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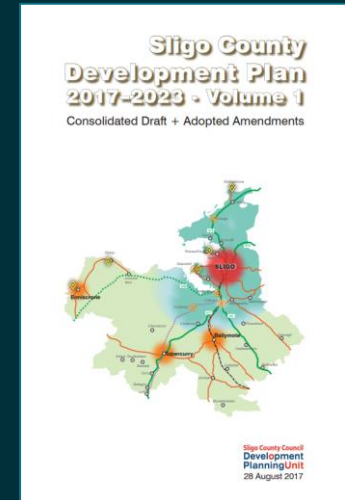
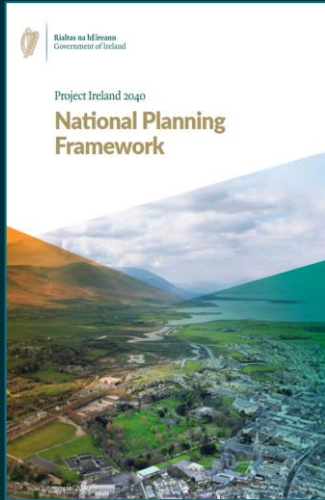
## Sligo's Public Realm Plan

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### Overview:

- Reasons for Intervention
- Public Realm Plan 2018
- Our Vision for the future – 10 Year Transformation Plan
- Implementation – Funding and Consultation





Population Target  
County Sligo 2031  
75,500  
(NPF Roadmap)

Population Target Sligo Regional  
Growth Centre 2031  
25,800  
(RSES)

# Policy Context – Regional Growth Centre

# Sligo Health Check 2018



- Sligo Town Population decreased between 2011 - 2016
- House completions reduced from over 2,000 in 2006 to less than 200 in 2018 (60% one offs)

- Commercial Vacancy Rate = 22.5%
- Residential Vacancy Rate = 14.4%



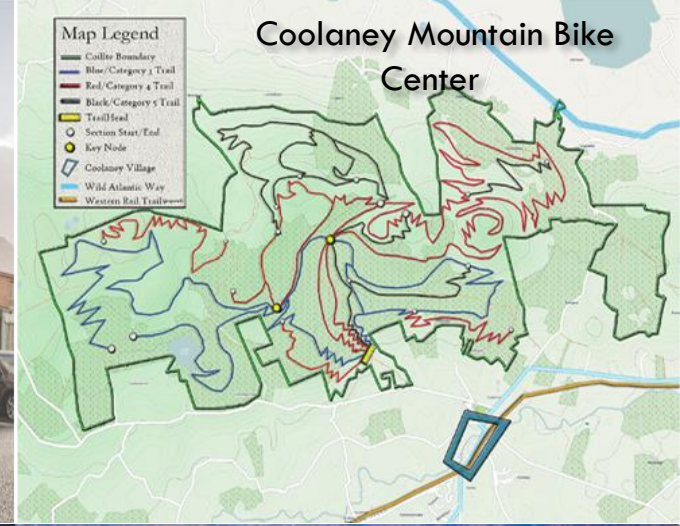
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N4 Dual Carriageway



