

# Re-imagine Strandhill - Where do we go from here?

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## 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**”

### Our key objectives:

- Ensure pedestrian safety
- Strengthen pedestrian connectivity
- Reduce traffic speeds
- Enhance the character, views and heritage
- Reconfigure parking
- Increase the amount of civic space

# Initial Consultation Outcome

## Initial Consultation

SCC invited members of the public to participate in an open survey on line between the 20th July and the 4th August 2021. Below summarises how people responded.

## Key Issues

**Q5. Name 3 things you would like to change about Strandhill**



**Q6. How do you view the car parking situation in Strandhill?**



- Prom area becomes blocked with illegal parking and deliveries and high traffic volumes...
- The main car park is great..
- The seafront should be saved for those with mobility issues...
- Get rid of bollards and make the seafront car free...
- Perhaps sea front car park could be adapted on a seasonal basis...

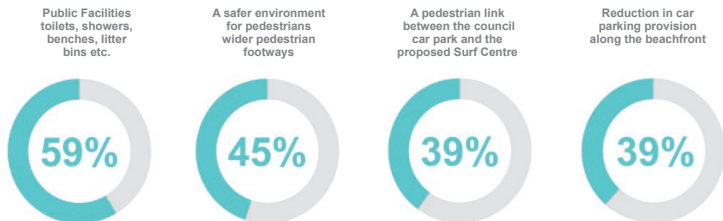
## Key Outcome/ comments:

Key items for change by survey respondents are:

- Facilities - litter/ dog poo bins, showers, toilets
- Traffic Speeds - reduce traffic speeds along Shore Road and Shore Front
- Shore Front/ Promenade - a number of comments relate to the parking and car access along the Shore Front, respondents raised: reduced traffic numbers, no bollards, disabled parking, seasonal parking and no car parking
- Extensions to the promenade - providing a walkway north and south.
- Motorhome car parking - dedicated motor home parking spaces

## Wish List

**Q7. How do you feel Strandhill could be improved?**



**Q8. How important do you think are the following for Strandhill?**

High Quality durable public realm materials and street furniture

Improved pedestrian connectivity and safety

More provision of play facilities formal and informal



Following the July survey, we held a second consultation in October, where we asked you more specific questions.

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# Re-imagine Strandhill

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### Submissions

28 submissions have raised observations relating to this consultation.


### Questions

Q1. What do you think of the overall concept Master Plan for Strandhill?

Q2. Do you think that Concept Design 1 addresses the 'key objectives' for Strandhill?

Q3. Do you think that Concept Design 2 addresses the 'key objectives' for Strandhill?

Q4. Do you think that Concept Design 3 addresses the 'key objectives' for Strandhill?



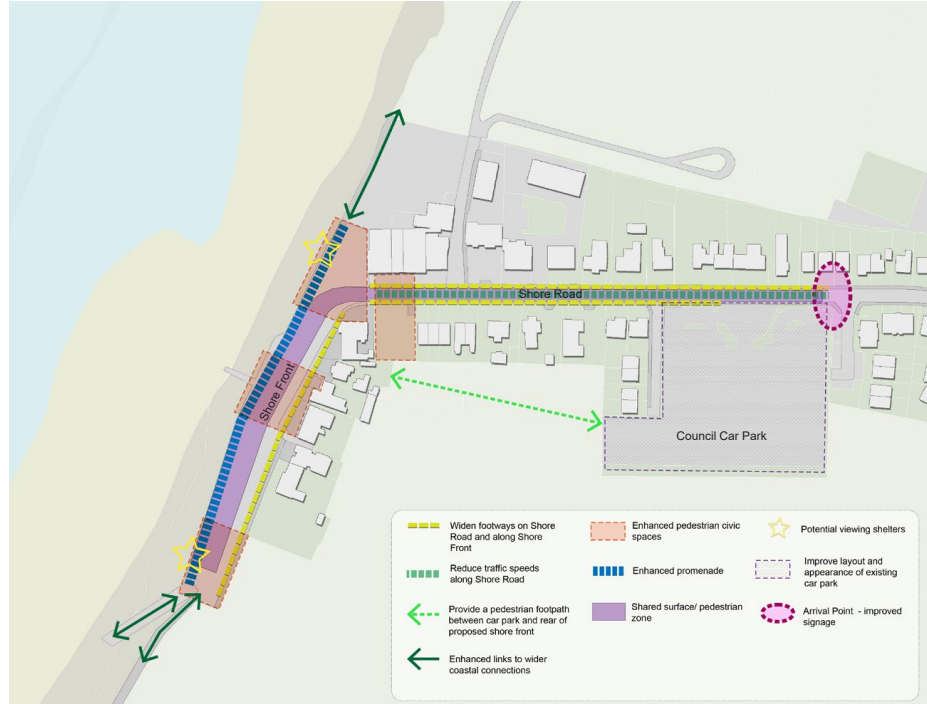
The October consultation as viewed on our online consultation portal

