



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 town centre 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 River 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. By 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.

LEGEND

Site location boundary	Large unit natural stone paving
Listed Buildings and structures	Medium unit natural stone paving in contrasting colour.
Existing street trees retained	Asphalt surfaced footpaths with natural stone units
New tree planting within tree pits.	Tactile paving (Buff) to uncontrolled pedestrian crossings
New tree planting in raised planters.	Tactile paving (Red) to controlled pedestrian crossings
New amenity shrub planting	Proposed locations for new street furniture



Artists impression of new public realm space at Scarva Street / Downshire Place / Commercial Road junction



Artists impression illustrating; widening of footpath, reinstatement of kerb and new railings to top of Downshire Bridge



Artists impression of Newry Street - illustrating new natural stone kerbs and paving to footpath