Strandhill Surf Center



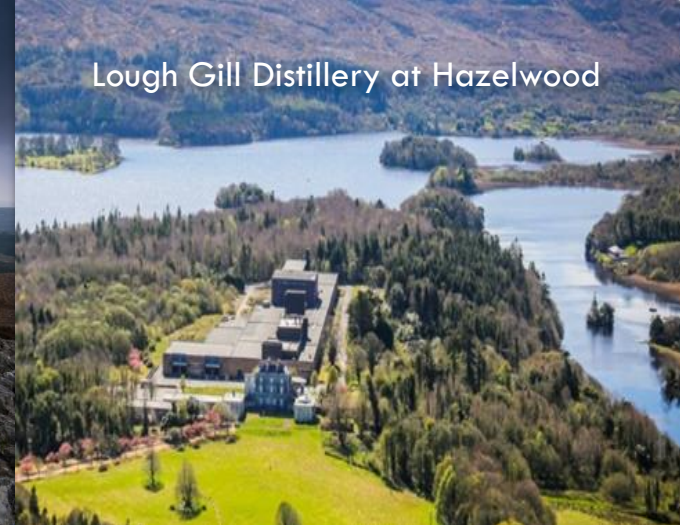
Coolaney Mountain Bike Center



SLIGO Walks



World Heritage Site



Lough Gill Distillery at Hazelwood



90's Urban Renewal Scheme – Rockwood Parade Completed 1999



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# URDF - REVITALISING THE CORE



# CLUSTERING OF PROJECTS

# 2027 Transformative Public Realm Plan for Sligo City



PHASED TRANSFORMATION – URDF SUPPORT



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# Sligo City Centre Public Realm Action Plan

September 2018



**BDP.**



***Enhance the image and setting of this historic city through the enhancement of its streets and spaces, conservation of its built heritage, encouraging people to explore, businesses to flourish and creating a vibrant street scene.***



- ✓ Design Manual
- ✓ Specific Projects
- ✓ Stephen Street & Cultural Plaza
- ✓ Implementation
- ✓ Emerging Actions



- 1. Put people first. Design spaces for people.**
- 2. Simplify the streetscape.**
- 3. Ensure consistency in design and use of materials.**
- 4. Create memorable and identifiable spaces where people want to be.**
- 5. Protect and enhance Sligo's character and heritage.**
- 6. Design spaces to be flexible and suitable for multiple uses.**
- 7. Resist overdesign.**
- 8. Ensure that all public realm improvement projects / works support the proper functioning of the city centre.**



The layout of the city, its compact nature and the concentration of uses allow the definition of a clear hierarchy of streets and spaces.

#### **Core Streets (Red)**

- *A defined heart of the city*
- *A pedestrian focus*
- *Minimal car parking with car-free areas*

#### **Integral Streets (Orange)**

- *Natural progression from the city core*
- *An even balance between cars and pedestrians*