# Second Round of Consultation

## A Vision for Strandhill - Overarching Design Considerations

### Key Public Realm Design Considerations

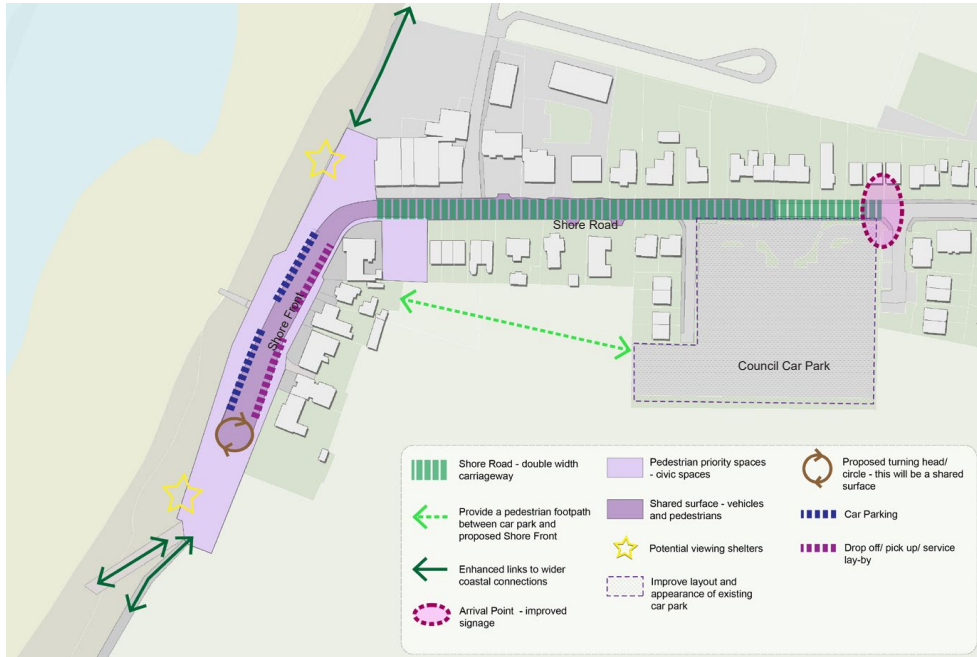
- Reduce traffic speeds along Shore Road
- Create a sense of arrival
- Provide clear signage on car parking and traffic speeds
- Reduce the number of cars on the Shore Front
- Consider a seasonal approach (high season - March to September)
- Increase the width of the promenade and improve facilities
- 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



