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GETTING ARMAGH INTO SHAPE

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Guidelines

1. You have a choice to use the miro board or just watch the screen and comment.
2. There is no silly question, issue or point that can be made
3. Listen to one another and give space for others to speak
4. Everything is timed so please don't be offended if we have to move on - this link will stay open for 24 hours for you to add anything you want.
5. Stick with us and we'll lead you through!
6. Enjoy!

THE TEAM



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I work with communities to help them plan for the future of their places.



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I love to get creative and help communities be part of the change!



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**HOW CAN WE FEED THE CITY THE RIGHT THINGS, AND HELP IT TO
KEEP FIT AND HEALTHY?**



WHAT'S THE ARMAGH PLACE SHAPING PLAN ABOUT?

It is the first local plan being developed from the
COMMUNITY PLAN CONNECTED

A new approach to how we shape our city
TOGETHER

Putting PEOPLE FIRST in the process

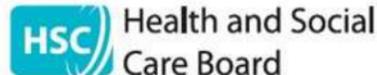
Creating a SHARED VISION for the FUTURE of
Armagh



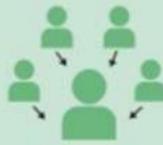
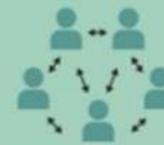
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SECTOR PANEL



Involving people in decisions

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| PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL | To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions. | To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions. | To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered. | To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution | To place the final decision-making in the hands of the public. |
| PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC | We will keep you informed | We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision | We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how community input influenced the decision | We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible | We will implement what you decide |

Place Shaping Plan for Armagh

- What are the strengths and needs specific to Armagh?
 - How do they translate spatially?
 - How do we mobilise partners' powers and functions to work towards a shared vision for the city?
 - How do we bring some of the borough-wide and regional strategies to life for Armagh?

WHAT WE DO



We believe people that live and work in a place know it best.

We like to challenge you to think about the future of your city differently.

We help communities come together to collectively design for their place.

We help you create a shared vision for your place.

We support you to help make that vision happen!



WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US SO FAR....

Young people are leaving the city

1 in 4 people in Armagh don't have access to a car

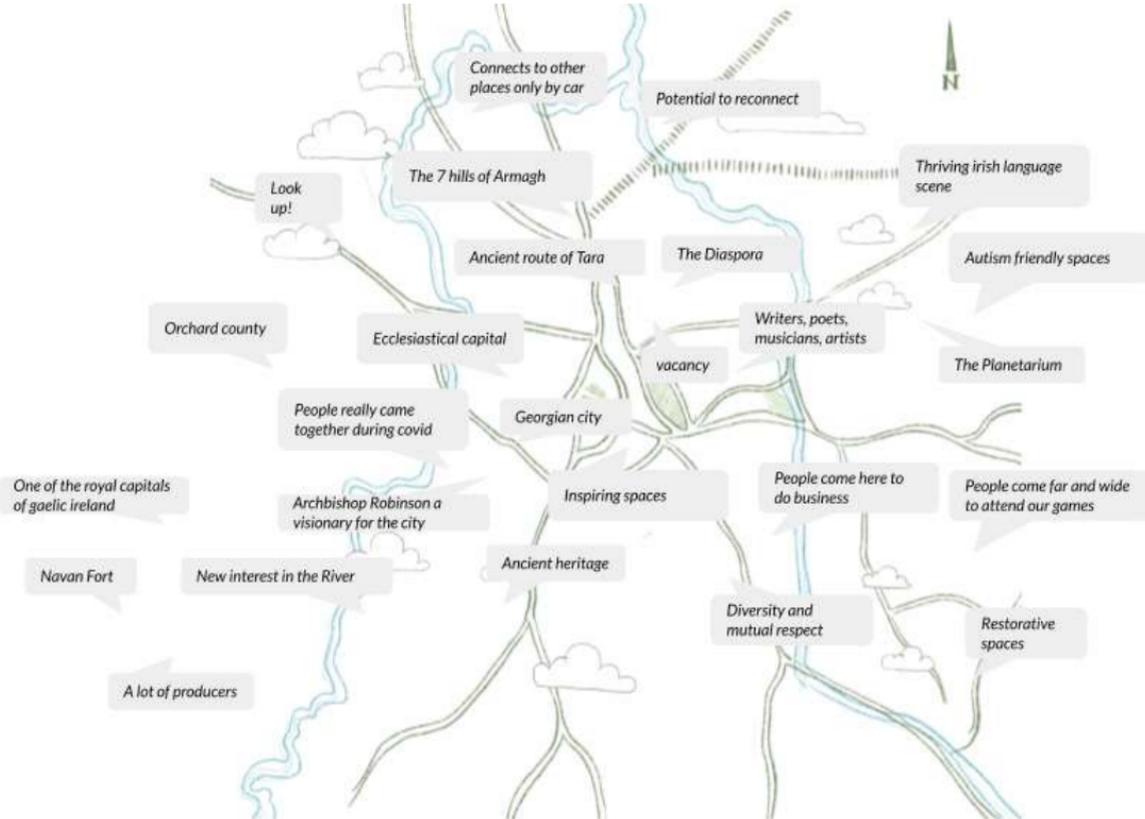
We have a lot of retail units in the city centre