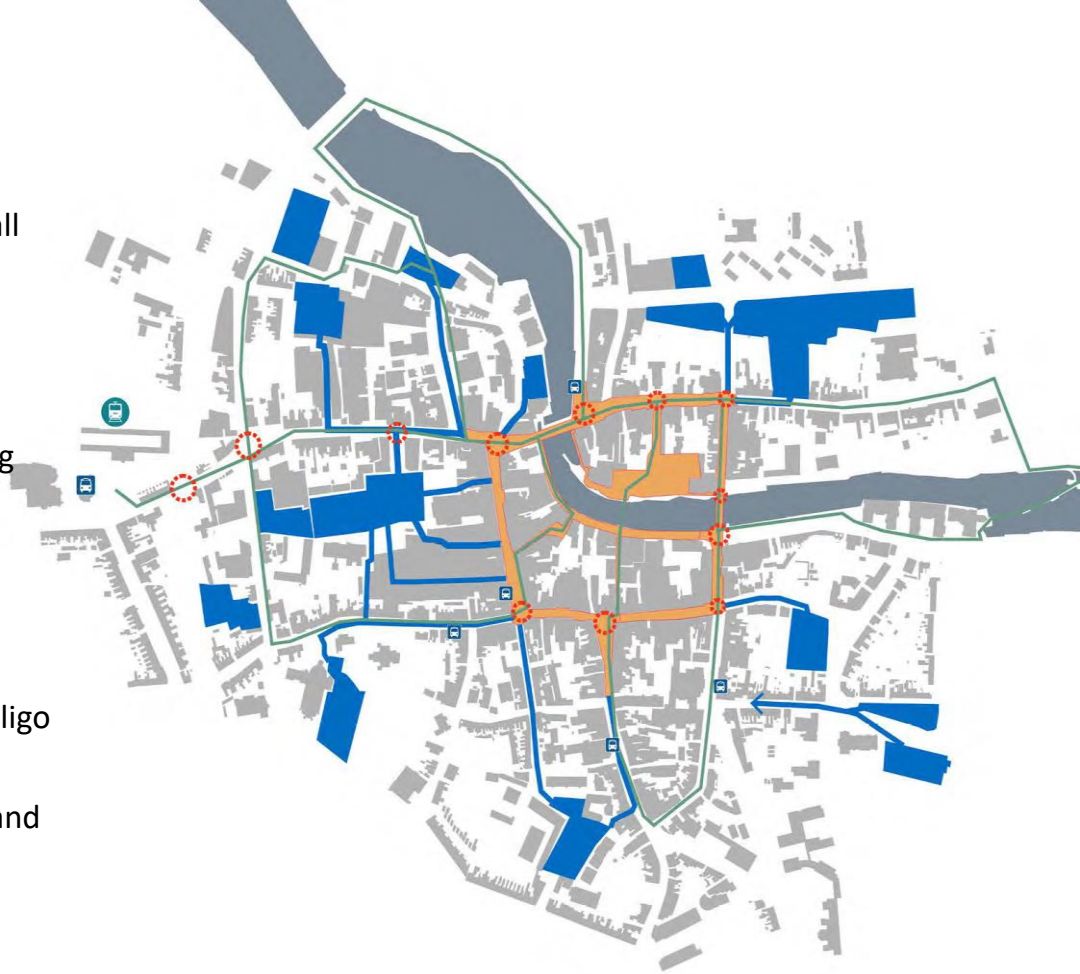
#### **Adjoining Streets (Yellow)**

- *Continuity through wayfinding*
- *Acceptance of on-street parking and vehicle priority*



## Mobility – Guiding Principles

- Ease of movement, connectivity and accessibility are all key success factors for towns and cities.
- Pedestrian priority within core
- Ease of movement between core and adjoining parking zones especially at key pedestrian junctions
- Carparks adjoining the city core will promote less on-street parking
- Walking routes to link heritage and cultural assets of Sligo
- Public realm interventions to be consistent in quality and design





# O'CONNELL STREET



O'Connell Street Phase 1 Completed 2021 - URDF 1 / ERDF - €2.5 million



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Historic Towns Initiative – Heritage Council / DHLG&H