# We asked you to comment on three options:

## Concept Design Option 1

### Retain vehicle access to sea frontage with a reduced parking provision and upgrade of public realm

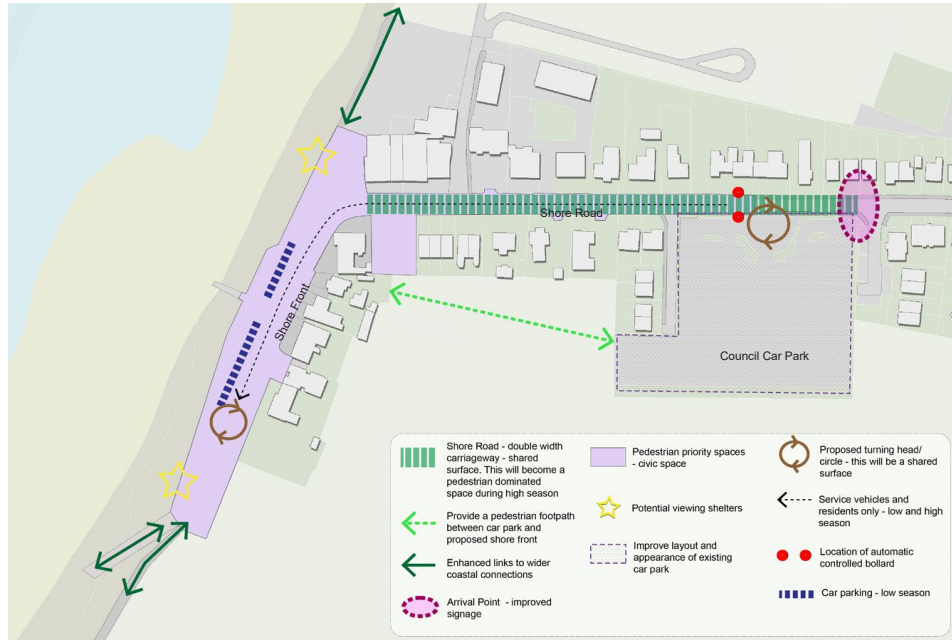


#### All year round

- All traffic allowed access along Shore Road and the Shore Front
- Reduced car parking provision on the promenade
- Relocated turning circle (further north), creating more room for a civic space
- Limited public realm improvements along Shore Road
- Emergency vehicle access

# Concept Design Option 2

## Seasonal approach to vehicle access, where only property owners and deliveries/services have access during high season



### Low Season

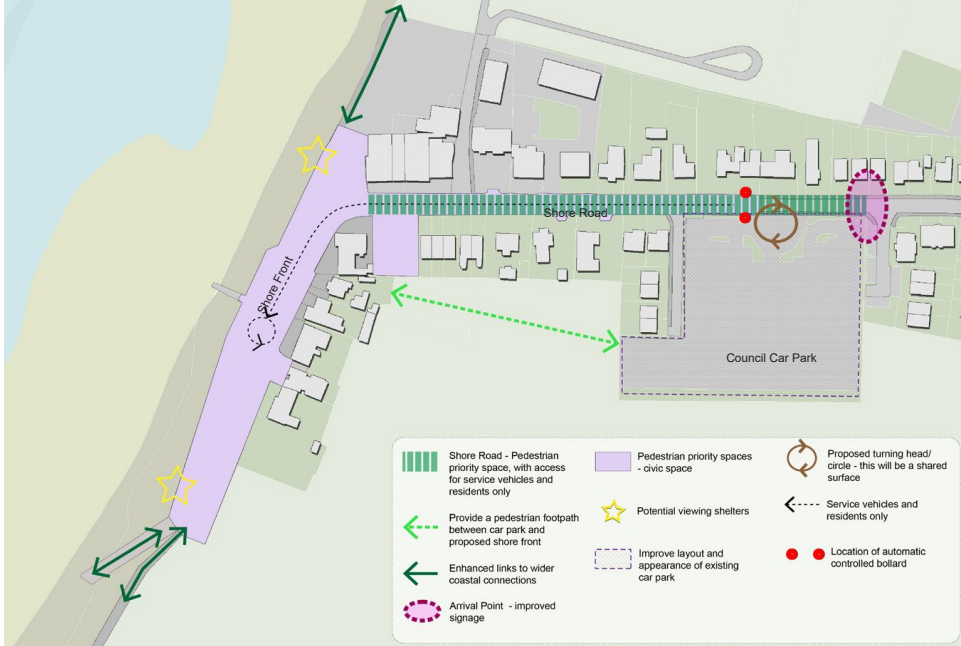
- During low season anyone and everyone will have access to the shore front but there will be reduced car parking
- Residents and service vehicles allowed access
- Emergency vehicle access to Shore Front

