

# Appendix 1: Press Releases





# Comhairliúchán Poiblí maidir le Forbairt Pháirceanna Pobail nua i mBaile an Rí agus Lána an Mhuilleora.

# New Kingston and Millers Lane Neighbourhood Public Parks Public Consultation Event

Tá áthas ar Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe comhairliúchán poiblí neamhreachtúil agus rannpháirtíocht ar Pháirceanna Pobail nua do Bhaile an Rí agus Lána an Mhuilleora a sheoladh.

Trí pháirc spóirt a bheadh i gceist, páirc haca nua, páirc sacair uasghrádaithe agus páirc rugbaí nua. Lena chois foirgnimh pobail, pailliúin feistis agus áiseanna don aos óg, idir leanaí agus gasúir.

Tá fáilte roimh aiseolas faoin 1 Samhain 2024 chun moltaí a dhéanamh faoi dhearadh ar an dá pháirc nua, lena chinntiú go léiríonn siad aidhmeanna agus tosaíochtaí an phobail áitiúil.

Óstálfaidh MKO seisiún eolais thar ceann na Comhairle Cathrach, buail isteach:

Dáta: 17 Deireadh Fómhair 2024

Am: 1:00i.n. – 8:00i.n.

Láthair: Óstán an Chlaí Bháin, Bóthar an Chlaí Bháin, Gaillimh, H91 F62V

Buail isteach le labhairt leis an bhfoireann deartha, chun tuilleadh eolais a fháil faoina bhfuil beartaithe don dá pháirc, agus chun aon tuairim a bheadh agat a roinnt.

Cabhróidh do chuid tuairimí leis an bhfoireann deartha an dá pháirc a leagan amach – na spásanna idir eatarthu san áireamh – a mbeidh an pobal in ann a bheith bródúil astu, agus acmhainn do na glúnta atá le teacht.



Is féidir eolas faoin tionscadal a fháil ar shuíomh gréasáin an tionscadail...

Galway City Council is pleased to launch non-statutory public consultation and engagement on the new Kingston and Millers Lane Neighbourhood Parks.

The proposed parks will include three large sports facilities primarily for hockey, soccer and rugby; community buildings with changing pavilions; and children and young people's facilities.

Feedback is invited by 1 November 2024 to inform the design and development of the two new parks, to ensure they reflect the aspirations and priorities of the local community.

MKO, on behalf of Galway City Council, will host a 'drop in' consultation event on:

Date: Thursday 17 October 2024

Time: 1pm – 8pm

Location: Clybaun Hotel, Clybaun Road, Galway, H91 F62V

Come along to meet the design team, to hear more about what's proposed for the two parks, and to share your feedback.

Your input will help the design team to make the two parks – and the spaces between – locally-recognised, unique and loved places and spaces that the entire community will be proud of, and treasure for generations to come.



Read more about the project including open event details and design considerations...

[www.KingstonParkMillersLane.com](http://www.KingstonParkMillersLane.com)

# Tionscadal Pháirc Bhaile an Rí agus Lána an Mhuilleora - An Dara Comhairliúchán Poiblí Neamhreachtúil

Tá áthas ar Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe próiseas comhairliúcháin poiblí agus rannpháirtíochta neamhreachtúil ceithre seachtaine a sheoladh maidir le Tionscadal Pháirc Bhaile an Rí agus Lána an Mhuilleora.

Is deis iontach atá i dTionscadal Pháirc Bhaile an Rí agus Lána an Mhuilleora an dá spás glas sin a athshamhlú chun freastal níos fearr ar phobail Chnoc na Cathrach agus Rathúin. Samhlaítear go gcruthófar spásanna glasa inrochtana, poiblí, idirnasctha leis an tionscadal sin, ina mbeidh áiteanna tiomnaithe spóirt, spraoi, scíthe agus don nádúr.

