

# ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Policy Screening Form

1.	Policy Reference (Equality use only)	E 182
2.	Policy Name	Portaferry Public Realm Scheme
3.	Existing / Revised / New Policy	New Scheme
4.	Responsible Officer	Director of Regeneration, Development and Planning
5.	Description of policy to be screened	<p>The project will deliver a £1.2M capital value public realm improvement scheme in Portaferry. The scheme boundary potentially includes Ferry Street, Castle Street and the Market Square.</p> <p>The public realm scheme shall see the use of high quality materials and creative design to deliver a safe and attractive route for pedestrians through the town, as well as one that celebrates and interprets the local history and architectural heritage for residents and visitors.</p> <p>The nature and scope of the service will predominantly comprise a combination of landscape and civil engineering design elements to enable the client to deliver public realm improvement works.</p>
	Aims and Expected Outcomes – what is the Policy expected to achieve?	<p>The public realm scheme is to improve access and the ambience of the area identified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• connecting tourist destinations within the town</li> <li>• wider and more connected footpaths</li> <li>• improving street lighting</li> <li>• resurfacing footpaths with sustainable material</li> <li>• the incorporation of street furniture</li> <li>• possible improvement of traffic flow</li> <li>• reflect and enhance the history of the town through new and existing features</li> <li>• tree and shrub planting</li> <li>• parking within market square should be reviewed to create a civic heart for the town</li> </ul> <p>The current streetscape has not had investment in over 20 years and is very hazardous with regard to uneven pavement surfaces, lack of tactile paving at crossing points, narrow footpaths and poor lighting throughout. Upgrading these obvious issues will directly benefit some</p>

		of the core section 75 groups, especially in regards to mobility.
6.	Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit and how they may benefit.	The proposed scheme will have a direct impact upon people with a disability, visual impairment, people with mobility issues, older people, families, carers and young people.
7.	Factors which could contribute to / detract from the intended aims / outcomes of the Policy when being implemented	Existing steep sections of footpath and high levels of bedrock will dictate what final surface material and build-up we can use. Final material selections and build-up will be to adoptable standards as outlined by DFI Roads.
8.	The main stakeholders on whom the policy will impact. For example, Employees, Potential Service Users and Community Groups Consider the internal and external impacts (either actual or potential) and comment, or list, information where appropriate	The Council, Council Officers, Elected Members, private sector, Chamber of Trade. Northern Ireland Departments, their Agencies, non – Departmental Public Bodies (NDPBs), potential visitors to the area, suppliers and potential suppliers. Designers, Architects, Landscape Consultants, residents and other users of the town.
9.	Please provide details of other policies which have a bearing on this one.	
	E 14 Sustainability and Environmental Policy E 15 Ards and North Down Borough Council - Corporate Plan E 27 Lands and Property Policy E 28 Corporate Complaints policy and procedure E 112 Notice of Motion – memorial benches in towns and villages E 113 Requests to Light Up Buildings - Policy Review E 122 Ards and North Down Borough Council Pavement Licensing Guidance E 130 Integrated Tourism, Regeneration and Development Strategy E 142 Ards and North Down Borough Council Portaferry Integrated Village Plan	Ards and North Down Borough Council
10.	Available evidence (quantitative and qualitative) considered as important to encourage completion in relation to :	
	Religious Belief	<b>Summary:</b> The Northern Ireland Census 2011 (NISRA) statistics for the Borough area showed that 75% are or have been brought up in Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related) religions. While this varied across the borough from 17% in Portaferry ward to 87% in Carrowdore ward this does not have any relation to this policy. These compared to 48% for Northern Ireland as a

whole. See table below

**Data: Religion or Religion Brought up in** (Numbers with % in brackets)

	All usual residents	Catholic	Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related)	Other Religions	None
Northern Ireland	1,810,863 (100%)	817,385 (45%)	875,717 (48%)	16,592 (1%)	101,169 (6%)
Ards and North Down Borough Council	156,672 (100%)	20,550 (13%)	117,589 (75%)	1,729 (1%)	16,804 (11%)
Portaferry Settlement	2,511 (100%)	2,113 (84%)	309 (12%)	9 (0%)	80 (3%)

