

# Re-imagine Rosses Point - Where do we go from here?

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## 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”

### Our key objectives:

- Ensure pedestrian safety
- Strengthen connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists
- Reduce traffic speeds
- Enhance the character, views and heritage
- Create a destination at the heart of the village
- Enhance car parking provision

# 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 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 respondents raised how unsafe the junction 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 continuous cycle lane
- Motorhome car parking - a desire for dedicated motor home parking spaces with facilities
- Facilities for children - play areas

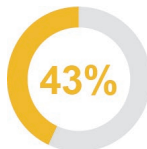
## Wish List

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

Facilities for Tourism  
toilets, showers, car  
parking etc.

A safer environment for  
pedestrians along the  
Old Village Road

Pedestrian and Cycle  
connections between  
the beach and village



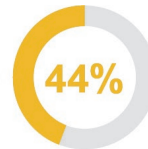
Percentage of people who felt these factors were "Extremely Important" for any future proposals for Rosses Point

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

Pedestrian connectivity  
and maintaining access

High quality  
durable public realm  
materials and street  
furniture

Ensuring local identity  
forms a part of the  
scheme



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

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

## Re-imagine Rosses Point

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### Submissions

44 submissions have raised observations relating to this consultation.

### Themes

What do you think of the overall concept Master Plan for Rosses Point

Do you think that Concept Design 1 addresses the 'key objectives' for Rosses Point?

Do you think that Concept Design 2 addresses the 'key objectives' for Rosses Point?

The October consultation as viewed on our online consultation portal

# Second Round of Consultation

## Rosses Point Concept Masterplan



# We asked you to comment on these two options:

## 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



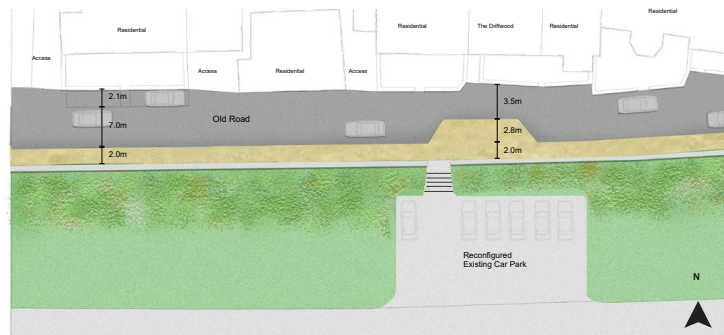
## Concept Design Option 2

### 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



## And this is what you told us

### Option 1



33%

In favour of the proposed one-way system

- Total responses 45no
- Overall positive response to the overall concept masterplan and key priorities
- Concern about a one-way system encouraging vehicles to travel faster and impeding access for emergency services.
- Concern about residents access and parking

### Option 2



67%

In favour of the proposed two-way system

- Majority support for Option 2 (two-way system) with further traffic calming seen as important.
- Concern on how feasible a footway would be along the length of the Old Road due to spatial restrictions.
- A two-way system is more in-keeping with the original character of the street

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

1

**Speed  
and  
Volume  
of Traffic**

2

**Footpaths  
and  
Crossing  
Points**

3

**Parking  
Provision**

4

**Cycling  
Provision**

5

**Protecting  
Green  
Space**



# We listened to what you told us and now we are looking at the key issues raised

## 1. Speed and volume of traffic - Potential solutions



Change materials at key locations to provide visual cue to traffic that they should be slowing down.



Rumble strips using traditional natural stone



Landscaping or planting at key locations will also act as visual cues to slow down

## 2. Improve connectivity between the old village road and the promenade

Improve crossing points - these are the areas we are going to look at



Narrow the junction to help divert unnecessary traffic from the Old Road

Provide a crossing point at Austies

Provide a crossing point from outside the Driftwood to the Promenade

Provide a crossing point from Harry's Bar to the promenade

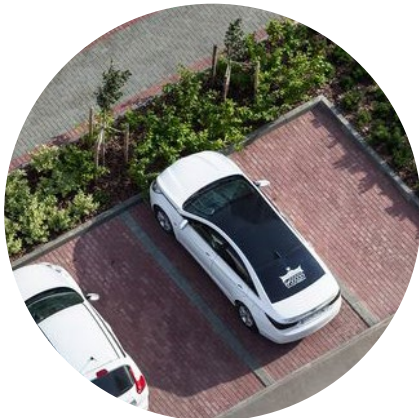
Enhance this junction near the local cafe with crossing points and reconfigured car parking

### 3. Parking Provision

## How can we enhance parking provision in Rosses Point?



Potential to introduce echelon parking to make better use of existing parking space



Potential for better demarcation of existing parking areas to better utilise these spaces



Potential for Improved / sensitive demarcation of parking along the Old Road

## 4. Cycling

### Encourage greener and safer travel



Integrate a two-way cycleway  
at footway level along the  
harbourside



Example of two-way cycleway  
next to existing footway



Example of well integrated, low  
level planting aside a clearly  
demarcated cycleway

## 5. Green Space - Possible enhancements



Potential to integrate buffer planting as an additional security measure to the main road



Enhance the landscape and biodiversity value along the nature trail



Potential to explore greener solutions to accommodate any additional parking requirements

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



## Key - Proposals



Junction improvement works including new crossing points and traffic calming.



Additional traffic calming / crossing points installed at key nodal locations



Reconfigured and enhanced parking areas



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