### High Season

- No car access to Shore Front
- Residents and service vehicles allowed access - monitored by a key fob/ barrier system
- Emergency vehicle access maintained
- Public realm improvements to Shore Road

# Concept Design Option 3

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 share space
- Vehicles allowed for delivery only
- Public realm improvements to Shore Road



## And this is what you told us

### Overall masterplan for Strandhill



70%

Positive



30%

Negative

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- Total responses 28no
  - Option 1 - 80% of people were not in favour of Option 1 and felt this did not go far enough to meet the key priorities.
  - Option 2 - 41% of people were in favour of this option.
  - Option 3 - 56% of people were in favour of this option.
  - The provision of more public space and restricting vehicle access to the shore front was generally well recieved.
  - The removal of cars from the shorefront was generally well recieved however maintaining provision for disabled spaces was seen as important .
  - The creation of more civic space was generally seen as a positive step forward for Strandhill and the overall pedestrian experience

## What were the key points raised in the consultation?

1

**Access for disabled parking permits**

2

**Design of the Pedestrian Link**

3

**Consider Green Travel**

4

**Impact on Parking Provision**

5

**Creation of Civic Space**

We listened to what you told us. Now we need to figure out how to address the key issues raised

## 1. Facilitate access for disabled parking permit holders



Suggestions to have restricted access to the waterfront and some reserved disabled parking provision.



## 2. Design of the pedestrian link

Emphasis on creating a well signposted, robust new access link that is in keeping with the setting

### 3. Consider green travel

## Suggestions to improve climate resilience



Potential to integrate cycleway access upto and along the shorefront



Improve contact with nature and biodiversity through and coastal planting



Potential to introduce car and bike charging points as part of integrating green technologies to Strandhill.

## 5. Creation of Civic Space viewed as a positive step forward



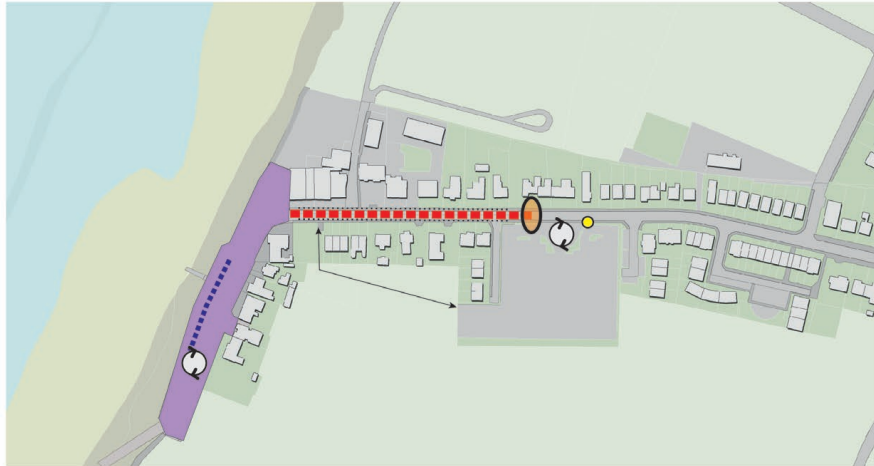
Positive response to the provision of more civic space. This should accommodate events and different uses year round.



## 4. Parking Provision - suggestions to reduce the volume of traffic

Calls to improve the local bus service which may alleviate some pressures on the parking provision

# Based on what you told us, we have decided to include the following interventions in this particular RRDF funded project.



## Key - Proposals

-  Narrowed, 5m two-way carriageway with 20mm upstand
-  Street furniture to control ad-hoc parking
-  Narrowed one-way entrance as traffic calming onto Shore Road.
-  Disabled parking permit holders only and low season parking
-  Turning circle
-  Pedestrian access link
-  Pedestrian priority / Public realm improvements
-  Signage to denote seasonal access restrictions

### High Season

Access to be maintained for service and emergency vehicles, residents and disabled parking permit holders only.

### Low Season

Access is open to anyone but parking at the shorefront is significantly reduced.