# Stephen Street Cultural Plaza



## CULTURAL PLAZA (Queen Maeve's Square)



URDF / FAILTE IRELAND / SCC - €4 Million

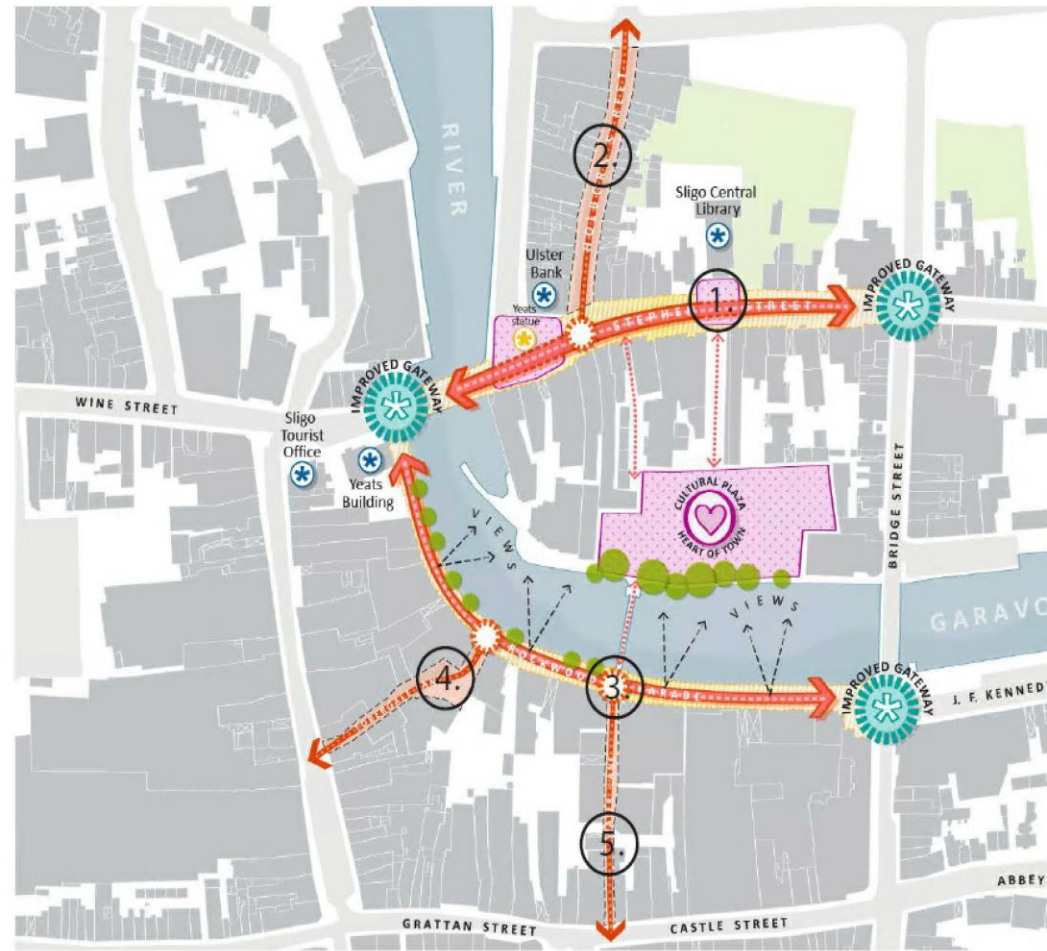


# Sligo Streets Project

## SLIGO STREETS LANDSCAPE VISION

Sligo County Council intend to enhance Stephen Street, Holborn Street, Rockwood Parade, Tobergal Lane and Water Lane as part of the Sligo Public Realm Enhancement Project.

