



STAGE 2 DESIGN CHARRETTE

FEEDBACK REPORT – Executive Summary

Galway City Council, supported by urban design and engagement specialists Allies and Morrison, has launched an exciting project to explore local priorities and help shape the future of Salthill Village and Seafront.

Overview of the First Stage of Engagement

During the first stage of engagement, held in February and March 2025, the project team spoke with the local community, businesses, and leisure groups to gather their views on what they love about Salthill and what improvements could be made to the area. Allies and Morrison prepared a consultation report documenting this stage, which has been published on the Galway City Council (GCC) website.

The report sets out the comments received during the first engagement events, which included drop-in “market stall” events along the Promenade and focus group sessions at the Salthill Hotel.

You can read the Stage 1 report [here](#)

Second Stage of Engagement

Building on the feedback gathered during the first stage, a second informal round of engagement took place in June 2025 to collaboratively test ideas before they are finalised. This stage aimed to validate the initial findings, define an emerging vision, and develop early strategies to form the basis of the Salthill Seafront and Village Framework.

The engagement included a two-day design charrette and a public drop-in event. The charrette brought together a cross-section of stakeholder groups who participated in the first round of

engagement. The drop-in session offered members of the public the opportunity to share their thoughts on proposals and ideas presented through artist illustrations.

Feedback from both the general public (during the drop-in event) and stakeholders (on Day 2 of the charrette) has been summarised and presented in this write-up.

This report provides an overview of the feedback gathered across the two days of the design charrette and the public drop-in session.

Next steps

The charrette process demonstrated a strong level of support for the emerging concepts.

The engagement process will help to develop a shared vision for Salthill which embraces the key themes and principles identified through the charrette.

In addition, the write-up has enabled the preparation of a concise list of “design considerations” for each concept. This will enable the refinement of concepts to inform the final strategies and project proposals.

SALTHILL CHARRETTE DAY 1

SESSION 1 : CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

Outcomes from the first round of engagement - is this a good reflection of the issues and opportunities for Salthill?

SESSION 2 : DEVELOPING A VISION FOR SALTHILL

Help to shape a vision - what are the key themes, principles and outcomes that should inform future planning and projects in the village and seafront?

SALTHILL CHARRETTE DAY 2

PUBLIC DROP-IN EVENT

Open session for members of the public to view the charrette material. Attendees were able to comment on the stage 1 engagement outcomes, help shape a vision and comment on emerging design concepts.

SESSION 3 : SHAPING THE STRATEGIES AND PROJECTS

Explore the potential strategies and projects which will help us to deliver the vision for Salthill - what are the main priorities to shape a successful, resilient place, and how can we balance different needs?