**Source:** [Religion or religion brought up in. Census 2011, NISRA](#)

**Political Opinion**

**Summary:** Electoral Office data from recent Local Government elections detail the political representation on Ards and North Down Council, The Stormont Executive for this electoral area and Westminster election. This data is an approximate measure of political opinion of the voting electorate within the Borough. Turnout to vote in North Down and Strangford constituencies tend to be lower than the rest of NI suggesting less strong political opinions. Of those who do turn out, the results show preferences for voting Unionist parties. See table below

**Data: Council Election results**

The most recent local council election (22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014) showed:

	Eligible Electorate	Votes Polled (% Turnout)	Elected Candidate							
			DUP	Sinn Féin	UUP	SDLP	Alliance	Independent	TUV	Green
Northern Ireland	1,243,649	638,332 (51.3%)	130	105	88	66	32	15	13	4
Ards and North Down Borough Council	112,077	47,161 (42.1%)	17		9	1	7	2	1	3

Ards Peninsula (DEA)	16,656	7,369 (44.2%)	3	1	1	1			
Bangor Central (DEA)	17,194	6,678 (38.8%)	2	2		1			1
Bangor East and Donaghadee (DEA)	16,956	6,915 (40.8%)	3	1		1	1		
Bangor West (DEA)	13,479	5,448 (40.4%)	2	1		1			1
Comber (DEA)	13,681	6,272 (45.8%)	2	1		1		1	
Hollywood and Clondeboye (DEA)	14,158	6,229 (44.0%)	2	1		1			1
Newtownards (DEA)	19,953	8,250 (41.4%)	3	2		1	1		

**Source:** [The Electoral Office, NI](#)

Since the election in 2014 for local Councillors changes to the political make-up of the Council have taken place. The current makeup of the Council as at December 2017 was:

18 DUP, 8 UUP, 3 Independents, 2 Greens with 7 Alliance, 1 SDLP and 1 TUV.

Racial Group

**Summary:** NISRA, NINIS and Northern Ireland Strategic Migration Partnership data provide up to date data. The 2011 census showed that 32,000 (1.8%) of the usually resident population in Northern Ireland is from a minority ethnic background. Within the borough, the 2011 Census showed that 1.5% (2,300) were from a minority ethnic background. Across the borough this ranged from 5.2% in Loughview ward to 0.3% in Lisbane ward.

See table below

**Data: Ethnic Group** (Numbers with % in brackets)

	All usual residents	White	Chinese	Indian	Bangladeshi	Other Asian	Black African	Black Other	Mixed	Other
Northern Ireland	1,810,863	1,778,449 (98%)	6,303 (0%)	6,198 (0%)	540 (0%)	6,089 (0%)	2,345 (0%)	1271 (0%)	6,014 (0%)	3,654 (0%)

	(100%)										
Ards and North Down Borough Council	156,672 (100%)	154,365 (99%)	406 (0%)	283 (0%)	177 (0%)	415 (0%)	139 (0%)	132 (0%)	556 (0%)	199 (0%)	
Ards Peninsula	156,672 (100%)	23,367 (99%)	26 (0%)	19 (0%)	5 (0%)	19 (0%)	6 (0%)	2 (0%)	51 (0%)	29 (0%)	
Bangor Central	23,524 (100%)	24,469 (98%)	105 (0%)	43 (0%)	17 (0%)	43 (0%)	26 (0%)	32 (0%)	119 (0%)	38 (0%)	
Bangor East and Donaghadee	24,892 (100%)	22,648 (99%)	56 (0%)	27 (0%)	10 (0%)	91 (0%)	11 (0%)	2 (0%)	82 (0%)	19 (0%)	
Bangor West	22,946 (100%)	17,763 (98%)	19 (0%)	135 (0%)	2 (0%)	116 (0%)	3 (0%)	26 (0%)	73 (0%)	15 (0%)	
Comber	18,152 (100%)	18,216 (99%)	30 (0%)	8 (0%)	9 (0%)	35 (0%)	4 (0%)	8 (0%)	55 (0%)	17 (0%)	
Hollywood and Clondeboye	18,382 (100%)	20,061 (98%)	65 (0%)	31 (0%)	23 (0%)	81 (0%)	81 (0%)	56 (0%)	101 (0%)	61 (0%)	
Newtownards	20,560 (100%)	27,841 (99%)	105 (0%)	20 (0%)	111 (0%)	30 (0%)	8 (0%)	6 (0%)	75 (0%)	20 (0%)	
Portaferry Settlement	2,511 (100%)	2,496 (99%)	6 (0%)	1 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (0%)	1 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (0%)	4 (0%)	

