

Clifden Regeneration

Presentation & Discussion

Tuesday, 7th July 2022 - 10.15 am to 12.15 pm – Station House Theatre

Hosted by: Connemara Chamber of Commerce



Format

- **10.15am - Welcome** - Tea & Coffees
- **10.30am – Clifden Regeneration Plan**
 - **Background** to Clifden Regeneration Plan
 - **Presentation** of the Clifden Regeneration PlanPresented by Connemara Chamber of Commerce
- **11.00am - Discussion** about the Clifden Regeneration Plan
Discussion moderated by Dr. Kevin Heanue – Chairperson Connemara West plc
- **12.00pm - Survey** - Short In-person Survey
- **12.15 - Finish**

Today's 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
- LUC were successful in their bid for the contract to develop designs for the town
- Website launched March 2022 with Questionnaire
- A Public Consultation Event was held in Clifden Town Hall on 8th June 2022 from 1pm to 8pm where the plans were displayed
- This project is being developed and funded by:



Background

- Why has this meeting being called?
- This Town Meeting has been called by the Chamber with two specific aims in mind:
 1. **Awareness** - Bring awareness to the towns residents and businesses of the proposed plans
 2. **Discussion** - Get a discussion going and gauge what people think before the opportunity passes to make further comment
- 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 Plans



The Plans

- The plans and concepts shown today are available to view online on ClifdenRegeneration.com

Status of the Plans

- **Community Consultation** stage - closed [June 2022]
- Selection of **Preferred Design** [July 2022 – Approx.]
- Completion of **Detailed Designs** [July 2022 – Approx.]
- After that **Submit Planning** Application [July / August 2022 – Approx.]

The Proposed Harbour Park

- 3 options are proposed for the Harbour Park

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- See ClifdenRegeneration.com for Brief, Community Feedback, Concept Design Development & Design Rational

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Option 1

Main Proposals

- Grass Terraces & Event Space with Covered Stage
- Pond
- Sand Play Area
- Boardwalk
- Beach Huts
- 20 car park spaces



Option 2

Main Proposals

- Natural Amphitheatre
- Covered Stage
- Sand play area
- Rock-Based Water Play Area
- Timber Pier
- 20 car park spaces



Option 3

Main Proposals

- Skate Park
- Event space
- Running track
- Ball courts
- Outdoor Gym
- Toddler sand play area
- 20 car park spaces



The Beach Road Quay Area

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Sketch Visualisation of Option 1



- Existing asphalt road surface retained
- Replacement lighting columns
- Seating walls and benches located to enjoy views
- Mooring bollards located next to quay wall
- Grass retained and enhanced with coastal wildflowers

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Sketch Visualisation of Option 2



- Area of stone paving proposed across width of road from the hotel to the warehouse building. Existing asphalt road surface retained from the warehouse towards the slipway
- Replacement lighting columns
- Seating walls and benches located to enjoy views
- Mooring bollards located next to quay wall
- Grass retained and enhanced with coastal wildflowers

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Sketch Visualisation of Option 3



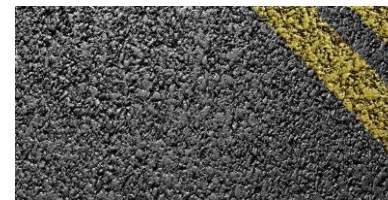
- Area of stone paving proposed across width of road from the equipment storage area to past the slipway.
- Long seating walls and benches located to enjoy views
- Replacement lighting columns
- Mooring bollards located next to quay wall
- Grass retained and enhanced with coastal wildflowers

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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