Is é seo an dara comhairliúchán poiblí ar an tionscadal agus leanann sé ónár gcomhairliúchán poiblí deiridh i bhfómhar 2024. Rinne an Fhoireann Deartha anailís ar an aiseolas a fuarthas le linn an chéad chomhairliúcháin agus forbraíodh **6 dhréacht-dhearadh** agus srianta na láithreán á gcur san áireamh:

- **3 dhearadh tosaigh do Pháirc Bhaile an Rí; agus**
- **3 dhearadh tosaigh do Lána an Mhuilleora.**

Ba mhaith le Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe agus leis an bhFoireann Deartha cuireadh a thabhairt duit freastal ar chomhairliúchán poiblí ‘buail isteach’:

**Dáta:** Dé Máirt an 29 Aibreán 2025  
**Am:** 1pm – 8pm  
**Áit:** Óstán an Chlaí Bháin, Bóthar an Chlaí Bháin, Gaillimh, H91 F62V

Tugtar cuireadh don phobal, lena n-áirítear daoine a bhfuil cónaí orthu sa gceantar agus úinéirí gnó áitiúla, freastal ar an ócáid. Beidh seans ag an lucht freastail na pleananna a phlé, ceisteanna a chur, agus aiseolas a roinnt leis an bhFoireann Deartha.

Cabhróidh tuairimí an phobail linn todhchaí an cheantair a mhúnlú lena chinntiú go bhfreastalófar ar riachtanais an phobail áitiúil anois agus sna blianta amach romhainn.



Is féidir tuilleadh eolais a fháil faoin tionscadal agus faoi na 6 dhréacht-dhearadh do Pháirc Bhaile an Rí agus do Lána an Mhuilleora ar shuíomh gréasáin an tionscadail:

[www.KingstonParkMillersLane.com](http://www.KingstonParkMillersLane.com)

# Kingston Park and Millers Lane Project - Second Non-Statutory Public Consultation

Galway City Council is pleased to launch a four-week non-statutory public consultation and engagement process on the Kingston Park and Millers Lane Project.

The Kingston Park and Millers Lane Project is an exciting opportunity to reimagine these two green spaces to better serve the communities of Knocknacarra and Rahoon. It is envisioned that the project will create accessible, public, connected green spaces, with dedicated areas for sports, play, relaxation and nature.

This is the second public consultation on the project and follows on from our extensive public consultation in autumn 2024. The Design Team analysed the feedback received during the first consultation and, taking into consideration the sites’ constraints, developed **6 draft designs**:

- **3 initial designs for Kingston Park; and**
- **3 initial designs for Millers Lane.**

Galway City Council and the Design Team would like to invite you to a ‘drop-in’ public consultation event:

**Date:** Tuesday 29th April 2025  
**Time:** 1pm – 8pm  
**Location:** Clybaun Hotel, Clybaun Road, Galway, H91 F62V

Members of the public, including local residents and business owners are invited to attend the event. This is your chance to discuss the plans, ask questions and share feedback with the Design Team.

Your input will help to shape the future of the area ensuring it serves the needs of the local community both now and for generations to come.



You can read more about the project and the 6 draft designs for Kingston Park and Millers Lane on our dedicated website:



# Tionscadal Pháirc Bhaile an Rí agus Lána an Mhuilleora

## An Tríú Comhairliúchán Poiblí Neamhreachtúil

Cúis sásaimh do Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe tús a chur le ceithre seachtaine deiridh de chomhairliúchán agus comhpháirteachas poiblí maidir le Tionscadal Pháirc Bhaile an Rí agus Lána an Mhuilleora.

Deis iontach atá i dTionscadal Bhaile an Rí agus Lána an Mhuilleora an dá spás ghlasa seo a athshamlú chun freastal níos fearr ar an bpobal. Mar thoradh ar an tionscadal beidh spásanna glasa poiblí inrochtana nasctha ann agus áiteanna leagtha amach iontu don spórt, súgradh, suaimhneas agus dúlra.