We have a growing older population

We need to reduce our carbon emissions

The pandemic has made us realise what's important for our city

We have learned a lot in the past year about keeping us and our city healthy



HOW DO WE DO IT?

**We are sharing
and listening**

**We are finding out what the
issues and opportunities are**

**we are starting to develop a
fitness plan for the city**

**We test, trial, feed back and
start to define how we make it
happen**



OUR EXPERIENCE



Using street activation and community participation to create ownership and belonging.

brightideasbelfast.com

Bright Ideas - North Belfast - This site is a space to share, engage and energise ideas for North Belfast.



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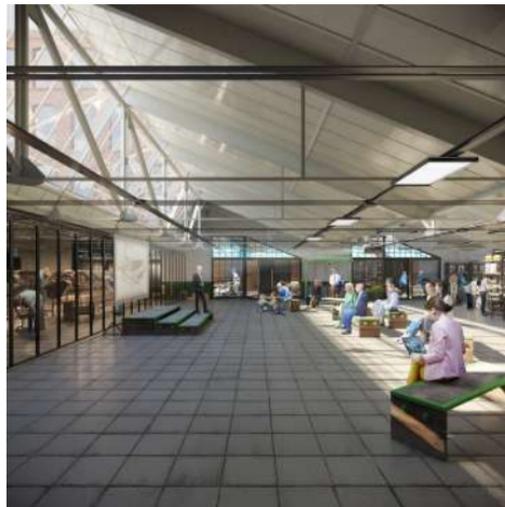


Reimagining an empty heritage building to respond to the needs of the community

portviewbelfast.org

Portview - Way Ahead

Portview will facilitate a new innovative training facility and living museum which stimulates curiosity, identifies talent, provides opportunities and encourages risk.



