosses Point Public Realm Enhancement Project What you said...

Initial Consultation

An initial consultation was held on-line on the Sligo County Council consultation portal. It was live from 20th July to 4th August 2021.

Key Issues

Q5. Name 3 things you would like to change about Rosses Point?



Key Outcome/ comments:

Key items for change by survey respondents are:

- Facilities litter/ dog poo bins, showers, toilets, car parking
- Connectivity between the beach and the village, for both pedestrians and cyclists
- The Old Village Road there is a desire for footpaths and a safer pedestrian environment along the length of the road and many respondants raised how unsafe the juction at the Little Cottage Cafe is with vehicular/ pedestrian conflict.
- R291 a number of comments related to the speed along the New Road, lack of crossing points and continous cycle lane
- Motorhome car parking a desire for dedicated motor home parking spaces with facilities
- Facilities for children play areas

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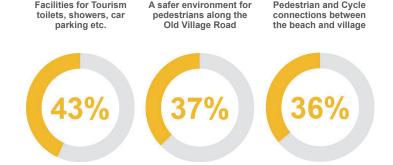






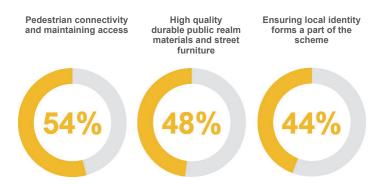
Wish List

Q6. How do you feel Rosses Point could be improved?



Percentage of people who felt these factors were "Extremely Important" for any future proposals for Rosses Point

Q7. How important do you think are the following for Rosses Point?



Percentage of people who felt these factors were "Extremely Important" in the improvement of Rosses Point



A Vision for Rosses Point - Overall Concept Masterplan



















A Vision for Rosses Point - Key Precedents

Reconfigured Parking



Improved Pedestrian Crossing Points



Cycleway Improvements



Village Road Improvements



Street Furniture Improvements



New Gateway Features



















Rosses Point Public Realm Enhancement Project The Old Village Road - Concept Design Options

This particular RRDF funded project will focus on the Old Village Road and the New Road.

We have come up with a few options as to how we think we could address the issues you raised in relation to the Old Village Road.

We have used a sample of Old Village Road opposite the Driftwood to help us illustrate our plans for each option. Have a look and tell us what you think?

Concept Design Option 1

One-way system with generous footpath on the northern side

We think a one-way system has the potential to reduce traffic on this road and allow us to create a pedestrian priority zone and an attractive space that is safe for all users.

Typical Design Principles include:

- One-way access
- Generous footpath on residential side of the road
- On street parking
- Accesses to garages and buildings would be maintained

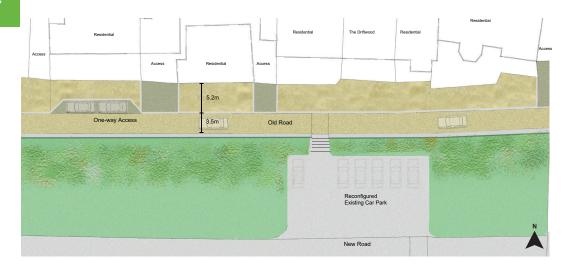
Concept Design Option 2

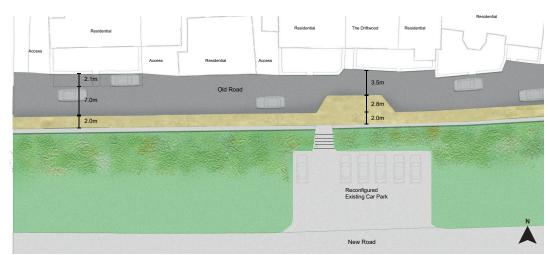
Two-way system with footway on promenade side

This option involves retaining two way traffic, building a footpath on one side of the road as well as measures to slow down the speed of traffic, thus improving pedestrian safety.

Typical Design Principles

- Existing two-way access maintained with new footpath to the promenade side.
- On-street parking would be marked on the carriageway
- 'Build outs' at key locations to help manage the speed of traffic
- Accesses to garages and buildings would be maintained





















The Old Village Road illustrating the potential of a one-way system



Artistic impression of how the Old Road could look with a one-way traffic system and wide pedestrian footpaths