Is é seo an tríú comhairliúchán poiblí neamhreachtúil ar an tionscadal agus an ceann deireanach. Tá an comhairliúchán seo ar bun againn tar éis dúinn neart plé a dhéanamh leis an bpobal sa bhfómhar in 2024 agus sa samhradh in 2025, **comhairliúchán a bhí mar bhonn leis an bhforbairt ar dhearaí deiridh tosaigh do Pháirc Bhaile an Rí agus do Lána an Mhuilleora.**

**Ba mhaith le Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe cuireadh a thabhairt duit chuig imeacht comhairliúcháin 'buail isteach' le féachaint ar na dearaí tosaigh:**

**Dáta:** Dé Céadaoin, 10 Meán Fómhair 2025  
**Am:** 1pm go 8pm  
**Ionad:** Óstán an Chlaí Bháin, Bóthar an Chlaí Bháin, Cnoc na Cathrach, Gaillimh, H91 F62V.

Seo deis daoibhse féachaint ar an gcaoi a raibh tionchar agaibh ar na dearaí tosaigh agus le tuairimí a thabhairt sula gcuirtear iarratas pleanála faoi bhráid an Choimisiúin Pleanála.

Is mian linn cuireadh a thabhairt daoibh Suirbhé an Phobail a líonadh le haiseolas a thabhairt ar na dearaí tosaigh. Tá an suirbhé sin ar láithreán gréasáin an tionscadail.

**Beidh muid ag glacadh le haighneachtaí idiró Déardaoin, 4 Meán Fómhair, go Déardaoin, 2 Deireadh Fómhair, 2025.**

# Kingston Park and Millers Lane Project

## Third Non-Statutory Public Consultation

Galway City Council is pleased to launch a final four-week public consultation and engagement period on the Kingston Park and Millers Lane Project.

The Kingston Park and Millers Lane Project is an exciting opportunity to reimagine these two green spaces to better serve the community. The project will create accessible, public, connected green spaces, with dedicated areas for sports, play, relaxation and nature.

This is the third non-statutory public consultation on the project. This consultation follows on from our extensive public engagement in autumn 2024 and summer 2025 which has informed the **creation of preliminary designs for Kingston Park and for Millers Lane.**

**Galway City Council would like to invite you to a 'drop in' public consultation event to view the preliminary designs:**

**Date:** Wednesday 10th September 2025  
**Time:** 1pm to 8pm  
**Venue:** Clybaun Hotel, Clybaun Road, Knocknacarra, Galway, H91 F62V.

This is your opportunity to see how your input has helped inform the preliminary designs and to provide comments before a planning application is submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

We would also like to invite you to provide feedback on the preliminary designs through our Community Survey which is accessible through the project website.

**Submissions can be made from Thursday 4th September to Thursday 2nd October 2025.**



Seoladh láithreán gréasáin an tionscadail



The dedicated website can be found at

[www.KingstonParkMillersLane.com](http://www.KingstonParkMillersLane.com)

# Appendix 2: Information Boards





# First Stage Information Boards



# Kingston Park and Millers Lane

## Public Urban Realm Project



## Welcome

Welcome to the website for the Kingston Park and Millers Lane Public Urban Realm Project.

Working alongside Galway City Council, a design team, consisting primarily of DLRA, Quinn Architects and MKO, have recently begun work on this project which will be transformational for the Knocknacarra area and Ragoon Area.

The purpose of this website is to provide an introduction to the project and a space where the community can be informed about the aims and the vision of the project.

We invite you to read these Information Boards and provide feedback through our Community Survey Questionnaire. Please note the project is still at an early stage and we will be undertaking more detailed public consultation in early 2025 as the project progresses.