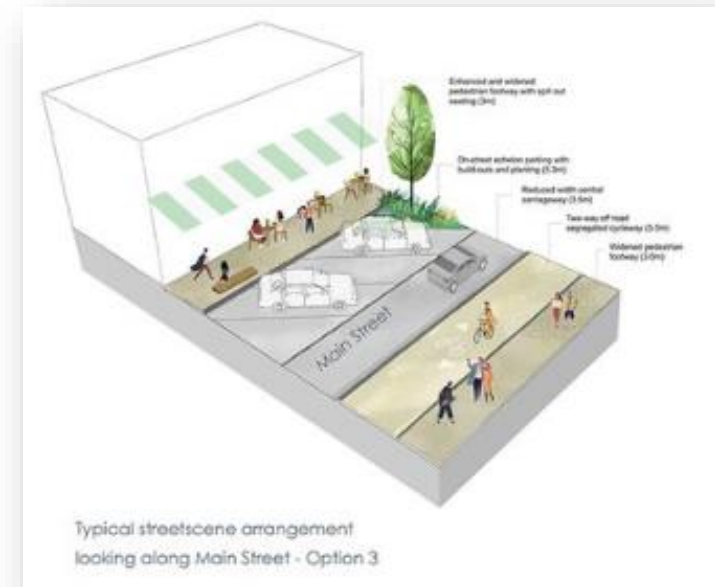
Clifden Town Centre - Concepts

- 3 options are proposed for Clifden Town Centre
- See ClifdenRegeneration.com for Brief, Community Feedback, Concept Design Development & Design Rational

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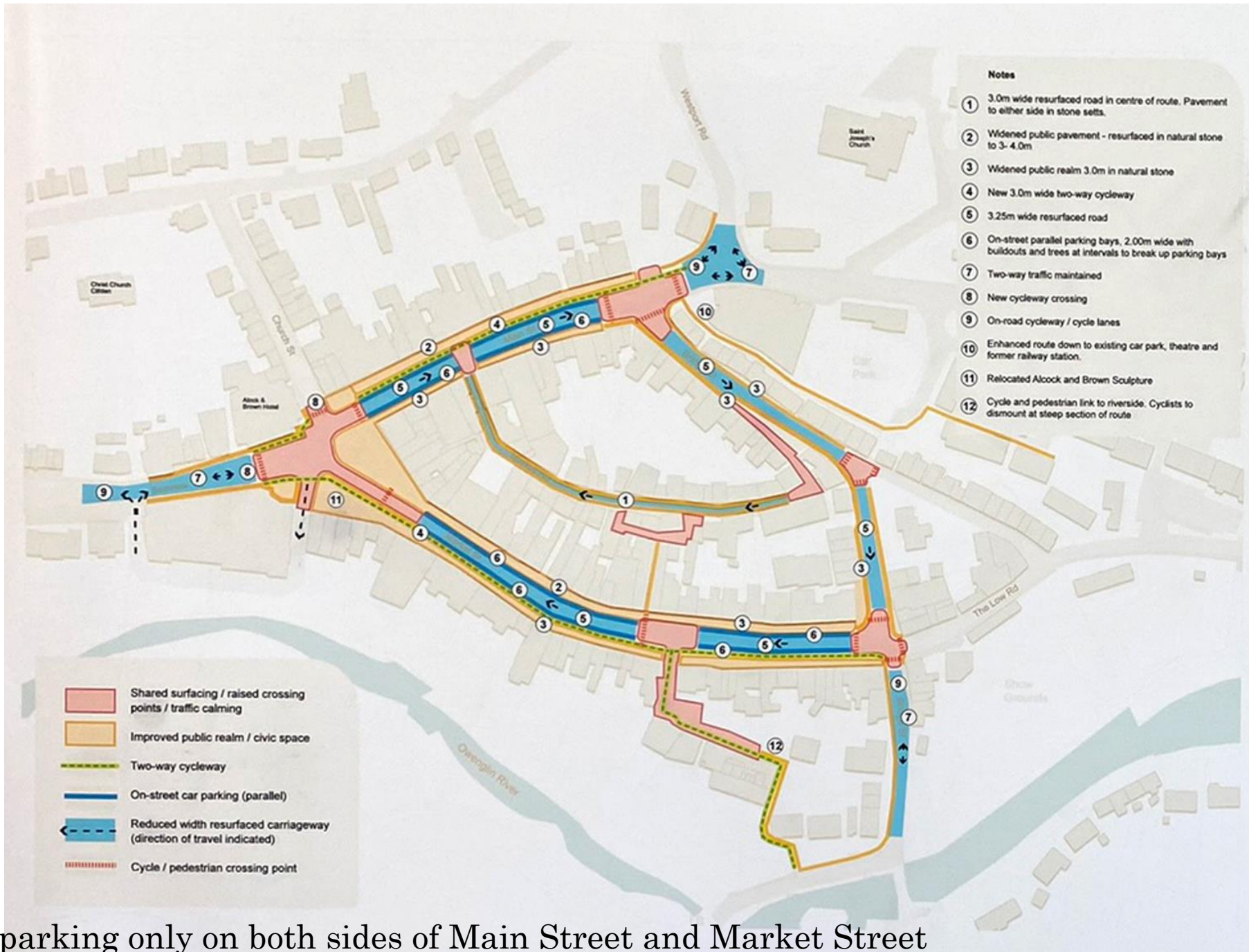