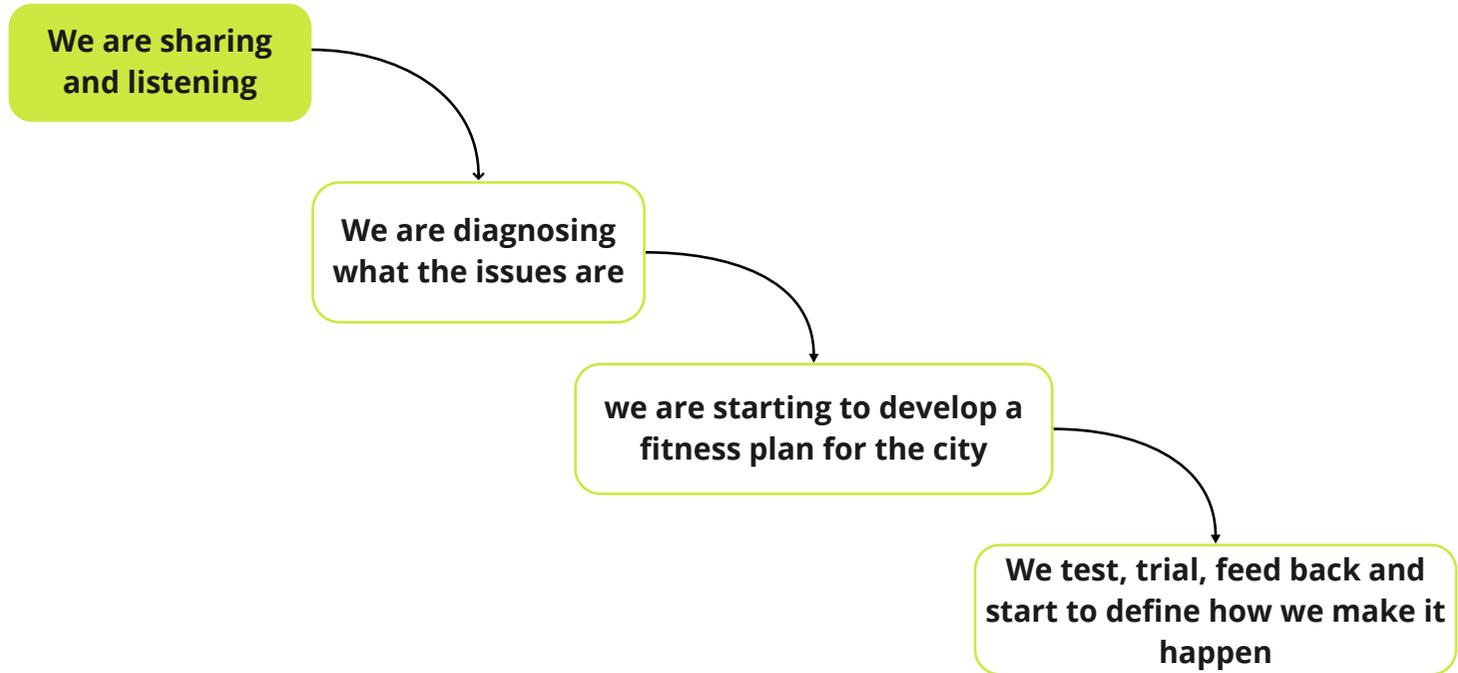
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A climate friendly approach to improving health and wellbeing along the Westlink and M2 bridges.

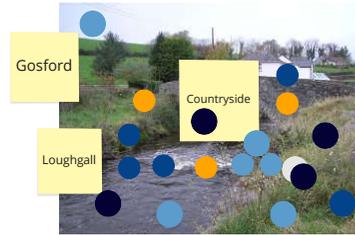


What we are going to do in this sessions



4 exercises to get to know you, Armagh and the future you dream for it!

Place the relevant coloured dots on the picture that best describes where in Armagh you...



[Live]
 [Work]
 [Buy groceries]
 [Get healthy]
 [Socialize]
 [Relax]

stay and enjoy the city

Visit the GAA

more to draw people into the city centre

walk the roads to avoid people

walk around Armagh - go for a dander

transport home after a night out is a real problem

variety of music is quieter - no club scene

people are choosing armagh to live when they work there

new developments popping up

more of a mature place to go for a night out

palace demesne

want to work in Armagh as it's beautiful

lots of walkers that work in the city

I live outside Castledawson. Shop in Cookstown and walk around country roads to get healthy. Dad from rural Armagh

Second Exercise - Armagh Stars and Stories

🕒 10 min

1. We want to find out from you what the stars and stories of Armagh are
2. Below are some examples of what we have been told so far
3. Tell us below what you think...



Second Exercise - Armagh Stars and Stories

18 min

not appreciated enough - routes to join green space

the Mall, the Palace dome, the athletic grounds, marketplace theatre, cathedrals, beautiful architecture all jewels for armagh

I think Armagh might be the only City to have no Train Station. no Mc Donalds..... which i think is great

Our Architecture and the history behind it though although some of them are "outdated" the great tour George Day Blues Festival showed

It's a reflective place!

I met my husband in school at Armagh. He asked me to marry him in Armagh

St Patrick and the Cathedral. Brothers boarded at the College so visited city every week to leave them off.

The Cathedrals and influence of St Patrick as a city of Saints and scholars. The artists, poets and creativity. The links to historical vision - a culture of learning and curiosity so everyone can thrive.

