

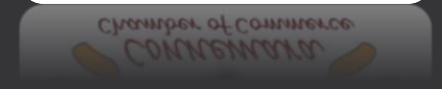
# Clifden Regeneration

## Presentation & Discussion

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – 6.00 pm to 7.45 pm – Clifden Town Hall

**Hosted by:** Connemara Chamber of Commerce

**Moderated by:** Dr Kevin Heanue (Connemara West)



# Format

- **6.00 pm – Presentation of the revised designs for Clifden**
- **6.30 pm - Discussion about the designs**  
Discussion moderated by Dr. Kevin Heanue – Chairperson Connemara West plc
- **7.30 pm – Quick Survey – QR code or paper**
- **7.45pm - Finish**

This meeting is kindly being recorded for broadcast by Connemara Community Radio.



# Background

- Under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) funding was allocated for a redesign of Clifden Town Centre, Harbour Park and Beach Road areas
- LUC were successful in their bid for the contract to develop designs for the town
- The specification given for the designs must meet certain criteria such as increased pedestrian & cycle access, urban greening, etc.
- This project is being developed and funded by:



# Background

**March 2022** - Project Website launched March 2022 with Questionnaire

**8<sup>th</sup> June 2022** - A Public Consultation Event was held in Clifden Town Hall on from 1pm to 8pm where the plans were displayed

**7<sup>th</sup> July 2022** – The Chamber held a presentation and discussion event on the initial plans

**July 2022** - Feedback sent to LUC, Galway County Council etc

**10<sup>th</sup> March 2023** - LUC presented the revised designs to the Connemara Chamber's Clifden Regen sub-committee, they also presented to Clifden Tidy Towns and Clifden & District Community Council

**4<sup>th</sup> April 2023** – Second open meeting. This time to review the revised designs

# Why has this meeting being called?

- Two specific aims:
  1. **Awareness** - Bring awareness to the towns residents and businesses other stakeholders of the revised plans
  2. **Discussion** - Have a discussion about the plans generally and see if there are suggestions for improvement that can be sent
- **Note:** The Chamber is not involved in the design or delivery this project but naturally wishes these plans to be a success story for all involved.

# The New Designs







• New Proposed Design for Clifden Harbour Park





• New Proposed Design for Clifden Harbour Park



# Harbour Park



## Main Proposals

- Central running track – 300m marked 'track'
- Enclosed play area
- Multiple activity areas (swings, climbing holds & ropes, slides and towers, mound, nature route)
- Stepped amphitheatre
- Gym equipment under canopy
- Event space & Canopy
- Multi-use games court (relocated from flooding)
- Undulating pump track
- Picnic area
- Scattered Tree Planting
- 20 car park spaces (incl. 2 disabled)



Stone paving proposed across width of the road from the equipment storage area up to the Harbour Park area

Replacement lighting columns located along Beach Road

Coastal shrub planting

Stone seating areas provided to enjoy views

Mooring bollards located next to quay wall

Paved area provides access to the quay wall

## Main Proposals

- Separated seating by shrub planting
- Smaller mooring bollards to remove existing ropes criss-crossing the grass area
- Stone material paving and seating to compliment historic character of area
- Stone paving on road to make it feel more pedestrian but still accessible for traffic

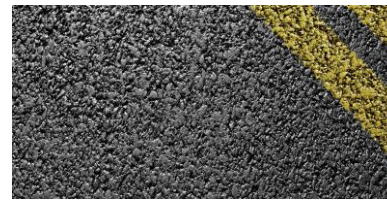
## • New Proposed Design for Beach Road Quay





## Main Proposed Changes

- Addition of seating walls with paved area in front
- Addition of mooring bollards
- Replacement of lighting columns
- Generally make the area more appealing to pedestrians
- A choice of two road surfaces:



Asphalt Surface



Granite Paving



• New Proposed Design for Clifden Town Centre



# Objectives of the Town Centre Plans

- To increase the dwell time in the town so that people can
  - Eat | Shop | Drink | Socialise
- To make it a better experience to visit and use the town
- To be achieved by
  - Reducing the amount of cars within the town
  - More open spaces
  - Being pedestrian and cycling friendly
  - More spill out areas



