

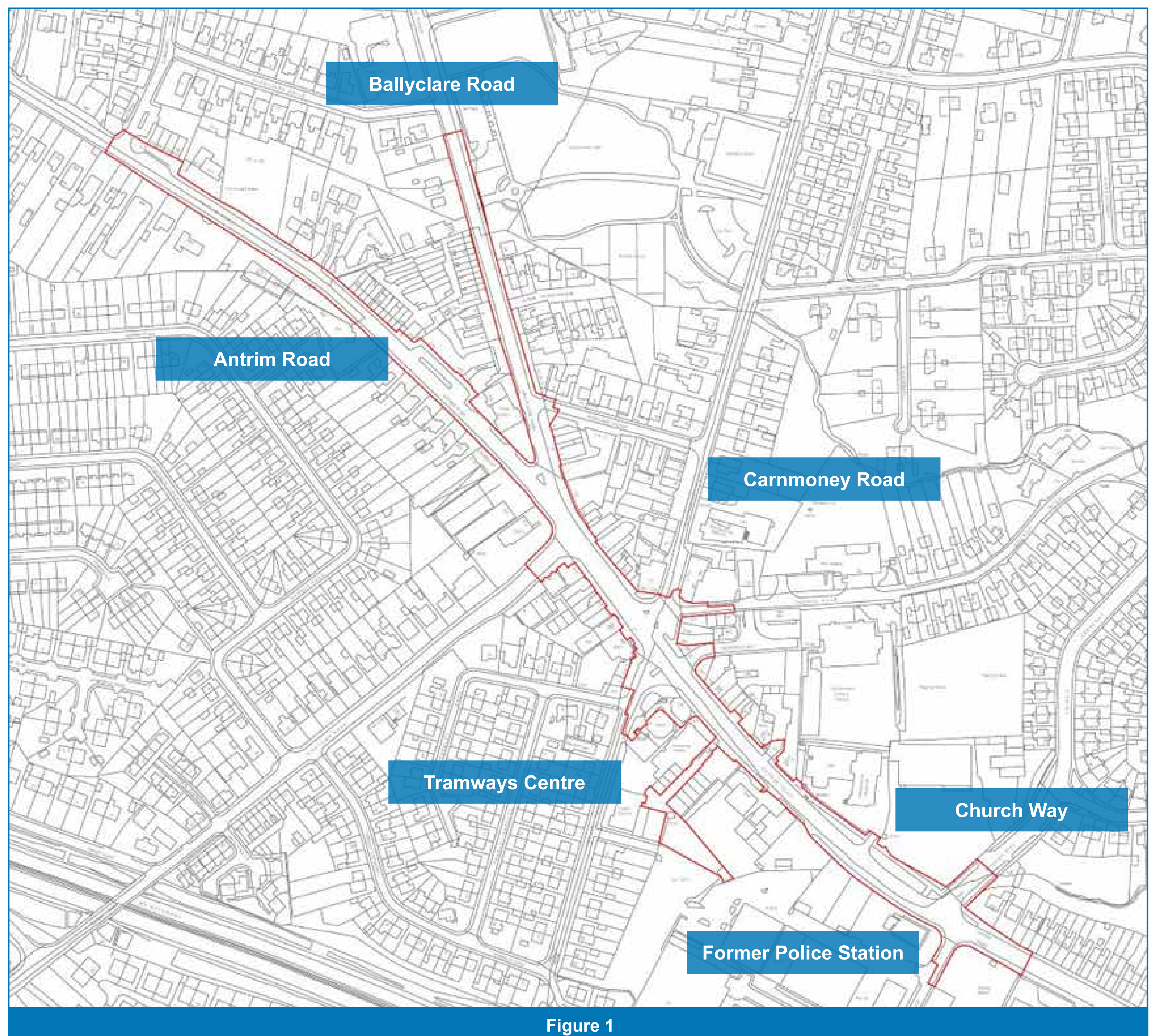
01 Introduction

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council is planning to carry out environmental improvements in Glengormley town centre, as part of their ongoing commitment to creating a vibrant and attractive town centre and delivering regeneration and economic development throughout the Borough. The proposed works involve a range of public realm enhancements including resurfacing and improvements to the existing footways, carriageway and public spaces, new lighting, new street furniture, and soft landscape improvements.