Navan Centre - Santa events and the dressing up in the stories: very real for the young

how do we get everyone to think of the common good for the whole city

lack of train station means you have to use the car

proud of working in the museum - a beautiful listed buildings

beautiful architecture and heritage

Green space - especially over the last year!

Amazing heritage and wonderful buildings

concentration of heritage sites and museums

Love to see how we join everything up together

planetarium and creating dark skies place

Walking around the mall and loving the changing seasons

traditional values of establishment figures in Armagh

library and the old infirmary

archbishops chapel

has most listed blgs

navigation of the city

The history and gorgeous architecture,

the ring road needs to come traffic that doesn't need to be there

representing individual rather than the whole community

city centre needs to be more than just shops

did you know castle street was completely rebuilt

places to sit and take in the city - reflect

bottom up ordinary people of Armagh deciding on its future

protect the spaces around our beautiful buildings

bring people back in to the city centre

Dad from Silverbridge - always felt sooo far away when travelling from home. Always felt v remote but v beautiful

places to sit and take in the city - reflect

people make places!

The Armstrong Primary School and Royal School - history and family ties

The Mall

Museum outreach events for kids

The Book of Armagh - bring the original back to Armagh!! (CoE)

views from AMMA Centre

St Patrick

beautiful architecture

Jazz in the theatre - beautiful

Culture and history of the city

Irish Street, Scotch Street, English Street

exhibitions and art.

John Hewitt meeting John Luke

Restaurants and client entertaining - armagh city hotel

archbishop Robinsons City & Architecture

Marketplace theatre. The Mall.

Famous image of the callan bridge

St Patrick links

The horse racing outside Armagh.

The concentric street pattern Dobbin St, centred on Church of Ireland

Culture, Armagh County Museum, Road bowls, Pipers Club, Merry Raffery MusicSchool

views from the AMMA centre - seeing all the Georgian building

there are so many, for me our rivers are very important - both the callan and foley rivers - the navan for its history and beauty

Stars - sporting success and clubs, the schools, it's a Georgian City, planetarium, the mall, the Giro

Ghosts...the roundabouts on the mall and deansbridge

The skyline, Buzz and colour in the city on match days. The street names in the pavement Abbey St etc

its more accessible and convenient for people

The gargoyles of Armagh!

Blue plaques society pointed out that it needs more.

One on Ogle street

Both mus

pedestrianisati on about Armagh - around market place

how do we make everyone know about these buildings

libraries and museum

similar buildings workshop / craft is essential to have this in the centre

walkability

The rivers

The Old Railway Lines

The Old hospitals

the mall and surroundings

Blues festival, Georgian day

Classes held in theatre

Rich musical history - Charles Wood - a lot of composers

Council grounds

Gosford forest park issue around parking and access

Peatlands park

Beautiful country walks around Armagh - Killylea

The views from the cathedral hills

Cafes

diverse choice of food

Gullivers Travels connections

the talent of the people

2 Museums

Orchards, appleblossom

loughgall country park

Remembrance Sunday - the significance of memorials on the Mall

library across from the old hospital/abbey street

events around the mall during eastern

how does everyone find out about these buildings

libraries could be made more accessible

it there something more we can do with Heritage Welcome centre GACs.

its really important to keep your museums and libraries central

Guided walk of Armagh in summertime

Mall & surrounding buildings, history and Churches

how the streets reflect the names

he railway should be brought back or a greenway in its place.