Objective of the Plans

- 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



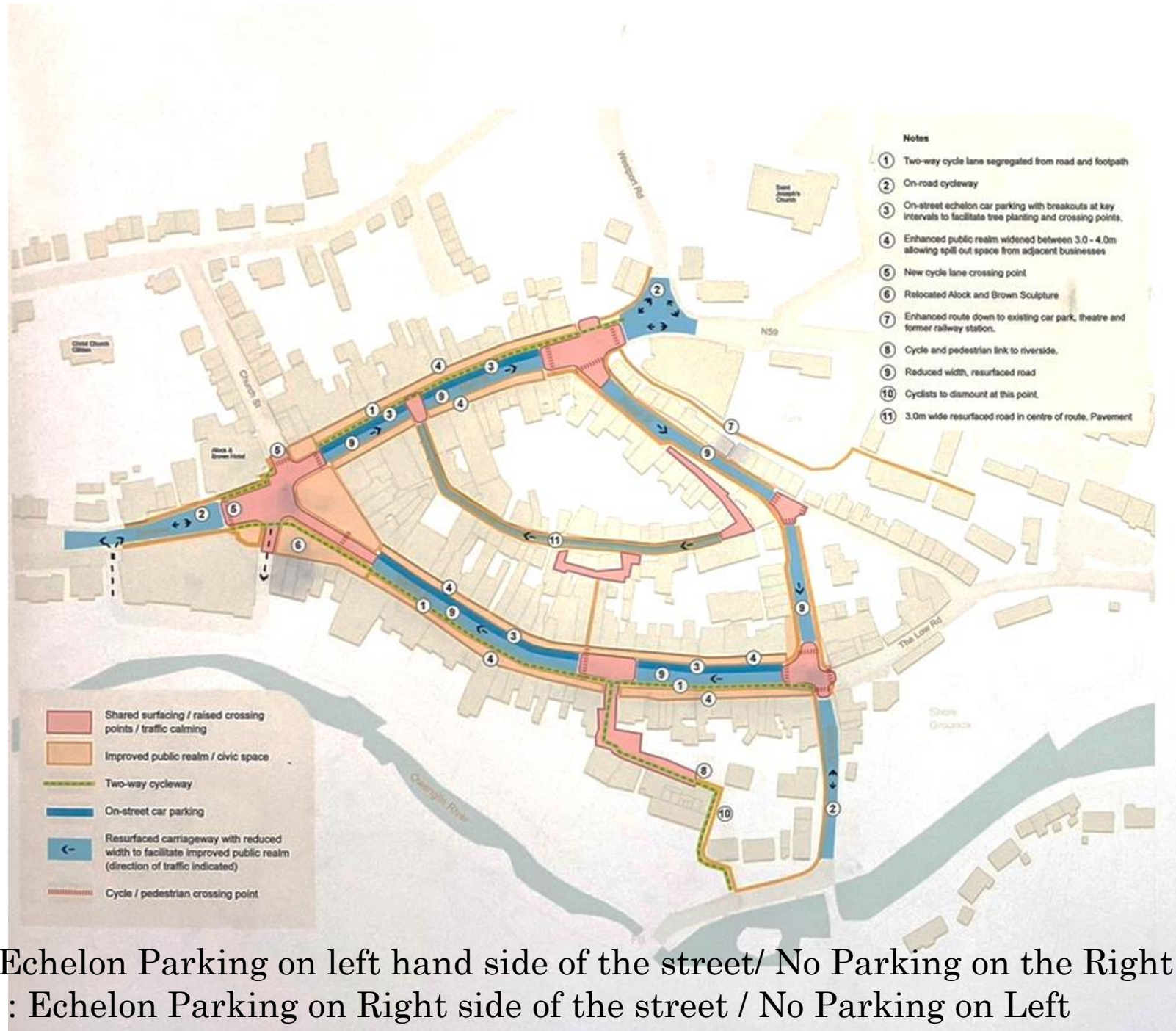
Option 1



Option 1

Parallel parking only on both sides of Main Street and Market Street

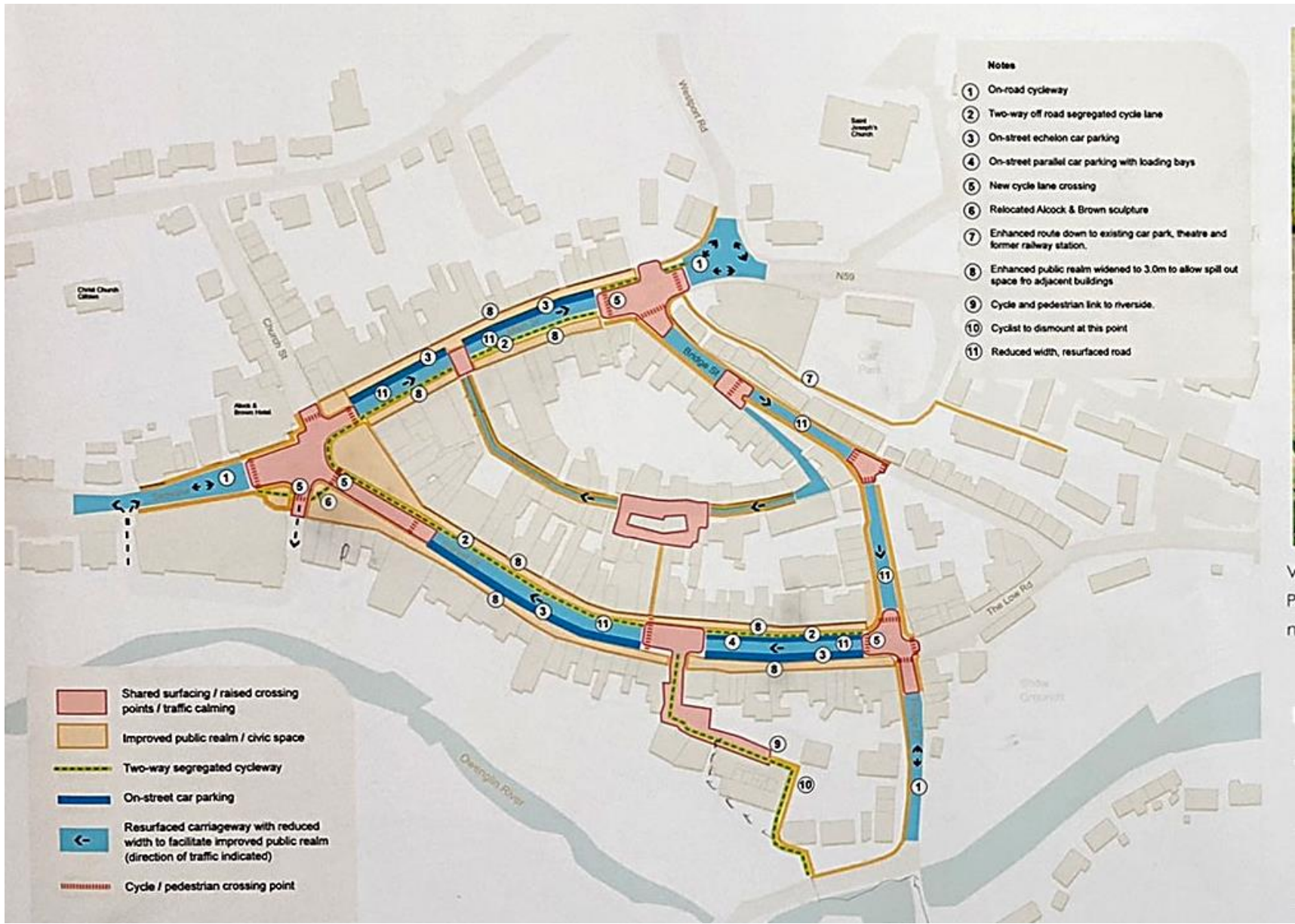
Option 2



Option 2

Main Street : Echelon Parking on left hand side of the street/ No Parking on the Right
Market Street : Echelon Parking on Right side of the street / No Parking on Left

Option 3



Option 3

- *Main Street* : Echelon Parking on left hand side of the street/ No Parking on the Right
- *Market Street* : Echelon Parking Left side of the street
- New parallel parking on right hand side of lower Market Street

The Major Proposed Changes

- A two way cycle path (3 metres wide) through the town segregated from the footpath and from road
 - Market Street – running on the left side of the street
 - Main Street - running on the left side of the street
- Much wider footpaths
- A reduced width of the main road to accommodate wider footpaths and cycle path