The key objectives for the project are to:

- Create streetscape which focuses on safe pedestrian circulation and accessibility for all
- Create high quality public realm space at key nodes and civic areas
- Improve pedestrian linkages to town centre amenities and parking areas
- Develop a legible public realm, with a localised identity and a sense of place
- Introduce smart technology

It is hoped that these improvements will enhance the attractiveness and useability of the footpaths and urban spaces, encouraging greater footfall and attracting new investment into the town centre. It is also an aspiration to develop Glengormley as a 'Smart Town', and these improvements will help future proof the delivery of smart innovative technologies for public services and transportation/mobility facilities. The proposed works focus on the Antrim Road and Ballyclare Road, as shown in Figure 1.



This project is part of a wider programme of regeneration initiatives and urban enhancements being undertaken by the Council to improve the streetscape and reinvigorate the urban fabric within the town centre. The proposed environmental improvement works represent an investment of £4-5million in Glengormley town centre by the Council and the Department for Communities, working in partnership with DfI Roads.

Why are we consulting?

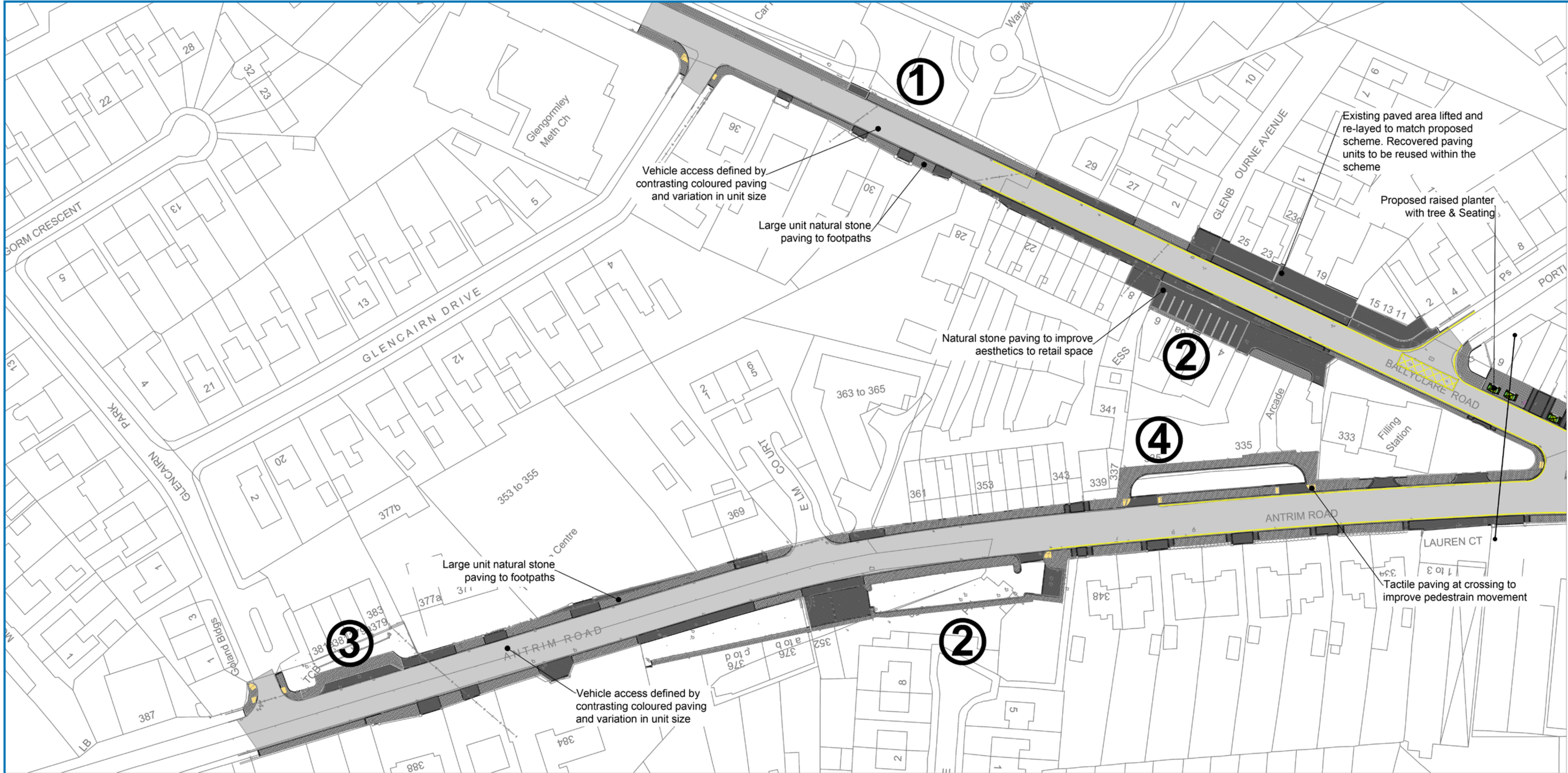
The Council is undertaking a Community Consultation exercise to gather views from the local community, environmental groups and stakeholders in relation to the proposed improvements, prior to finalising the design and making a formal planning application to the Local Planning Authority. All feedback received during this consultation will be considered by the Council and its design team, RPS, as they finalise the design proposals.