he orchards are fantastic

the villages that surround the city

film - a lot of actors come from Armagh - actors and creative sector

William Kennedy piping festival

Walking tours of Armagh are brilliant

Navan Fort, gosford, loughall park

countryside is very close to the actual city - easy access

Upgrade to o gosford fantastic

Planetarium inside and out - kid friendly

make it more welcoming

events in the public space connected to the blgs - the Mall

craftsmanship - showcasing this

There is so much history in the Gaol

a boutique hotel would be a real shame - look at Crumlin Road Gaol

places in the Republic that have been turned into visitors centres

stories connected to the Gaol

Family history and connections

Armagh Old Boys Silver Band - history and service to the community

Royal School & Armstrong Primary

Call an river , folly river

Road bowls

Thackeray - people would come with their aerial machine

summer evening walks in area around Navan Fort

Lunchtime walks in the Mall

John hewitt

Theatre

Independent shops

AMMA video - mincraft of the city

The history and family connections

Brian Valley renowned artist

visitors centre - the gaol is in such a good location

runs in the countryside

the annual festivals - john hewitt, georgian day, orchard weekend

Local food producers

Navan's living history - brilliant

My boys loved the Gulliver exhibit that was in the Trian

PRT stymied by traditional bodies

shambles and the clock

the essence of the city - back to ancient history

stories by pass - we concentrate on the urban legends

The Old Hospital

the beautiful countryside that surrounds the city

The history of the city nnnn

the scouts in Armagh - the gaol is in different tgs in the city

brochure about the gargoyles in the visitors centre

the irish and local studies library used to be old hospital

it is a real shame that it is going to be moved out of the city

Blues festival, busker festival

Stars Street manes reflecting history ad heritage vicars Hill, Friary Rd, Abbey St

The history and legends Queen Maca etc

Armagh International 5k and road races

the beautiful countryside that surrounds the city

the history of the city nnnn

Walk leader(22 people) Palace of the Mall Folly up to Newry road

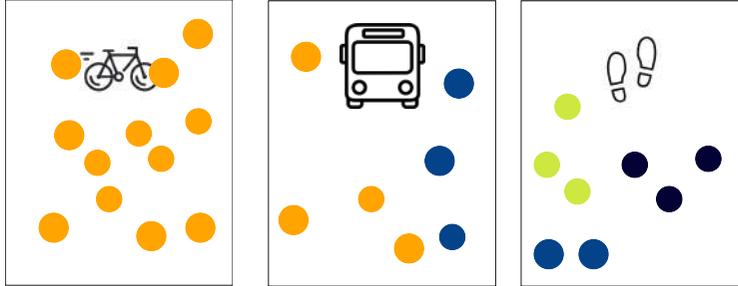
Planetarium

walking around the streets - it has a unique feel

Folly river walk

Journey and barriers

How often do you use...
Take a circle and place it below in the corresponding means of transportation



● [Daily]
 ● [Once a week]
 ● [Once in a month]
 ● [I don't]

the shop shutters make the place feel threatening

I take my car because the streets don't feel safe - unfriendly threatening place at night time

owners that own property -and keep it closed

Armagh is a through-route city

It's not safe, poor lighting, speeding traffic, lack of joined up & safe routes

to bring the children to armagh, i drive, and sometimes take the bikes

Armagh is a through route city - it's not safe to walk in the city centre at night

no train station

I don't live in Armagh so I would drive in to use services/tourist facilities/outdoor spaces

infrequent timetabling

City centre is quite congested at peak times

I usually drive to Armagh and walk around it

The town is very dark at night - it's doesn't feel safe

perceived safety vs actual safety

If there was more housing in the centre of town with more evening activity it may provide a safer environment

level of traffic

some of the nice walking routes have physical barriers

Traffic speed and traffic - it is not safe.

50 weeks ago they talked about a bypass (let the traffic out)

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most people don't cycle on the road

better link

For a city it doesn't have train facilities

Walk around the city centre at night - it's not safe to walk in the city centre at night

it is not a safe place to cycle

the trainline could make people commute

making it more appealing to live in the city - work with landlords more to make places

learning city

comes from new direction and in reverse heading out

Queens used old city hospital for a period

not that welcoming for anyone who doesn't know Armagh

don't see many people using the city

The Mall is very congested

thinking about the route people WANT to walk - beautiful walks - work with these

never cycle

need a more nippy service of bus

I would use the train from Portdown

Armagh is a through route city - it's not safe to walk in the city centre at night

level of traffic

more cycling infrastructure

no safe routes

get the train from Portdown

I don't live in Armagh but if going to meetings can often park quite close and walk