## Project Funding

**Galway City Council are providing initial funding for the project and shall seek funding from other sources. Funding has been sought from the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF) which was announced by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media in April 2024. The aim of the fund is to provide Exchequer support for larger sports facility projects. The scheme has a particular focus on National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs) and local authorities.**

**Galway City Council are currently in the process of identifying additional funding streams for the project.**



# Vision & Objectives

The vision and objectives for this project are:

- To create a suitable balance of passive and active recreation opportunities.
- To provide a range of diverse new social spaces to cater for all age groups and all members of the locality.
- To provide for a range of sports facilities for both public and club use.
- To develop strong pedestrian and cycle circulation networks with easily accessible connections that link both Neighbourhood Parks with their surrounding environment.
- To create a network of green spaces and to enhance biodiversity and climate resilient green infrastructure in the area.





## Context

- Urban green spaces (also known as Green Infrastructure) are an important resource for communities providing for passive and active recreation. Green spaces also shape the identity of neighbourhoods and provide a sense of place. They can enhance people's quality of life and support mental health and physical wellbeing and provide quiet space, space for social interaction and play space. They contribute to climate resilience through their effects on negating urban heat, offsetting greenhouse gas emissions and attenuating surface water.
- Both Kingston Park and Millers Lane are zoned for 'Recreation and Amenity' in the Galway City Development Plan (2023-2029).
- Kingston Park is primarily surrounded by residential developments and is in close proximity to Knocknacarra National School.
- Similarly, Millers Lane is surrounded by residential developments to the North, East and South. It is also adjacent to An Gaelscoil Mhic Amhlaigh (Primary Gael school), and to lands zoned for 'Enterprise, Light Industry and Commercial' and 'Enterprise, Industry and Related Uses.'
- This project would therefore benefit a wealth of people in the local community, including local residents, school children, and workers in the area.



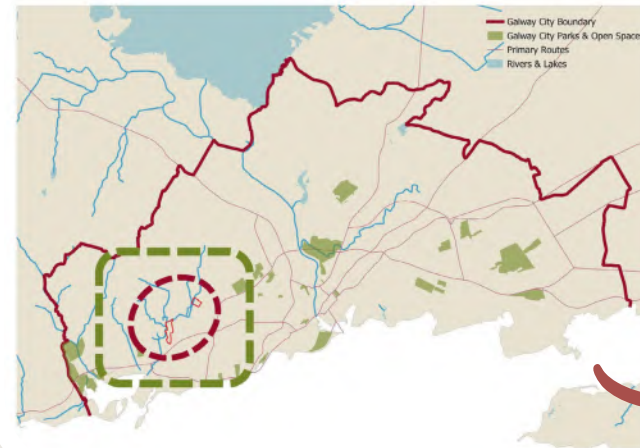


# The Opportunity to Connect

West Galway city is expanding, with more housing planned for the neighbourhoods of Knocknacarra and Ragoon. Right now, there is a shortfall of active and passive recreational facilities that are needed for these neighbourhoods. The Kingston and Millers Lane parks will assist to balance needs and will help to close this gap.

The design of Kingston Park and Millers Lane is an opportunity to make connections across the neighbourhoods of Knocknacarra and Ragoon. The parks could be designed to connect People & Wildlife in west Galway City.

- Parks act as larger patches of green space that connect wildlife along corridors of green to other green patches. Patches and corridors that connect form a network of habitats that better supports biodiversity.
- Parks can connect communities by providing pleasant routes that are alternatives to travelling on public roads alongside traffic
- Buildings in the parks offer communities a place to gather, enabling groups to meet and engage in social activities in person.
- Parks can support our human needs and diversity as well as biodiversity. Parks offer a range of different types of outdoor spaces for both human activities and nature to thrive.
- Parks contribute to both human diversity and biodiversity by offering a variety of outdoor environments that cater to different needs.
- People from diverse backgrounds can come together for recreation, relaxation, and cultural exchange.
- Parks support a range of habitats, allowing various plant and animal species to flourish.
- By balancing human activities with natural habitats, parks promote a harmonious coexistence between people and nature, fostering a more inclusive and sustainable environment for all.