What are the problems?

The current public realm has become dilapidated, cluttered, and unwelcoming, as shown in the images below.



02 Improvements



Legend

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| | Proposed tree planting in purpose built pits | | Feature lighting column location |
| | Proposed raised planter with seating and multi-stemmed tree | | Underground event infrastructure |
| | Proposed raised planter with seating | | Proposed bench seating location |
| | Soft Landscape Area - ground level shrub planting | | Proposed SMART bench location |
| | Soft Landscape Area - grassed areas | | Proposed cycle stand location |
| | Large Unit Paving | | Proposed Wayfinding sign location |
| | Medium Unit Paving | | Proposed Litter Bin Location |

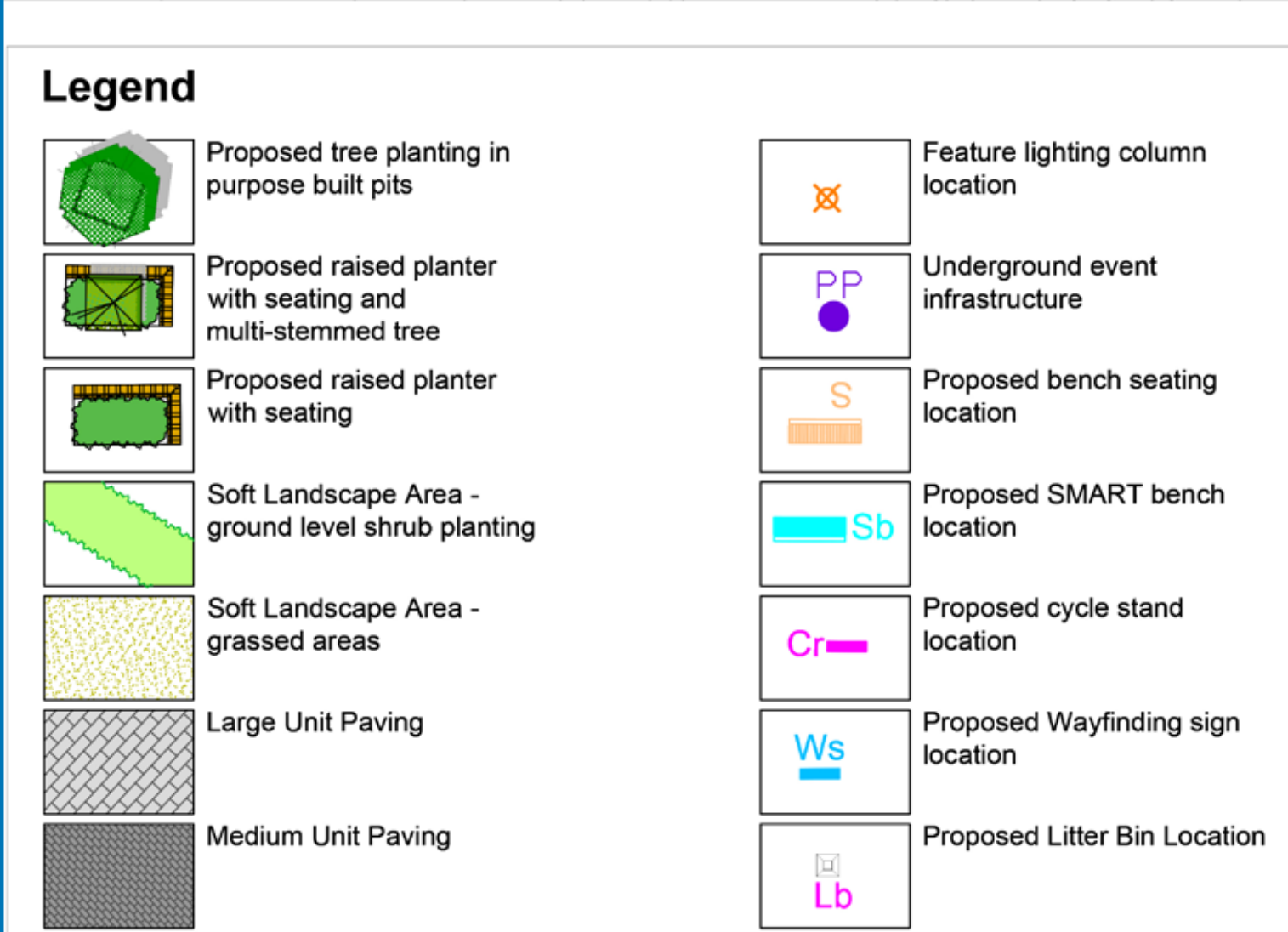
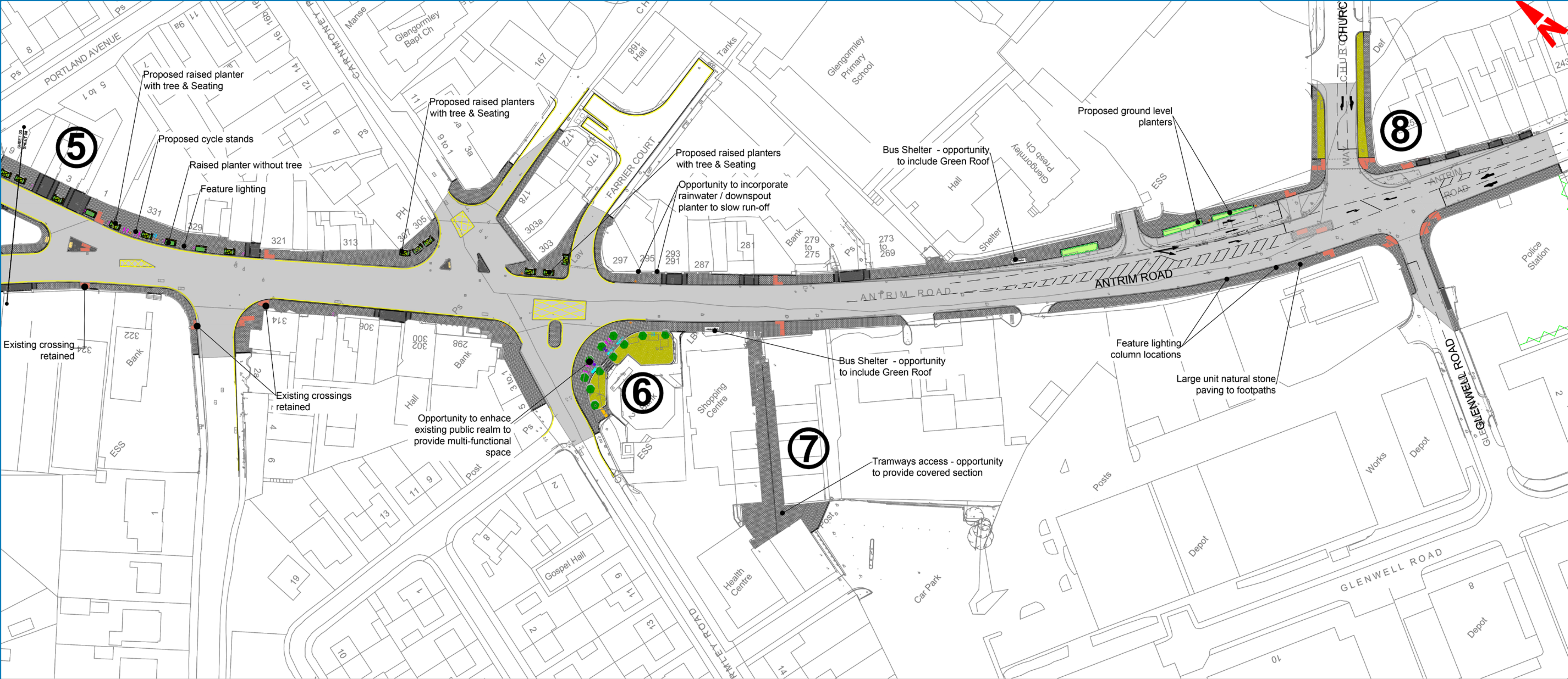
- 1. Provision of new footpath surfacing adjacent to the Lilian Bland Community Park and improvements to the pedestrian access point.
- 2. New high-quality surfacing and kerbs proposed between the edge of the carriageway and the building line/frontage to aesthetically improve this parking area.
- 3. Reconfiguration of the existing parking bay, including replacement railings and resurfacing with high quality materials, to enhance the vehicular and pedestrian access to the existing shops.