1. Stephen Street
2. Holborn Street
3. Rockwood Parade
4. Tobergal Lane
5. Water Lane





# Sligo Streets Project – Stephen Street

# ROCKWOOD PARADE EMERGING DESIGN



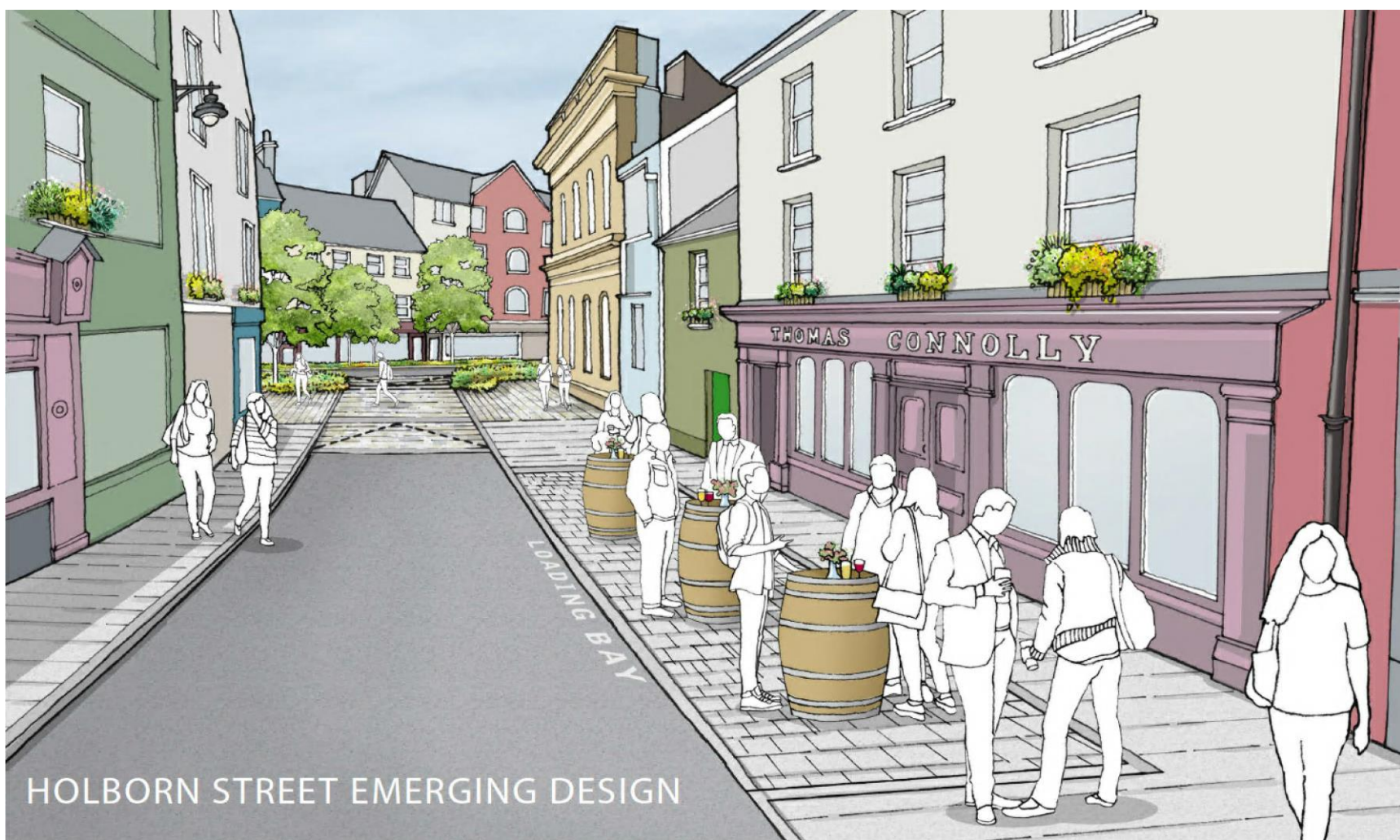
