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Website: <https://armaghbanbridgecraigavon.citizenspace.com/regeneration/banbridgepublicrealmpacc>

Available: Monday 1st February - Friday 26th February 2021

You can speak to the applicant or design team, to discuss the proposals during our telephone surgery event on:

Date: Wednesday 10th February 2021

Time: 12 noon - 7pm

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You can submit comments/feedback via:



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All comments or feedback should be received **no later than Friday 12th March 2021.**

If you are unable to access the project details online, please contact us by telephone on Tel: 0203 196 6488 leaving your name, address and contact telephone number. RPS will process this information in line with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) requirements

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Banbridge Town Centre

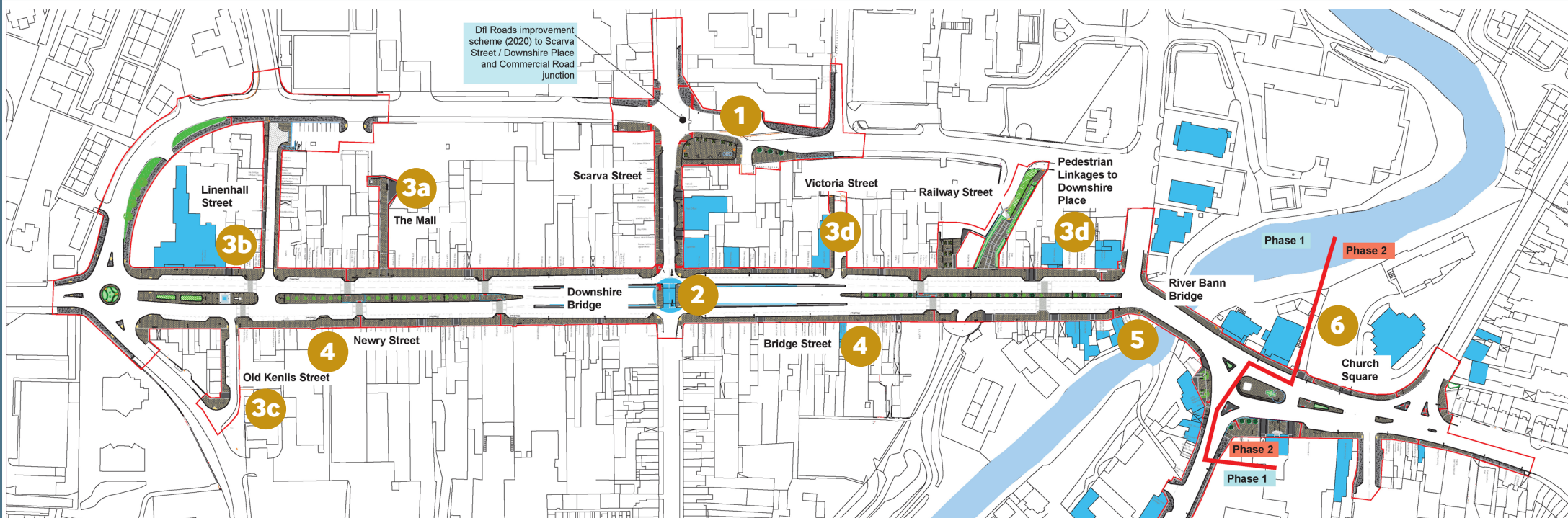
Public Realm Proposals



PRE-APPLICATION COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Armagh City, Banbridge, and Craigavon Borough Council is proposing to submit a planning application for improvements to the public realm in Banbridge Town Centre. These proposals have been developed by the Council, as part of their commitment to delivering regeneration and economic development throughout the Borough, and have been guided by the Banbridge Town Centre Masterplan 2016.

The Council is undertaking a Community Consultation exercise to gather views from stakeholders in relation to the proposed public realm improvements, prior to finalising the design and making a formal application to the Planning Authority. This consultation will take place online due to the current Government restrictions on public assembly.



The proposals to improve the public realm include: high quality physical enhancements with new pavements, lighting, tree planting and street furniture to strengthen the town centres “Sense of Place” and unique characteristics; creation of new civic spaces for events; improving access around the town for all pedestrian users; improvements to pedestrian linkages to adjacent car parks; sympathetically enhancing key landmarks in the town including Downshire Bridge and Bann Bridge.

A summary description of the proposals is as follows;

- 1. Public Realm & Environmental Improvements at the realigned junction of Scarva Street / Commercial Road / Downshire Place** (junction is to be re-aligned in advance of this scheme by the Department for Infrastructure (DfI)) including a new civic shared space at Scarva Street with built-in infrastructure for events.
- 2. Enhancement of the Downshire Bridge (B2 Listed)** and “the Cut” with aesthetic enhancements to the over bridge structure and installation of event infrastructure under the bridge to enable town centre events.
- 3. Important Linkage areas** have been identified for enhancement which are considered to provide vital vehicular or pedestrian links to car parks and secondary streets namely;
 - 3a.** The Mall (pedestrian link) connection between Commercial Road Car Park and Newry Street is proposed to have new feature paving, improved pedestrian access, signage and feature lighting.

3b. Linenhall Street is an important pedestrian connection from Commercial Road car park to the towncentre and proposals include improving pedestrian accessibility & retaining current vehicle access arrangement.

3c Old Kenlis Street link is proposed to have new high quality paving and street furniture.

3d The following links between Bridge Street / Downshire Place Car Park will be improved; Victoria Street link to the Car Park will see enhancement of footpath accesses; Downshire Linkage & Railway Street access will see new public civic spaces with feature seats, feature lights and tree planting

4. Public Realm & Environmental Improvements on Bridge Street and Newry Street, will see retention of the existing car parking arrangements; underground event infrastructure to the central reservations; feature streetlights; tree planting; high quality paving; improvements to pedestrian access and mobility; and new signage; and enhancement at the roundabout to improve the sense of arrival.

5. Enhancement of Bann Bridge will create a sense of arrival through new feature light; enhancements to the bridge railings; and high quality paving.

6. At Church Square the proposals seek to improve the setting for the heritage assets in the area through new high quality paving; improved pedestrian access across roads and circulation; enhancing existing civic spaces at Crozier Memorial and Church Square; new safety railings; tree planting and street lights.