- 4. Reconfiguration of the existing vehicular access points to existing parking area, including buff tactile paving on crossing points and resurfacing of footpath with high quality materials, to improve pedestrian linkage. Resurfacing of the parking area is being considered.

General Improvements

- Improve existing pedestrian facilities, by introducing tactile paving and dropped kerbs at all existing crossing points.
- Provide dropped kerbs, level changes, and variations in paving unit colour and size to delineate vehicle and service access across footpaths.

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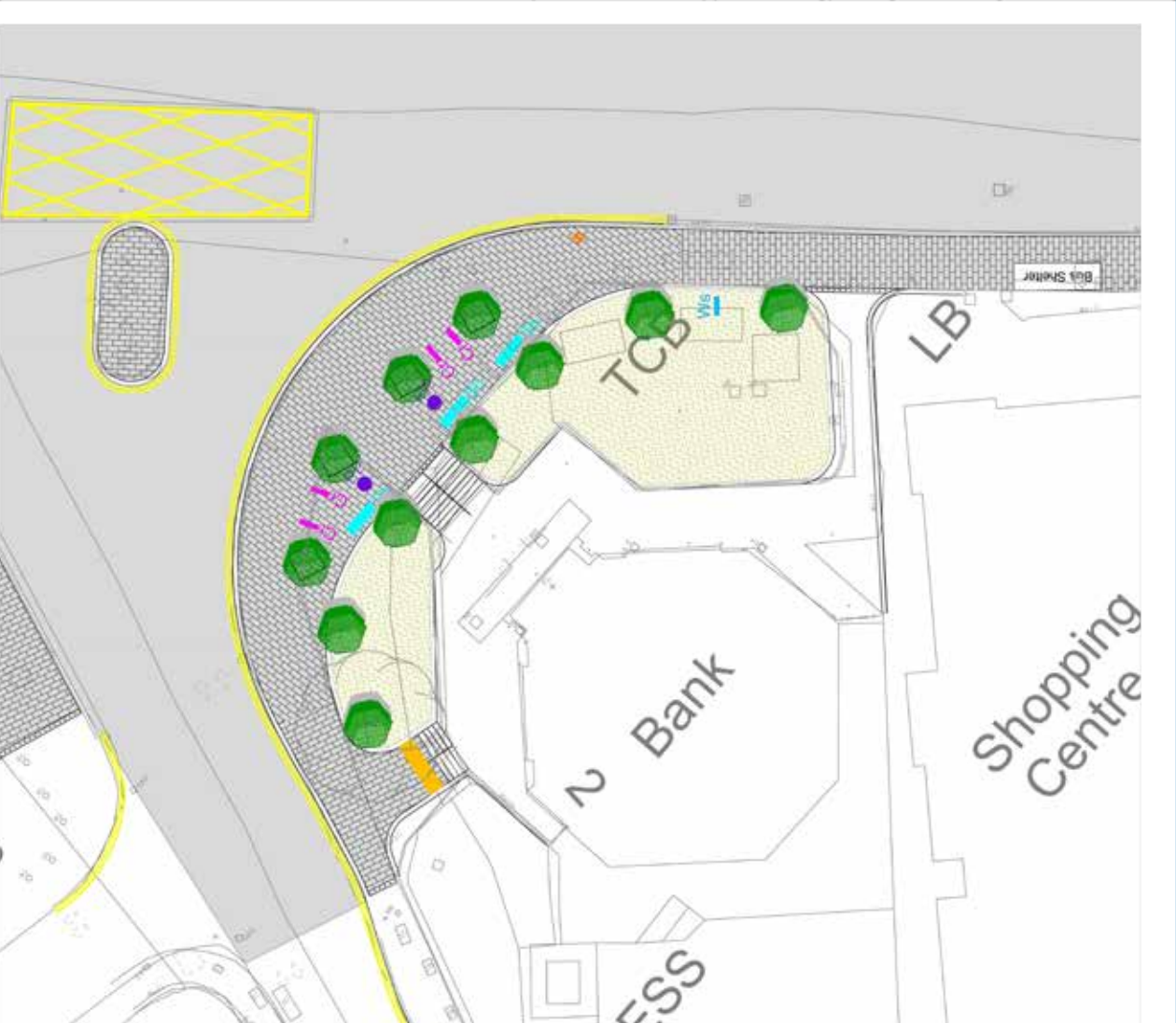