Sligo Streets Project – Rockwood Parade



# Sligo Streets Project – Tobergal Lane

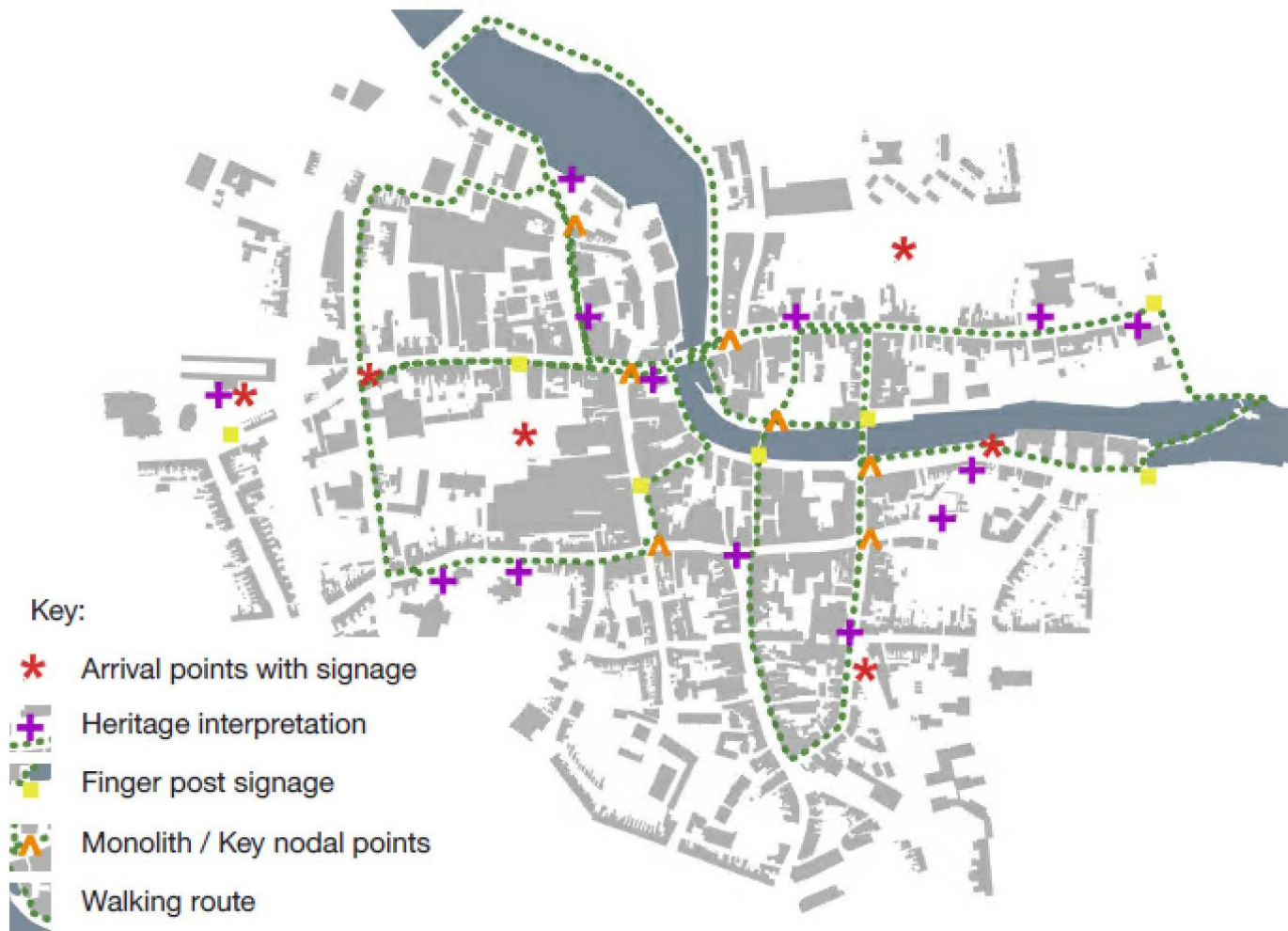


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HOLBORN STREET EMERGING DESIGN