**Source:** [Ethnic Group, Census 2011, NISRA](#)

**Age**  
 NISRA have published population projections for the Borough which show that the proportion of those aged 85 and over are expected to more than double within the next 25 years.  
 ANDBC has the highest % population of older people in Northern Ireland.  
 See table below

**Data: Age Groups** (Numbers with % in brackets)

	0-15	16-39	40-64	65+	Total
Northern Ireland	385,200 (21%)	583,116 (31%)	591,481 (32%)	291,824 (16%)	<b>1,851,621 (100%)</b>
Ards and North Down Borough Council	29,801 (19%)	43,239 (27%)	54,094 (34%)	31,663 (20%)	<b>158,797 (100%)</b>
Portaferry Settlement	508 (20%)	973 (39%)	612 (24%)	418 (17%)	2,511 (100%)

**Sources:** [Demography and Methodology Branch, NISRA](#)  
[World Health Organization](#)

**Marital Status**  
 The 2011 Northern Ireland Census showed that 48% of adults (those aged over 16 years of age) in Northern Ireland were either married or in a registered same-sex civil partnership. Within the borough, 54% of adults fell into this category. This varies across the borough from 36% in Central (Ards) ward to 64% in Lisbane ward.

	<p>See table below  <b>Data: Marital Status (All aged 16+)</b> (Numbers with % in brackets)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>All usual residents</th> <th>Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership)</th> <th>Married</th> <th>In a registered same-sex civil partnership</th> <th>Separately registered or still legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership)</th> <th>Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved</th> <th>Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Northern Ireland</td> <td>1,431,540 (100%)</td> <td>517,393 (36%)</td> <td>680,831 (48%)</td> <td>1,243 (0%)</td> <td>56,911 (4%)</td> <td>78,074 (5%)</td> <td>97,088 (7%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ards and North Down Borough Council</td> <td>126,945 (100%)</td> <td>36,730 (29%)</td> <td>67,866 (53%)</td> <td>123 (0%)</td> <td>4,328 (3%)</td> <td>8,548 (7%)</td> <td>9,350 (7%)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="#">Northern Ireland 2011 Census, Marital Status</a></p>		All usual residents	Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership)	Married	In a registered same-sex civil partnership	Separately registered or still legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership)	Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved	Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership	Northern Ireland	1,431,540 (100%)	517,393 (36%)	680,831 (48%)	1,243 (0%)	56,911 (4%)	78,074 (5%)	97,088 (7%)	Ards and North Down Borough Council	126,945 (100%)	36,730 (29%)	67,866 (53%)	123 (0%)	4,328 (3%)	8,548 (7%)	9,350 (7%)
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Sexual orientation	<p><b>Summary:</b> It should be noted that no reliable data is available on sexual orientation-NISRA are currently examining methodology on how to measure this. However, the 2011 census indicates that less than 1% of the Northern Ireland adult population (those aged 16 years and over) were in a registered same-sex civil partnership. This was similar to the borough as a whole. The Continuous Household Survey in Northern Ireland estimated this figure between 0.9% and 1.9% in 2015-2016. The Office for National Statistics estimates a similar range for the United Kingdom (1.7%).</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="#">Northern Ireland 2011 Census, Marital Status</a>  <a href="#">ONS 2015 Sexual Identity</a></p>																								
Men & Women generally	<p>According to census (NISRA) almost half of the population of Northern Ireland were male (49%) and this was similar throughout Ards and North Down Borough Council (48%). See table below</p> <p><b>Data:</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Males</th> <th>Females</th> <th>All</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Northern Ireland</td> <td>887,323 (49%)</td> <td>923,540 (51%)</td> <td>1,810,863 (100%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ards and North Down Borough Council</td> <td>75,920 (48%)</td> <td>80,752 (52%)</td> <td>156,672(100%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Portaferry Settlement</td> <td>1,280 (51%)</td> <td>1,231 (49%)</td> <td>2,511 (100%)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="#">Age Structure, Census 2011, NISRA</a>  <a href="#">Review of statistical classification and delineation of settlements, NISRA</a></p>		Males	Females	All	Northern Ireland	887,323 (49%)	923,540 (51%)	1,810,863 (100%)	Ards and North Down Borough Council	75,920 (48%)	80,752 (52%)	156,672(100%)	Portaferry Settlement	1,280 (51%)	1,231 (49%)	2,511 (100%)								
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Disability	<p>The 2011 Census (NISRA) showed that 20% of the population in Ards and North Down area had a health issue or disability (including those related to old age) which has lasted or expected to last at least 12 months. (This was similar to the Northern Ireland figure of 21%.)</p>																								