- 5.** Resurface footpaths between the edge of the carriageway and the building line/frontage with high quality materials (i.e. natural stone), with variations in material colour and level changes to identify existing vehicular access points. Raised planters, feature lighting columns, and cycle racks will be introduced to enhance this key nodal point in the town centre.
- 6.** Reconfiguration of the footpaths to create a new civic space at this location. New tree and amenity planting, seating, lighting, cycle racks will be introduced to create an attractive dwell space. Pop up power supplies will be installed, which will assist in facilitating community events at this location in the future.
- 7.** Resurfacing of the existing pedestrian linkage from the entrance of the Tramways Centre, through to the parking area at the rear, adjacent to Farmley Road Public Car Park.
- 8.** As part of a separate project in early 2023, the Council will reconfigure the Antrim Road / Church Way / Glenwell Road junction to incorporate additional turning lanes and improve pedestrian crossing facilities.

Following this, these environmental improvements propose resurfacing all newly realigned footpaths with high quality paving, to improve pedestrian crossing facilities.

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04 Materials

Natural Stone Paving Options



Image of high quality natural stone paving - Dark Grey Granite with Silver kerbs, trims and channels.



Image of potential alternative natural stone paving - Sandstone



Image of potential alternative natural stone paving - Buff Granite



Image of potential paving insert



Image of potential etched paving as streetscape feature

Feature Seating



Illustration of concrete multi-functional feature seat



Illustration of integrated timber and reconstituted stone feature seating

Cycle Stands



Illustration of cycle stand with integrated bike protection strip

Seating Options



Timber and Steel bench and seat - with integrated lighting and table features



Raised planter with integrated 'Perch' seating

Green Concepts



Illustration of Bee Bustop

Street Trees

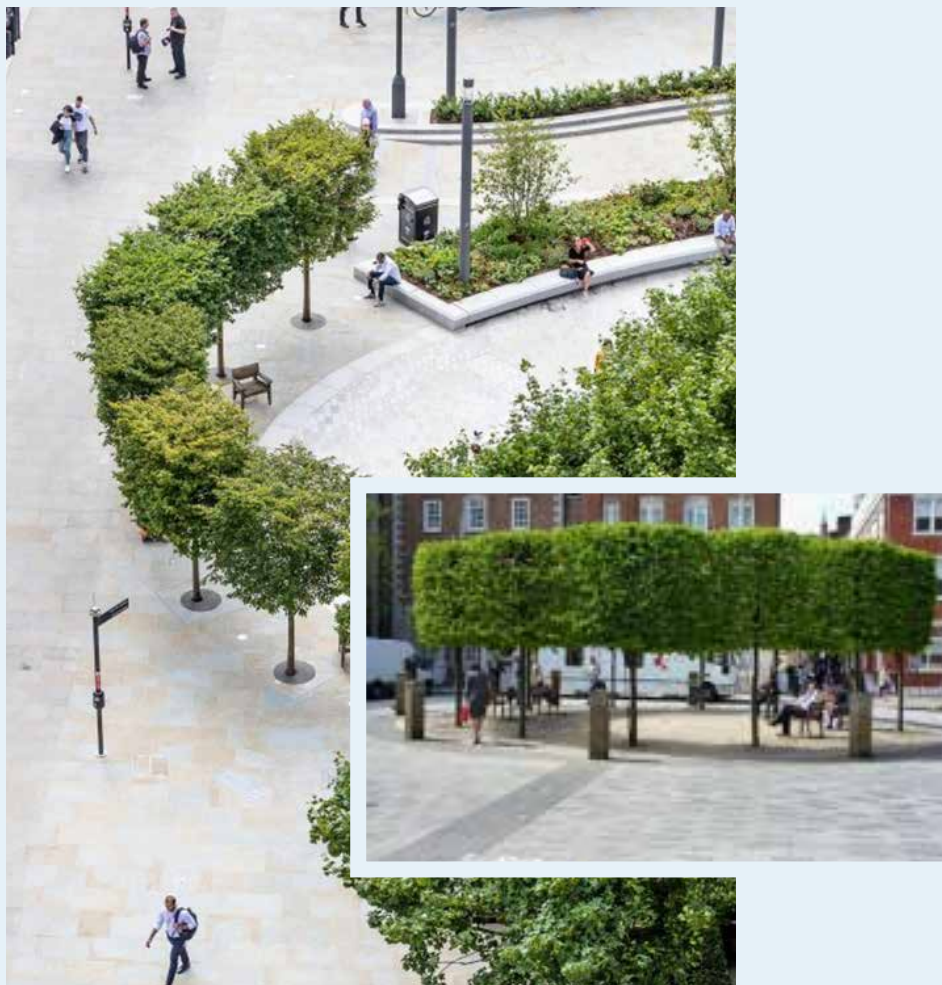


Illustration of proposed street trees with or without clipped / shaped canopies aiding definition of public spaces



Illustration of proposed street tree within public realm

SMART/Sustainable Elements



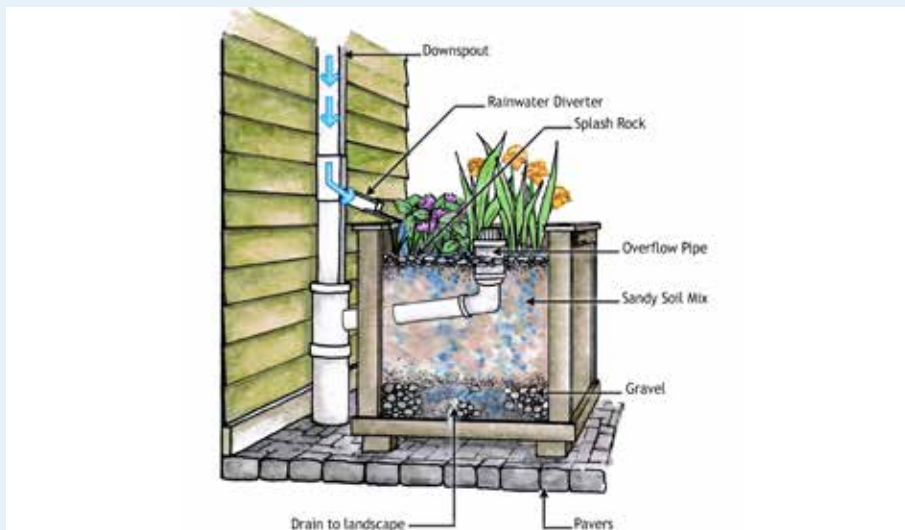
Images of potential SMART Bench and Seating - offering phone charging, wifi hotspot, branding surfaces. Powered by solar power