# Sligo Streets Project – Holborn Street



# Wayfinding Strategy (*Whybrow Pedrola*)

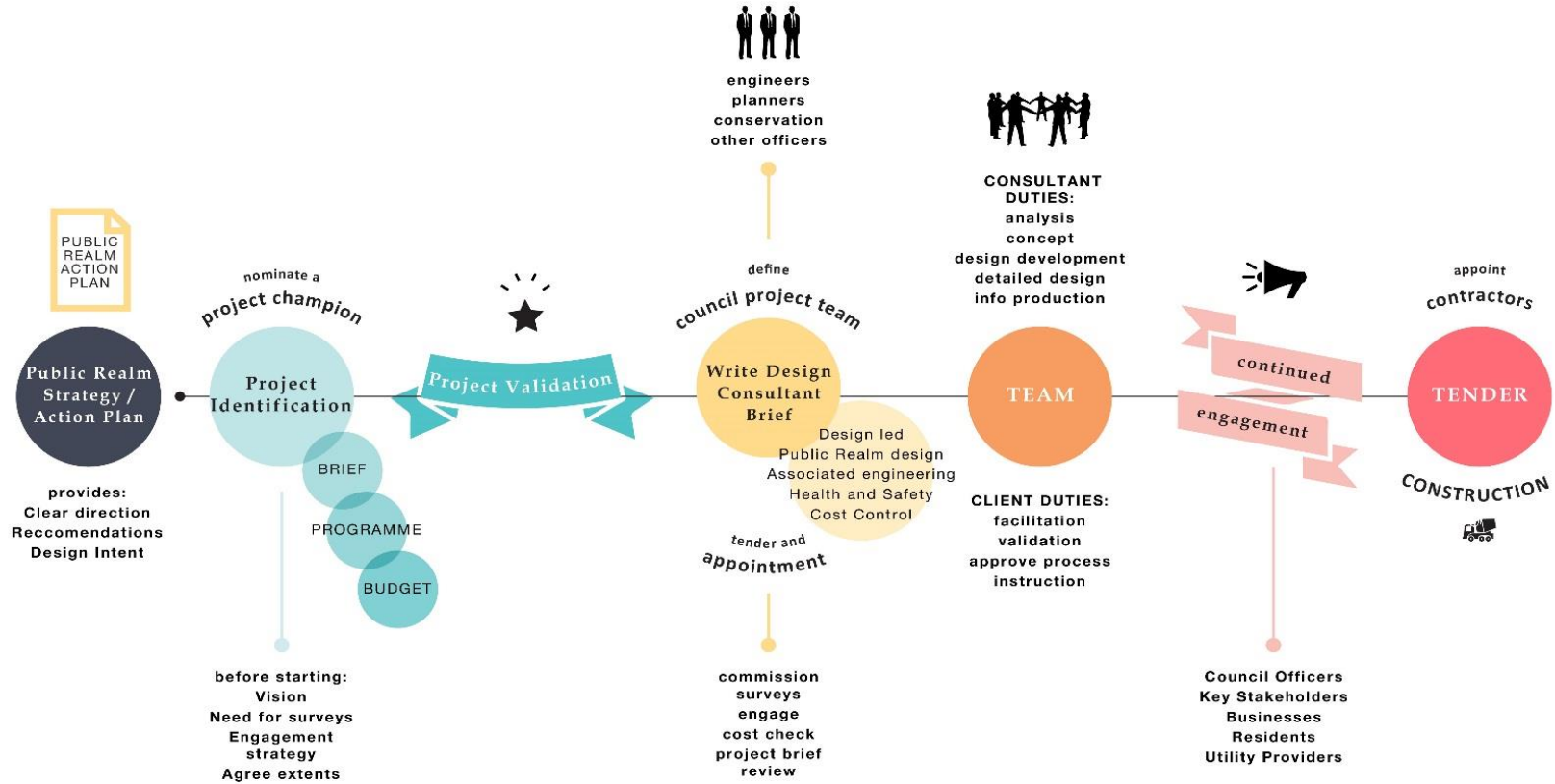


Concept



# Wayfinding Strategy - Materials

# PROCESS chart



IMPLEMENTATION

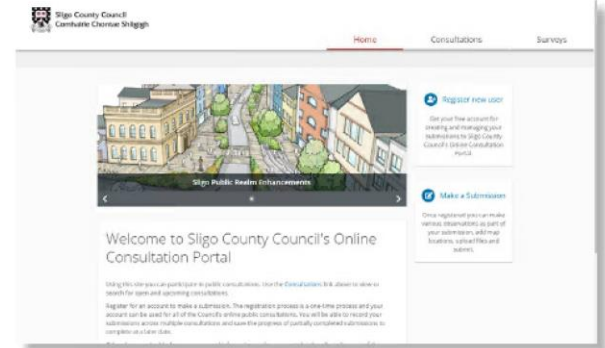
# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



Business Questionnaires



Online Webinars



Online Consultation Website



Stakeholder Workshop



Door-to-Door Postcards



On-Street Public Consultation

# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- 1. Importance of a Plan of Action – URDF Support**
- 2. Consultation is not just a step in the process – informs all decision making**
- 3. Be adaptable / flexible**
- 4. Understand that many fear change but change is necessary**
- 5. Develop partners to promote projects e.g. Elected Members, Sligo BID, Chamber of Commerce**
- 6. Don't over promise – be realistic about what is achievable**

# Thank You