stop and look shop

walking - too much traffic, it is very loud and not a walk that I would enjoy

The Mall is like a giant roundabout! Nobody's stopping

Safety factor if isolate area

not spread of bus services across the city

Need to improve cleanliness & safety

I usually drive to Armagh and walk around it

I would rather take the bikes to Gosford - it's not safe on the streets

working with the landowners and churches to open routes

cycle paths just suddenly

Don't use public transport

connecting all the modes - interchange

Don't feel safe on the bike on the road

safety of walking for women

take a risk and see what happens if you open the gates

lack of safe cycle routes

no safe routes close by

Don't take the bus, always driving, not on a good public transport route

level of traffic

the less mobile you become the more reliant you become on the car

getting people to live in the city

we need things for young people

serious road accident on the mall - portacabin fell onto the mall

unless you want to spend the whole day in armagh

getting a university in armagh would encourage young people to stay

If you look at Lynsey's to Royal School Armagh/Armstrong - how can you expect children to cycle to school.

Filtered permeability on the education board side would work.

vicar's hill

There needs to be a rates holiday for first five years in business to attract new business to come to Armagh.

I don't live in Armagh but if going to meetings can often park quite close and walk

poor timetable options for buses

massive buses

amount of lorries puts me off

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got knocked off my bike on more than one occasion

environmental enhancement scheme doesn't work - you wouldn't cross it

Not aware of routes etc.

bottom of Newry Road it's like a wasteland - not very pedestrian friendly

sustrans route to cycle is not safe

The town might feel safer if more people lived in there....

City centre is quite congested at peak times

great work on shop fronts - more of this!

safety in public space

Don't take the bus, always driving, not on a good public transport route

traffic along Mall East and Mall West, Cars in Market St

don't cycle because of the 7 hills

primary route from newry to mid ulster and beyond

the volume of traffic in Armagh is atrocious

even during lockdown the traffic is also built up

we need a by pass to take the heavy traffic out of the city

the ring road was mooted 50 years ago

we don't have access to public transport

fold in the city centre

there are local bus services

Why it does not connect to the main road

car has been the main culprit

it is a 2 miles to get to bus stop

car are the reason why people don't live in the city

Make more appealing to live in the city

train line

new college - space

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The year is 2050...

1. Look at the ideas for imagining Armagh
2. Use the dots to highlight your favourites
3. Add any other ideas you have for Armagh

What if the high street was the place to connect to nature?

Grab a dot and drag it over the images you love best



urban agriculture



meeting spaces



showcasing food and produce



spaces for wellbeing



cultural spaces

What other ideas do you have?

I think bring green architecture into the city would compliment what is there already e.g. the Mall

pocket parks

Multi functional but green, green, greenspaces!

Traffic free cycle paths between the various nature spaces could really attract visitors

Meeting spaces and spaces for wellbeing. City Centre parks and greenspaces. Outdoor gyms etc

The Mall Quarter

Mall as the high street? Agree it could be a wonderful tourist attraction

Mall acts as a barrier - Georgian facade - everything happens around Market Street

it would be great to buy armagh apples in armagh

shambles market could be much better - tue and thur

it's too expensive to set a stall up

now it is recognized that it is for wellbeing - it always being done

the 15, required is just too prohibitive and excludes local groups/banks from being able to take

there are coming from new Z.

showcase more food and produce

wellbeing has become more important to me recently

we just enjoy the idea of getting out

recognised as being part of your own wellbeing

The Mall is great for meeting and maybe some businesses as it would be good for meeting/trading. Although I think there are licensing issues around businesses on the mall.

Mall worked really well for outdoor play particularly for those with additional support needs

steps of the library

continental feel about the city

armagh needs accessible coffee shops

Pedestrianisation

Community involvement in the projects

Having more natural spaces within city centre will also improve accessibility for different populations - having quieter spaces for autistic or neurodiverse individuals as city centres can be very busy and difficult for some!

need for additional 'hotdesking' space going forward

more green spaces

Armagh desperately needs places to meet outside - more seating, more options.

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Any other idea?



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What if the city helped everyone feel part of it?