Image of potential SMART bins for recycling and litter



Images of potential water re-fill stands for use with the public realm scheme

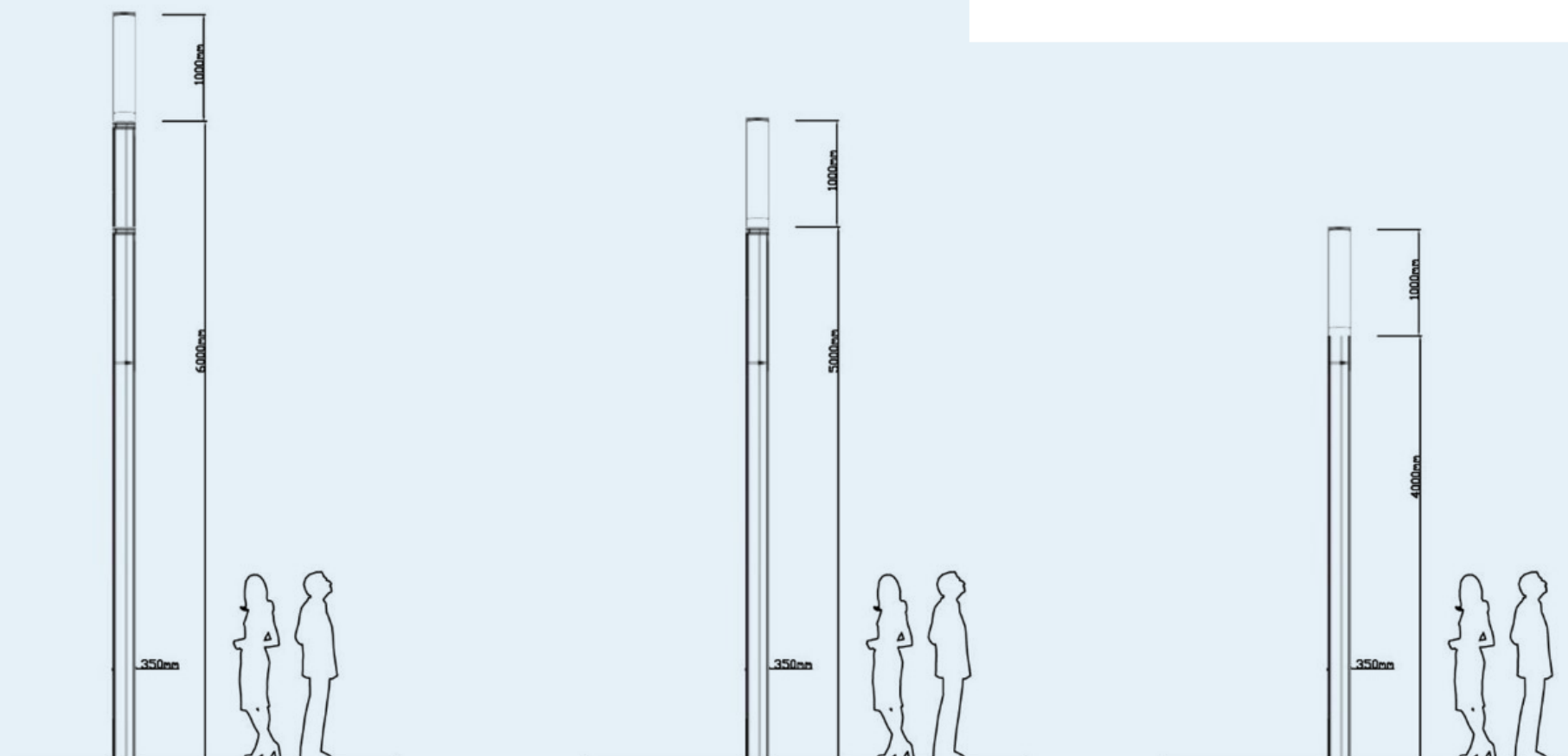


Sketch of potential downspout intervention to aid urban drainage



Image of potential downspout intervention

Feature Lighting Concepts



Potential feature lighting columns
Potential for inclusion within public realm at key nodal points to act as gateway features on Antrim Road and Ballyclare Road

05 Have your Say!

We want to understand the views of the local community prior to finalising the design of the proposed works and making a formal application, so we would welcome any comments you wish to make. The plans, as presented here, may be refined further prior to submission to the Local Planning Authority and the views of the local community are an important part of that process.

How can I provide feedback / comments?

To find out about the project, view the proposed environmental improvements and provide feedback, please visit our project website, which will be available from 17th October to 11th November 2022 (inclusive):

Website: www.antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/YourGlengormley

A Public Consultation Event will take place on:

- Date: **Wednesday 26th October 2022**
- Time: 12 noon - 7pm
- Location: Lilian Bland Pavilion, 38 Carnmoney Road, Glengormley




Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and its design team, RPS will be available to talk through the proposals, answer any queries and collate feedback. A **presentation on the draft proposals** will be delivered at **5.30pm** in the Lilian Bland Pavilion, and members of the public are invited to attend.

An Online / Telephone Consultation Event will be held on:

- Date: **Thursday 27th October 2022**
- Time: 12 noon - 7pm

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and its design team, RPS will be available to talk through the proposals, answer any queries and collate feedback. If you wish to join this event, please email: pacc@rpsgroup.com with your contact details, noting your preference for Zoom, MS Teams or telephone.

You can submit comments/feedback during the above events, or alternatively via:

-  pacc@rpsgroup.com
-  Glengormley Town Centre EI Scheme, RPS, Elmwood House, 74 Boucher Road, Belfast BT12 6RZ
-  www.antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/YourGlengormley

All comments or feedback should be received no later than **Friday 11th November 2022**.

If you are unable to access the project details online or would like further information on the proposals, please email us at: pacc@rpsgroup.com

All information received will be processed in line with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and will be used solely for the purposes of this consultation or replying to requests for further information.

Please Note: Any comments you make to us are not representations to the Planning Authority and do not in any way affect your statutory right to make representations to the Planning Authority, with regard to any application submitted to them, in respect of this proposal.

What Next?

All comments received during the public consultation will be considered by the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and its design team, RPS. These will inform the final design proposals which will be submitted to Local Planning Authority with the planning application later this year. Subject to securing the necessary approvals, it is hoped that the scheme will be delivered on the ground in 2025.