<b>Disability Living Allowances, 2015</b>		
	2015 (Disability Living Allowance Recipients)	2015 (Multiple Disability Benefits) *MDB is aggregated data from Attendance Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance data, and data for Employment and Support allowance
Northern Ireland	209,280	251,490
Ards and North Down Borough Council	13,840	18,080
Ards Peninsula	2,920	n/a
Bangor Central	2,250	n/a
Bangor East and Donaghadee	1,740	n/a
Bangor West	1,650	n/a
Comber	1,270	n/a
Holywood and Clondeboy	1,180	n/a
Newtownards	2,840	n/a
<a href="#">Northern Ireland Census 2011 Long-term health problem or disability by long-term problem or disability</a>		
Dependents	<p><b>Summary:</b> In considering this dimension the following have been included: persons with responsibility for the care of a child, children, a person with a disability and or an older person. According to the Continuous Household Survey, 2013-2016, 37% of Ards and North Down claimed to have a dependent (This did not differentiate on the type of dependent). According to the 2011 Census, 7,474 households in Ards and North Down had a dependent child under the age of 4 (This might give an indication on the numbers who would have buggies or prams).</p> <p><b>Sources:</b> Continuous Household Survey</p>	

11.	Based on data previously provided what are the needs, experiences and priorities for each of the following categories, in relation to this policy/decision?	
	Religious Belief	<b>Religious Belief</b> - While the policy will positively, directly impact upon people with disability, visual impairment, people with mobility issues, older people, families, carers and young people, it is not envisaged that people of different religious belief, political opinion, of different racial group, marital status,
	Political Opinion	
	Racial Group	
	Age	
	Marital Status	

	Sexual orientation	<p>different sexual orientation or men or women have specific needs/experiences/priorities in relation to this policy.</p> <p><b>Age</b> – The policy has potential to directly impact upon people of different age (older people and young people) of have specific needs/experiences/priorities in relation to this policy.</p> <p><b>Disability and Dependents</b>– People with a disability and carers of those with a disability or of an age that make them dependent, including people with visual impairment or mobility issues, will have specific needs/experiences. The following sections will outline some information on additional factors and safety of pedestrians to be taken into consideration in making decisions.</p>
	Men & Women generally	
	Disability	
	Dependents	

### Does this Policy require an Equality Impact Assessment?

1.	What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for each of the Section 75 categories?		
		Detail of Impact	Level of Impact Minor/Major/None
	Religious Belief	None	<p><b>Age, Disability and Dependents</b> – As noted, ANDBC acknowledges people with disability, visual impairment, people with mobility issues, older people, families, carers and young people will have specific needs / experiences / priorities in relation to the outworking of the scheme. Having consulted with Department for Infrastructure (DFI) during the early stage of concept design those responsible for delivering this scheme have agreed and incorporated many of the suggestions put forward to better the pedestrian experience for all within the town. During stage 3 they will be consulting further with various mobility groups to ensure their concerns are identified and their input incorporated within the scheme where appropriate and relevant.</p>
	Political Opinion	None	
	Racial Group	None	
	Age		
	Marital Status	None	
	Sexual orientation	None	
	Men & Women generally	None	
	Disability		
	Dependents		

