



PROGRESS TO DATE

LANDSCAPE & PUBLIC REALM

Key design elements such as a scenic waterside promenade and immersive nature trails are being developed to enrich the visitor experience. Universal accessibility is a core priority, with inclusive water entry points planned to ensure all visitors, regardless of physical ability, can enjoy the site.

Ongoing on-site visitor surveys are helping inform the evaluation and integration of tourism facilities and amenities within the overall design.

Established activities like angling and wild swimming continue to thrive, while new recreational and eco-tourism opportunities are being explored in collaboration with stakeholders.

WATERSPORTS PAVILION DESIGN

RKD, our architectural advisors, are currently reviewing concept options for the watersports pavilion building layout, which include the possibility of separate or amalgamated structures. RKD is working to incorporate improved marina access and public accessibility into the design.



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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The design team is prioritising environmental protection, with impact assessments guiding the process and a strong focus on local biodiversity. Bird and aquatic ecology surveys are underway to identify important species, habitats and seasonal activity in and around the bay. These surveys will help ensure the design avoids sensitive areas and minimises ecological impact.

The pavilion is being designed to be energy efficient and follows a natural, low-impact design approach that respects the adjacent environment including promontory, beach and waterfront area across from the Hodson Bay Hotel.

ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTE

Various options are being assessed to encourage walking and cycling between the N61 and Hodson Bay, and throughout the site by improving safety, accessibility and connectivity. Options currently being considered include shared and segregated facilities, balancing active travel with vehicular access.

PLANS FOR MONTH AHEAD

- The optioneering process is underway, with all options and a preferred option to be presented during public consultation later this year where there will be opportunities for feedback.
- Ecology surveys, including aquatic assessments, are currently underway alongside traffic and transport studies to inform the design process.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

Over 80 non-statutory organisations were invited to provide feedback on the Hodson Bay project, with responses helping to inform the design process. Engagement with stakeholders including local businesses, residents and organisations remains active, with the first round of interviews completed and a second round of public interviews planned. Feedback has highlighted the need to consider accessibility in every aspect of the design, and to incorporate and protect the needs of existing businesses, while also considering how to achieve the aspirations of the project.

A public consultation later this year will provide an opportunity to comment on the project and proposed options.



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