

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE:

Shankill Leisure Centre

Wednesday 27th September 2017 between 10am and 8pm

Exhibition displays will be located at the following locations from Monday 18th September to Monday 16th October 2017:

The Spectrum Centre
&
Shankill Leisure Centre

NEXT STEPS

The feedback received during this consultation will be considered in the final design and submitted with the planning application.

The implementation and delivery of the project will be subject to funding, economic appraisal and the availability of public resources.



Shankill Environmental Improvements

Community Consultation

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INTRODUCTION

The Department for Communities is developing design proposals for potential public realm improvements along the Shankill Road, from the junction of Peters Hill and Millfield, to the junction of Agnes Street and Northumberland Street, incorporating part of Townsend Street, Belfast. It intends to submit a planning application later this year, and this community consultation seeks to establish the views and opinions of the community, to assist in the preparation of this planning application.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The primary focus of the proposals is to enhance the public realm along Peter's Hill and the Lower Shankill, by introducing a high quality, cohesive appearance to the streetscape. It aims to create a welcoming sense of arrival to the Shankill Gateway, by introducing a distinctive style and character to the area, using high quality materials and a consistent approach.

Proposals include:

- Resurfacing of existing footpaths with natural stone and granite kerbs;
- New or replacement tree planting, street lighting columns, rails /walls, and street furniture;
- Decorative hoarding panels around vacant land and derelict buildings;
- Improvements to the junction at Peter's Hill, Millfield, North Street, and Carrick Hill;
- Improvements to pedestrian crossings & on-street parking.

The extent of the scheme is shown in **Figure 1** and a snapshot of proposals for three key areas have been provided: 1. Shankill Leisure Centre, 2. Shankill Terrace & 3. Millfield Junction.

CURRENT STATUS

DfC is hoping to submit a planning application to Belfast City Council later this year. This consultation seeks to gather the views of all stakeholders, including community groups, local residents, local businesses, and members of the public, on the draft proposals. There are several ways to view and comment on the draft proposals, including a manned public consultation event, unmanned exhibition displays, the DfC website as well as via email. Feedback forms will be available at each venue and online.

There will be two **unmanned exhibition** displays of the draft proposals at the following locations from **18th September to 16th October 2017**:

- **The Spectrum Centre, Shankill Road**
- **Shankill Leisure Centre, Shankill Road**

There will be an opportunity to engage directly with representatives of DfC and the project team at our **manned public event** in:

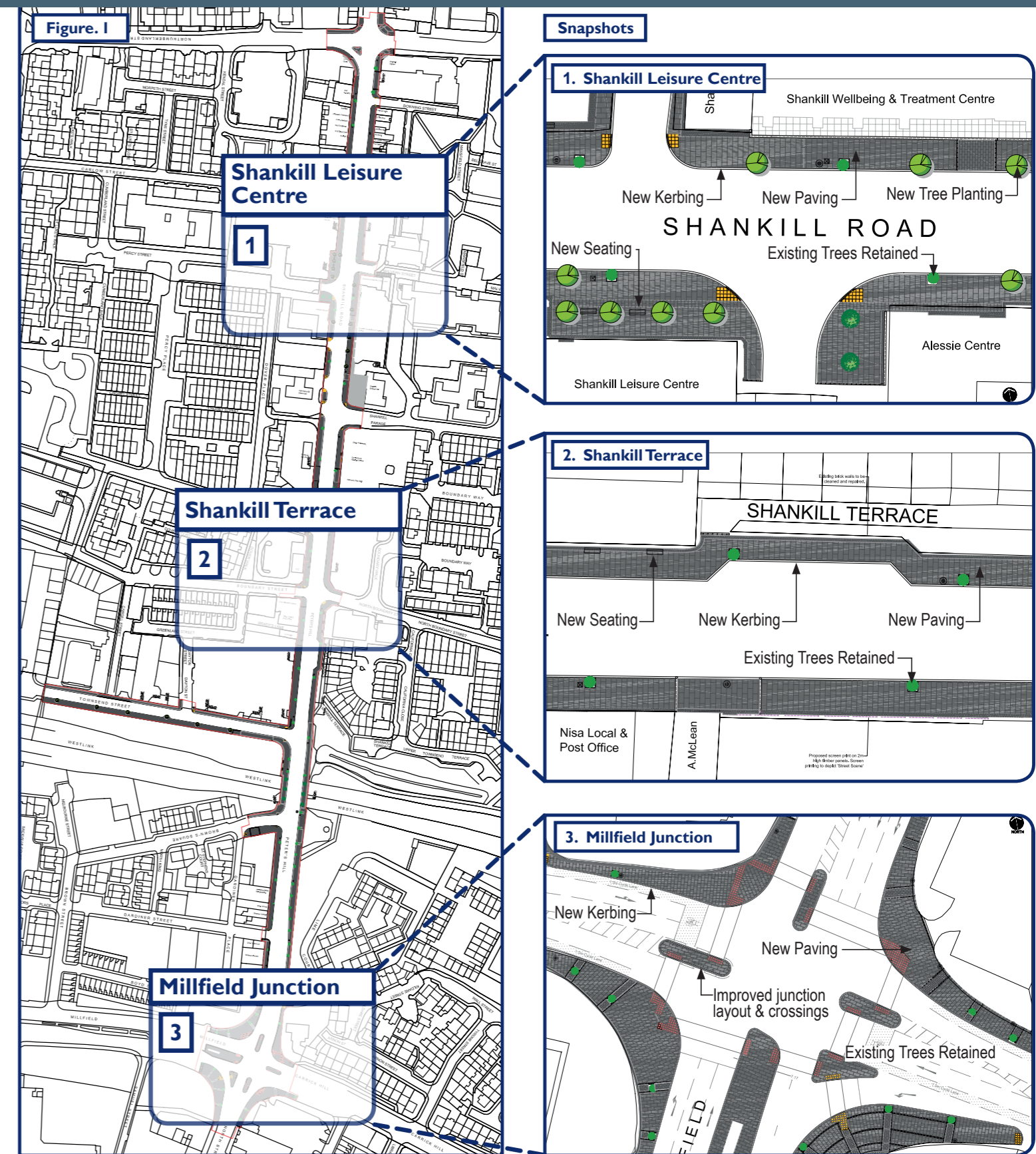
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The draft proposals can be viewed on the DfC website, at the following link from the 18th September:

<https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/shankill-road-public-realm-consultation>

We would welcome your views and comments on the draft proposals and invite you to submit your comments to our team on the feedback form provided. Alternatively, you can complete a feedback form online at the above link or email the project team at: pacc@rpsgroup.com

It is important to note that any comments you make to us during this consultation process are not representations to the Planning Authority and do not affect your statutory rights to make further representations to the Council whenever the planning application has been submitted.



The proposed materials include:



Natural 'Caithness' Stone Paving Natural 'Granite' Kerbing Street Tree Planting Boundary Improvements New Street Lighting New Street Furniture (Bins & Seating)