2.	Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within the Section 75 equality categories?		
		If “Yes”, provide details	If “No”, provide details
	Religious Belief	No. This is a public realm scheme and cannot assist in this category.	
	Political Opinion	No	
	Racial Group	No	



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Marital Status	No
Sexual orientation	No
Men & Women generally	No
Disability	As above
Dependents	

3.	To what extent is the Policy likely to impact on Good Relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?	
	Details of Impact	Level of Impact <b>Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.</b> Minor/Major/None
	Religious Belief	None
	Political Opinion	None
	Racial Group	None

4.	Are there opportunities to better promote Good Relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?	
	If “Yes” provide details	If “No” provide details
	Religious Belief	No as the public realm scheme will enhance the area for all current and potential users.
	Political Opinion	
	Racial Group	

Additional Considerations

Multiple Identity Considerations	Details of Impact or potential impact (Positive/Negative)
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<p>Are there any potential impacts of the policy decision on people with multiple identities? (e.g. disabled minority ethnic persons). Where appropriate provide details of data on the impact of the policy on people with multiple identities. Specify relevant Section 75 categories concerned.</p>	<p>This is a public realm scheme and will impact on a broad range of individuals with multiple identities. Their needs will be addressed with best practice and appropriate regulations in regards to the provision of the scheme and appropriate furnishings and access around and to the area identified.</p>
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### Disability Discrimination Order (NI) 2006

Does this proposed policy provide an opportunity to:	Yes / No	Explain your reasoning:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>better promote positive attitudes</u> towards disabled people</li> </ul>	Yes	<p>The proposed scheme will provide much better access for disabled people and carers to all areas of the town in a comfortable and safe manner.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>increase participation by disabled people in public life</u></li> </ul>	Yes	<p>By creating a scheme that is accessible for all within the constraints of DDA compliance it will allow disabled people to feel inclusive of the project and any events created within the market square will be accommodating for disabled users.</p>

### Monitoring Arrangements

Section 75 places a requirement on the Council to have equality monitoring arrangements in place to assess the impact of policies and services, help identify barriers to fair participation and to better promote equality of opportunity.

<p>Outline what data you could collect in the future to monitor the impact of this policy / decision on <u>equality, good relations and disability duties</u></p>	<p>Complaints and comments received in relation to the consultation, work phase and access to and around the public scheme space.</p>
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I can confirm that the proposed policy / decision has been screened for:-

X	Equality of opportunity and good relations
X	Disabilities duties

On the basis of the answers to the screening questions, I recommend that this policy / decision is:-

X	Screened Out – No EQIA necessary (no impacts)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Screened Out – Mitigating Actions (minor impacts)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Screened In – Necessary to conduct a full EQIA
	Please detail actions to be taken:

Screening assessment completed by:-

Name: Julia Kane  
 Title: Corporate Project Officer  
 Date: 28 March 2019  
 Signature:

Director/Head of Service decision approved by:

Name: Andrew Scott  
 Title: Head of Performance and Projects  
 Date: 28 March 2019  
 Signature:

If an Equality Impact Assessment is required

	Priority Rating for Timetabling an Equality Impact Assessment. (1-3)	Priority Criterion	Rating
		Effect on equality of opportunity and good relations	
		Social need	
		Effect on people's daily lives	
		Relevance to a public authority's functions	

Is this Policy Affected by Timetables established by other relevant Public Authorities?	
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Monitoring Recommendation	
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Approval and Authorisation	Position/Job Title:	Date:
Screened by:	Corporate Project Officer	28 March 2019
Approved by:	Head of Performance and Projects	28 March 2019