The Major Proposed Changes

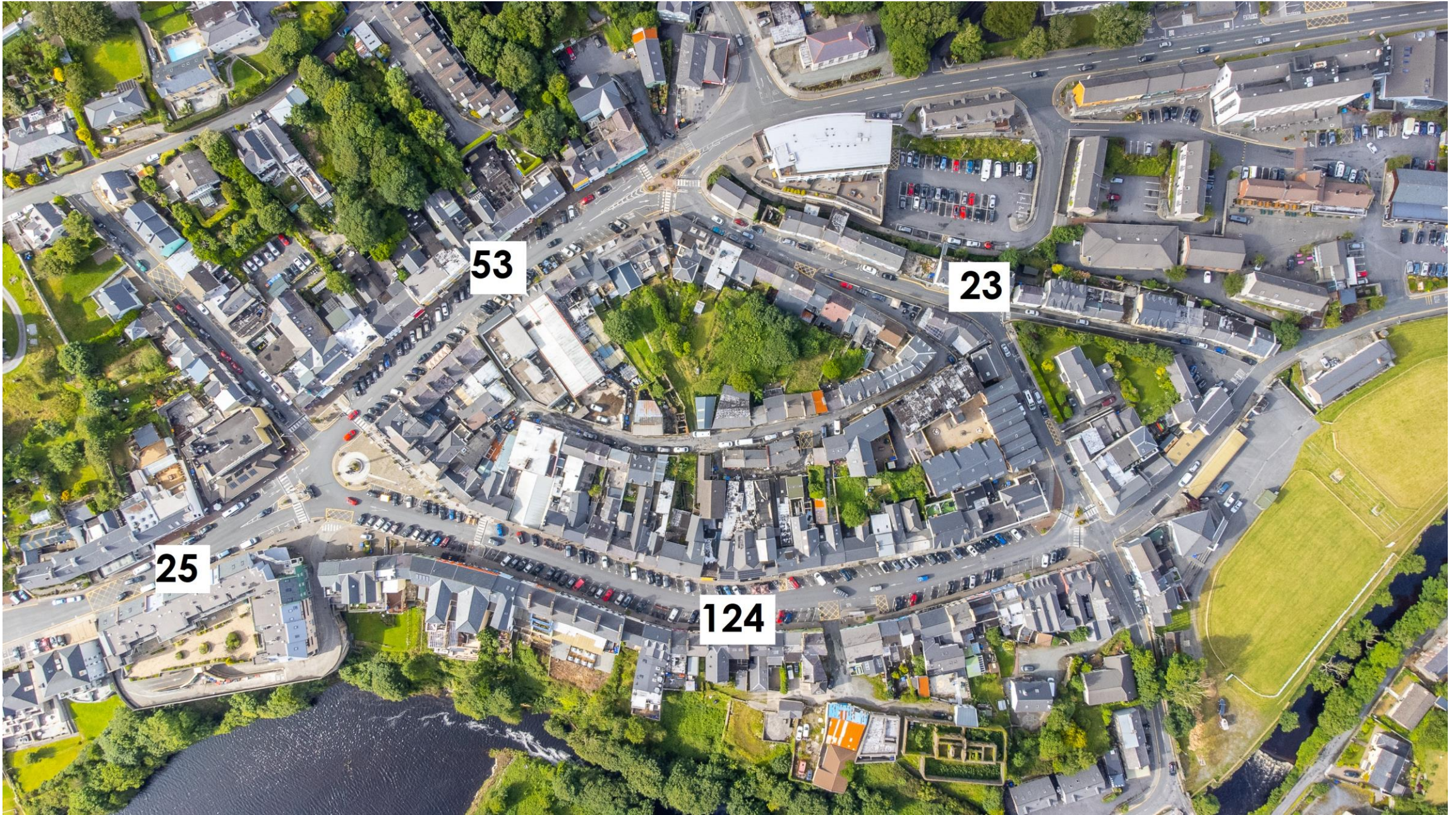
- All Options
 - No car parking on Bridge Street
 - No car parking on at SuperValu / Alcock & Brown Hotel / Bank of Ireland
 - No car parking in the Market Square area
 - Reduced width Main Street
 - On-street public parking spaces in Clifden Town Centre to be reduced from 45% to 57% between the 3 proposed options.
 - Two Way Segregated Cycle Trail through the Town

Clifden Town Centre – 1st July 2022





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Draft Assessment of Changes to Parking

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

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

Discussion

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



Survey



Thank You