- New Proposed Design for Main Street

## Main Street



Visualisation looking east along Main Street towards St Joseph's Church showing proposed public realm enhancements. Proposals include street trees and planting, reduced pedestrian zone, echelon and parallel parking and an off-road cycleway

- New Proposed Design for Main Street





- New Proposed Design for Market Square





• New Proposed Design for Market Street (Upper)



- New Proposed Design for Market Street (Lower)



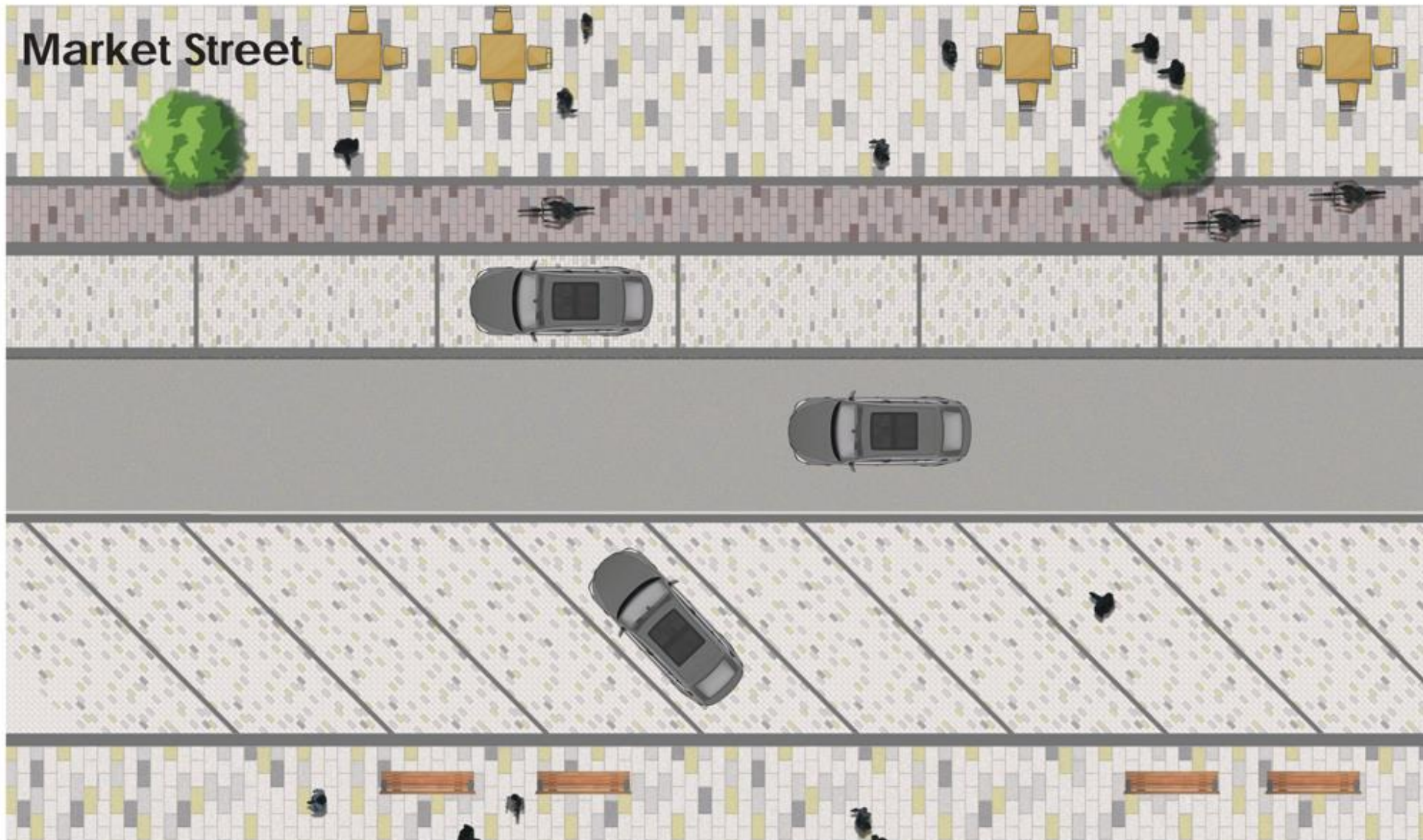
## Market Street



Visualisation looking along Market Street towards Christ Church Clifden. Proposals include trees and space for businesses to spill out onto the pavement, high quality widened footways, new off-road cycleway infrastructure and both echelon and parallel parking bays.