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Public square



dancing in the street



places for community to come together



making exercise fun



playing in the street

What other ideas do you have?

all of these!

identified all the mall with a children's play area - however, we had some negative part of the mall - the public art there - attracting people to sit and play

what are the magnets that will draw people in to these spaces

treetop walk around the mall

non fixed play

high level of BAME in the Armagh area

educating people to help integrate

cooking projects

Craigavon multicultural - valentina stefanich (bulgarian ass)

I think rural Armagh has a strong tradition of street boules I think. Might be an idea to bring it into the centre

I love all of these - imagine fun exercises / yoga on the Mall - how fantastic!

Make better use of Market Square

Live music

Armagh has a problem with anti-social behavior such as vandalism, underage drinking, littering and so on. There is an urgent need to connect with young people and help them see that Armagh is a place they can be proud of.

yarn bombing

Old piggin in Navan Fort and was amazing in our beautiful space

Bringing the whole community together and having accessibility as a central theme within this - for existing services and new ideas!

tai chi on the mall

"Retail sites in Armagh could have been turned into a skating alley or an ice skating rink"

bullets is the original name for road bowling

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What if the river becomes the coolest in the UK?

Grab a dot and drag it over the images you love best



Celebrating water



Sunglaze, how to survive that day's sun. Remain sane year water fight.



7 Inspiring And Refreshing Water Festivals Around The World



Discover nature



Bring people to the river



Bring light to the river



lots of the callan would be accessible - hamiltonsbarron road to newry road - extend

What other ideas do you have?

A collection of colorful sticky notes with various ideas for Armagh's future:

- The rivers and associated bridges are currently rife with anti social behaviour which needs to be addressed before the general public will use these areas
- pathway beside the Callan not far from the windmill - needs to be continued
- bridge that arthur luke painted over the callan river - hidden gem
- bring wildlife and biodiversity into the city
- Old Hospital, Old Workhouse, Graveyards
- the shambles yard be used for more concerts and art events
- Shambles Markets deftly could be better used. And a mall/restaurant from macaris
- dancing in the street does happen at blues festival
- We need to clean our rivers - the Folly is bad in places
- Friends of the callan river
- Friends of the folly river
- Playing the street - table tennis tables on the mall, giant chess.
- Folly river area is not connected to the town
- places to stop off
- workhouse
- birthplace of st malachy who died on second trip to Rome - Ogle
- The Imanian way - ancient route of Tara
- The old hospital
- Windmill Hill
- The Holy Wells
- increased interest
- ideas around making the river more accessible - wildlife gardens -
- lots of the callan would be accessible - hamiltonsbarron road to newry road - extend
- few new groups established
- callan river wildlife group
- blgs at St Luke's hospital - unused
- The Mills of Armagh
- workhouse
- birthplace of st malachy who died on second trip to Rome - Ogle
- Places for community - sunday markets - as mentioned, and food markets - lots of great local produce
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So what happens next?

- Engagement is ongoing until the end of April....we will send you out our survey
- we will be engaging with young people
- we will holding more of these workshops



Have you any other comments you would like to add?

It was lovely to meet you all. Great project and I look forward to hearing more about it.

Previous initiatives need to be reviewed to understand why they failed

the status of this plan

public getting the most from those public assets

it has never been about the people

Thank you for the invitation to be part of the conversation. Lots of great ideas.

Link the planetarium with the Palace and out to Navan Fort. Remember the huge potential of Navan as a potential World Heritage bid as part of the Kingly sites nomination!

I look forward to seeing what happens next.

the value of the development plan is key

how we bring to life Borough wide strategies for Armagh

Thank you for the opportunity to participate this evening. A really great engaging workshop - an education! Thank you for organising.

Armagh is a City and should have a bright future.

Get few basics done

Thank you for the chance to feed in.

this has been tried before

the plan should feed in

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute.



Thanks for being involved!

I personally think we need to get the basics right in Armagh - safety, cleanliness and creating places where everyone feels welcome and safe. A place where mental health is valued and we have spaces to enjoy. Armagh City has so much potential.

Armagh was the most air polluted city in N.Ireland in 2017. Not sure now where it stands now and COVID would impact that but clean air is necessary...

bring the train back to Armagh

Providing long term opportunities for the youth to keep them and their talents in the city.

We need to tie into the climate bill going through stormont.

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that was very interesting.

For questions or ideas get in touch with khadidja@urbanscaleinterventions.com