



Image 1: A design option concept sketch for the Hodson Bay Promenade by MKO.

HODSON BAY WATERFRONT PARK: PROJECT UPDATES OCTOBER 2025

This project is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the EU Just Transition Fund.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Hodson Bay Waterfront Park is a multi-disciplinary project aimed at enhancing the Hodson Bay area into a flagship tourism facility. The project is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the EU Just Transition Fund.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

NON STATUTORY PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT

A non statutory public consultation event will take place on Thursday 23rd October 2025 at the Hodson Bay Hotel, N37 XR82. The event will run from 2:00pm to 7:00pm and is open to the public. This consultation invites the public to learn about the project, explore design options and share views on the waterfront's future.

The event will include:

- Information boards explaining the proposals in clear, accessible formats.
- Members of the design team available throughout the day to answer questions and discuss the project in detail.
- Feedback opportunities, including providing verbal feedback directly to the design team and forms you can complete on site.

The venue will provide an accessible space, and all display materials will be designed for accessibility, with staff available to provide assistance as needed.

For those unable to attend in person, all information will also be available online, including an online Community Survey launching 23rd October 2025 until 14th November 2025 at 5.30pm, which can be accessed through the provided link. Please visit [Hodson Bay Waterfront Park - Roscommon County Council](#) for the latest updates on this project.



OPTIONEERING DESIGN

The optioneering design process is developing a range of options that consider active travel, the marina, new tourist facilities and car parking.

These elements are being carefully refined to ensure they function cohesively as part of an attractive and integrated waterfront that meets the following project objectives:

- Enhance the visitor experience and increase dwell time.
- Improve physical and visual connections with the River Shannon and Lough Ree.
- Enhance the functionality and attractiveness of the waterfront.
- Improve access arrangements through sustainable transport measures and parking solutions.

SURVEYS

MKO has concluded its scheduled bat survey effort for the project site with the completion of bat static detector surveys and bat dusk surveys in September. The analysis of bat survey data is ongoing. The coming months will see the MKO ecology team undertake wintering bird surveys at the site from October to March. This will give us a better understanding of the site within the context of Lough Ree and how wintering birds interact with the site.

PLANS FOR MONTH AHEAD

A second non statutory public consultation event is expected to take place between late November and early December. Further details will be shared in due course.

Next steps will include finalising the design optioneering report, which outlines the range of design options being considered for the site. Feedback from the public consultation will be carefully reviewed to ensure community input continues to shape the design process. The design team will then carry out a review, assessing each option against a series of technical, environmental and social criteria. This will include a detailed scoring exercise to help identify the strengths and opportunities of each option.

Through this process, an emerging preferred design option will be identified. This preferred option will then proceed to the Environmental Impact Assessment stage and guide the next phase of work to advance the development of the waterfront park.



Image 2: Information about the Hodson Bay Waterfront Park project will be displayed on notice boards. Image Source: Google Maps.