- New Proposed Design for Market Street





Detailed render showing the typical public realm treatments creating a high quality pedestrian friendly town centre along Market Street.

- New Proposed Design for Market Street





• New Proposed Design for Bridge Street (Upper)



- New Proposed Design for Bridge Street (Lower)



• New Proposed Design for Market Hill





Visualisation showing the proposed public realm enhancements along Market Hill. Proposals include the creation of a paved pedestrian zone on either side of the carriageway, creative lighting in order to enhance this part of Clifden.

## Main Proposals

- Creation of a paved pedestrian zone on either side of the road
- Creative lighting
- General public realm enhancements

- New Proposed Design for Market Hill

# The Major Proposed Changes

## **CYCLING**

A one-way cycle path through the town segregated / delineated from the footpath and the road

- Market Street – running on the right side of the street.
- Main Street - running on the left side of the street.

## **FOOTPATHS**

- Wider footpaths

## **ROAD**

- A reduced width of the main road to accommodate wider footpaths and cycle path

# The Major Proposed Changes

## GREENERY & PUBLIC REALM

- Street tree planting – introduction of planted trees into the town
- Ornamental planting peppered around the town
- Public Realm Art
  - Alcock and Brown statue to be main public realm feature, cheese grater to be relocated
  - Gateway feature at the end of main street



# The Major Proposed Changes

## PARKING

- A combination of two styles of parking to be introduced.

### 1. Parallel parking

- o Market Street – running on the right side of the street.
- o Main Street - running on the right side of the street.
- o Bridge Street – running left and right of the street as is.

### 2. Herring bone parking

- o Market Street – running on the right side of the street.
- o Main Street - running on the right side of the street.
- o Introduction of reverse parking

# The Major Proposed Changes

- New car park to be created in front of the hospital.
- 30% reduction in on-street public car park spaces
- Parking locations that are less than 4 minutes' walk are being pushed (213 spaces)
  - o Tourist car park
  - o SuperValu 1/2/3
  - o St. Joseph's Church
  - o New Parking at Clifden Hospital

## **OUTDOOR DINING**

- Wider footpaths with spill out spaces for businesses and cafes

## Clifden Town Centre - Available Parking Numbers

Parking Location	Distance from Town Centre	Total Parking Numbers	% Unoccupied	Available Parking Numbers
Tourist Information	3.0mins	57 Spaces	47%	26 Spaces
Supervalu Level 1	1.0min	42 Spaces	62%	25 Space
Supervalu Level 2	1.0min	52 Spaces	65%	33 Spaces
Supervalu Level 3	1.0min	52 Spaces	93%	48 Spaces
St Joseph's Church	1.0min	43 Spaces	67%	28 Spaces
New Parking & District Hospital	4.0mins	53 Spaces	100%	53 Spaces
<b>Total Town Centre Available Parking Spaces</b>				<b>213 Spaces</b>



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## On-Street Public Car Park Spaces - Clifden Town Centre - Current vs Proposed

	Gross Spaces	Outdoor Dining / Breakouts	Resident Permits (Approx.)	Current Net Spaces		Option 1 Proposed Spaces (Estimated)	Option 2 Proposed Spaces (Estimated)	Option 3 Proposed Spaces (Estimated)	Option 4 Proposed Spaces (Estimated)
<b>Main Street</b>									
<i>Total</i>	67	10	4	53	>	27	32	32	28
<b>Market Street</b>									
<i>Total</i>	140	10	6	124	>	62	56	83	76
<b>Bridge Street</b>									
<i>Total</i>	25	0	2	23	>	0	0	0	28
<b>SV / Alcock &amp; Brown Hotel / Town Hall Area</b>									
<i>Total</i>	26	0	1	25	>	7	7	7	20
<b>TOTALS</b>									
All	258	20	13	225	>	96	95	122	152
						58%	58%	46%	32%

- Changes to parking

# Discussion

Discussion moderated by Dr. Kevin Heanue –  
*Chairperson Connemara West plc*





Scan QR for Survey



or visit

<https://connemarachamber.ie/clifdenregen/>

Or fill out paper survey



# Quick Survey



# Thank You

