



Image 1: Members of the Hodson Bay Waterfront Park design team at the Public Consultation in April 2026.

HODSON BAY WATERFRONT PARK: PROJECT UPDATES APRIL 2026

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Hodson Bay Waterfront Park is a multidisciplinary project aimed at enhancing the Hodson Bay area into a flagship tourism facility. The project's key objectives include:

- Sustainability - Deliver sustainable tourism that benefits the environment and communities.
- Growth - Grow businesses, visitor numbers, jobs, and the local economy.
- Accessibility - Enable a more inclusive visitor experience for all ages and abilities.
- Alignment - Align with key masterplans and strategies, including the Shannon Tourism Masterplan 2020-2030, Ireland's Hidden Heartlands, and the EU Just Transition.

KEY PROJECT ELEMENTS

The key elements of this project include the following:

- Water Sports Pavilion - New building with café, changing rooms and meeting spaces.
- Promenade and Marina Expansion - Lakeside promenade, expanded marina with up to 50 berths, and a new water-based experience.
- Public Realm Enhancements - Plaza, play areas, picnic spots, and event spaces along the waterfront.
- Sustainable Transport Measures - Enhancing active travel infrastructure & connectivity to Hodson Bay to promote walking, cycling and reduce long term car dependency.

These improvements will create a welcoming and lively waterfront destination for the local community and visitors.

PROGRESS TO DATE

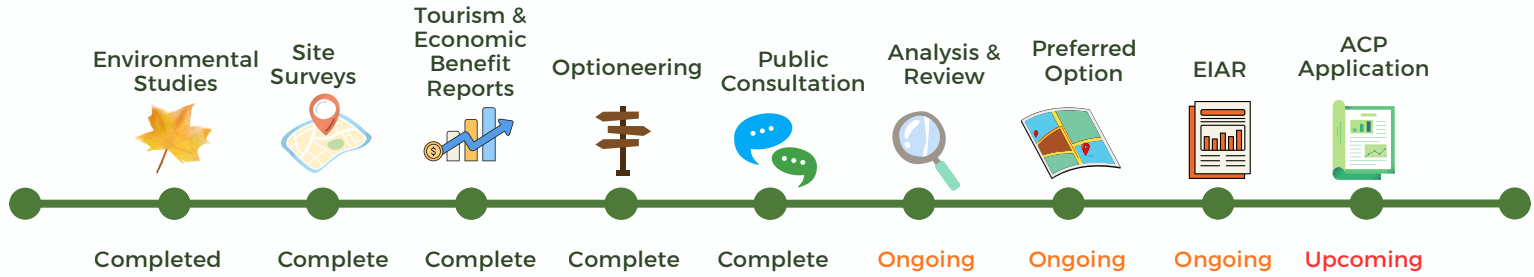


Image 2 and Image 3: The project design team with attendees at the public consultation event held at the Hodson Bay Hotel in April 2026.

NON-STATUTORY PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Roscommon County Council hosted the second and final public consultation event for the Hodson Bay Waterfront Park Project on Thursday 22nd April 2026, at the Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone, Co. Roscommon.

The drop-in event was open to the public and stakeholders and focused on informing the community about the project's objectives, programme, and environmental considerations. Emerging design proposals were presented through plans, drawings, and visual material, and feedback was actively sought to help shape the future development.

Attendees had the opportunity to meet the design team and project partners, share ideas, and provide valuable feedback. The consultation aimed to ensure transparency and encourage collaboration between residents, visitors, local businesses, and relevant agencies.

An online community survey was launched alongside the event and will remain open until Wednesday 6th May 2026. [Access the survey here](#). All consultation materials and project updates are available on the [Hodson Bay Waterfront Park – Roscommon County Council website](#).

NEXT STEPS

All feedback received during this public consultation and survey will be reviewed and used to inform the development of the preferred option. This preferred option will proceed to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) stage. The outcomes of this process will guide the next phase of the project through planning and EIA submission.



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