



Public Consultation for Warrenpoint Breakwater Upgrade Scheme

Introduction to Proposed Scheme

Investing in regeneration, modern infrastructure and connectivity is a key strategic priority for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council under its Economic and Regeneration Development Strategy.

The Warrenpoint Breakwater Upgrade scheme is a key priority under the strategy through enhancing and creating a more vibrant public space along the Front Shore area. To this end, the Council has been working in partnership with the Department for Communities South Eastern Regeneration Office to develop and secure funding for the project.

Please note, the consultation carried out earlier this year on the 'Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme' did not include the Breakwater, which will now proceed as a separately proposed project with its own Public Consultation process now being undertaken.

The main Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme, excluding the Breakwater as previously referred to, is now about to go through the planning process.

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The Project

The aim of the Breakwater Upgrade Scheme is to build on and connect with the already consulted on Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme.

Its key aim is to enhance the aesthetic appearance, usage and key infrastructure within the expanse of the breakwater, from its entrance at Osbourne Terrace, to the head of the Breakwater at the water's edge overlooking the Shipping Channel.

The proposed works include:

- a replacement of lighting columns which are either missing, damaged and weather beaten
- a replacement of street furniture including bins and benches
- enhancement of the existing entrance area to increase its pedestrian connectivity and flexibility of use
- provision of lettable kiosk/vendor space to enhance the provision for users of the Front Shore
- improvement of pedestrian linkages along the Breakwater through replacement of the existing surface.

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The project is planned to commence in early 2022, subject to securing planning approvals and the award of funding from the Department for Communities.

Scope of the Proposed Scheme

This project only covers the Breakwater from its entrance area just off Osbourne Terrace along its 180 metres to the Water's edge overlooking the Shipping Channel.

Given the previously consulted on Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme, that scheme is **not** part of this Breakwater consultation exercise. The Warrenpoint Front Shore (Dock Street Corner to Slieve Foy Place) Public Realm Scheme is now about to go through the planning process and, subject to this permission and funding being confirmed, should be in a position to go onsite in 2022.

The re-development of the Public Baths is **not** part of this scheme and is therefore not part of this consultation. The public consultation undertaken earlier in 2021 for the Front Shore Public Realm Scheme received significant feedback relating to the re-development of the Public Baths. This has been fed through to the Council, with the Baths being taken forward as a separate initiative.

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A one-way traffic system project for Warrenpoint Town Centre is **not** part of this project. This is also a separate concept lead by the Department for Infrastructure (DFI), which will have a separate public consultation exercise at some point in the future.

Consultation

In advance of planning applications being submitted as part of the development process, the Council is **now seeking public views and suggestions on the proposed works, in order to help inform the final design.**

- Please review the attached concept design drawings:
https://www.newrymournedown.org/media/uploads/warrenpoint_breakwater_upgrade_-_concept_design_august_2021.pdf

Once you have reviewed the proposed plans and scope of the scheme, you are invited to give your feedback via the online survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Warrenpoint_Breakwater

The consultation will run until Friday 17 September 2021.

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