# What's in Kingston Park

## Site Overview

Kingston Park is the larger of the two sites, covering approximately 4.8 hectares. The lands comprise an element of made up ground and agricultural fields. To the northwest, the park is bordered by Saint John the Apostle National School, while the surrounding areas consist of housing estates or land designated for future residential development.

Presently, the park is accessed from the Western Distributor Road via the school's access road (L10111), which is not a through route for vehicular traffic. However, pedestrian and cycle routes extend along the school's northern boundary, providing a connection to Clybaun Road to the west, ensuring convenient access for walkers and cyclists.

The project is committed to provide a new rugby pitch and associated facilities at Kingston Park. New routes through Kingston Park will connect existing and future active travel routes through the neighbourhood. Following a comprehensive ecological survey of the site, existing and new habitats will help to connect wildlife and people in the area.

The site can accommodate more activities, and we want to hear from you about what you would like to do in Kingston Park.





# What's in Millers Lane

## Site Overview

Millers Lane is approximately 2 hectares in size. The site is bounded by the L5000 road to the west and by Millers Lane to the east. North and south of the site are Gort na Greine and Gort na Bro residential estates. On the opposite side of the L5000 road is Gaelscoil Mhic Amhlaigh, a national school. Presently, the park is accessed from the L5000 road to the west of the site and from Millers Lane.

The project is committed to provide a new hockey pitch, an upgraded soccer pitch and associated facilities at Millers Lane park. New routes through the park will connect existing and future active travel routes through the neighbourhood. Following a comprehensive ecological survey of the site, existing and new habitats will help to connect wildlife and people in the area.

The site can accommodate more activities, and we want to hear from you about what you would like to do in Millers Lane Park.





## Sports Facilities & Potential Activities

- New rugby pitch at Kingston Park
- New hockey pitch at Millers Lane
- Upgrade of soccer pitch at Millers Lane
- Pavilion/community hub buildings to provide for various people, communities and clubs.
- There will also be children's play facilities, planting and walkways.

However, both Millers Lane and Kingston Park will have additional space for other types of activities. We want to hear from you about what activities or features you would like to see in these parks. Your input will help shape the parks into spaces that meet the needs and interests of the entire community.





# Project Proposals for the Community Hub Pavilion Buildings

## Inclusivity:

We're reaching out to get your ideas and input to help shape our new Community Hub. The project team wants to make sure it's a space that feels welcoming for everyone, no matter your age or needs. We're especially focused on making it super accessible, with features for young families, people with disabilities, and older adults.

The Hub will be your go-to spot for info about everything happening in the area and beyond. So, we'd love to hear from you—let's create something great together!

## Diverse Range of Activities:

The Community Hub is designed to be a place for everyone in the community, offering a variety of spaces that are perfect for both casual hangouts and more focused activities. Whether you're into sports, learning new skills, or just looking for a place to relax, the Hub has something for all ages.

You might find a café or restaurant serving up delicious meals while also offering a space to learn culinary skills. A space for a book swap could spark a book club. And one space can be transformed for dance and Zumba in the morning, then switch to Pilates and yoga in the afternoon.

There's something for everyone!





# Community Hub Buildings

## Quality of Design:

The Community Hub is about showing the Council's commitment to quality. We intend to choose great materials and create a vibe that encourages community, creativity, activity, learning, and even some quiet reflection.

The Hub could have bright, flexible spaces in different sizes to suit all kinds of activities, or a strong connection between indoor and outdoor areas thanks to big windows. We could also add pops of colour and natural materials to make the space visually interesting and inspiring, while paying close attention to sound quality to make sure each space feels just right. Let us know what you think!



## Sustainability:

Set in the heart of the park, we would intend for the Community Hub to be closely tied to nature, with sustainability at the core of its design. We intend to focus on eco-friendly features from the start, making sure the building has top-notch insulation and energy-efficient systems. Our proposed objectives for the buildings include achieving net zero carbon including a no fossil fuels policy.

Environmental, Social and Governance policies in tune with the needs of society today would be at the heart of all activities on this project.

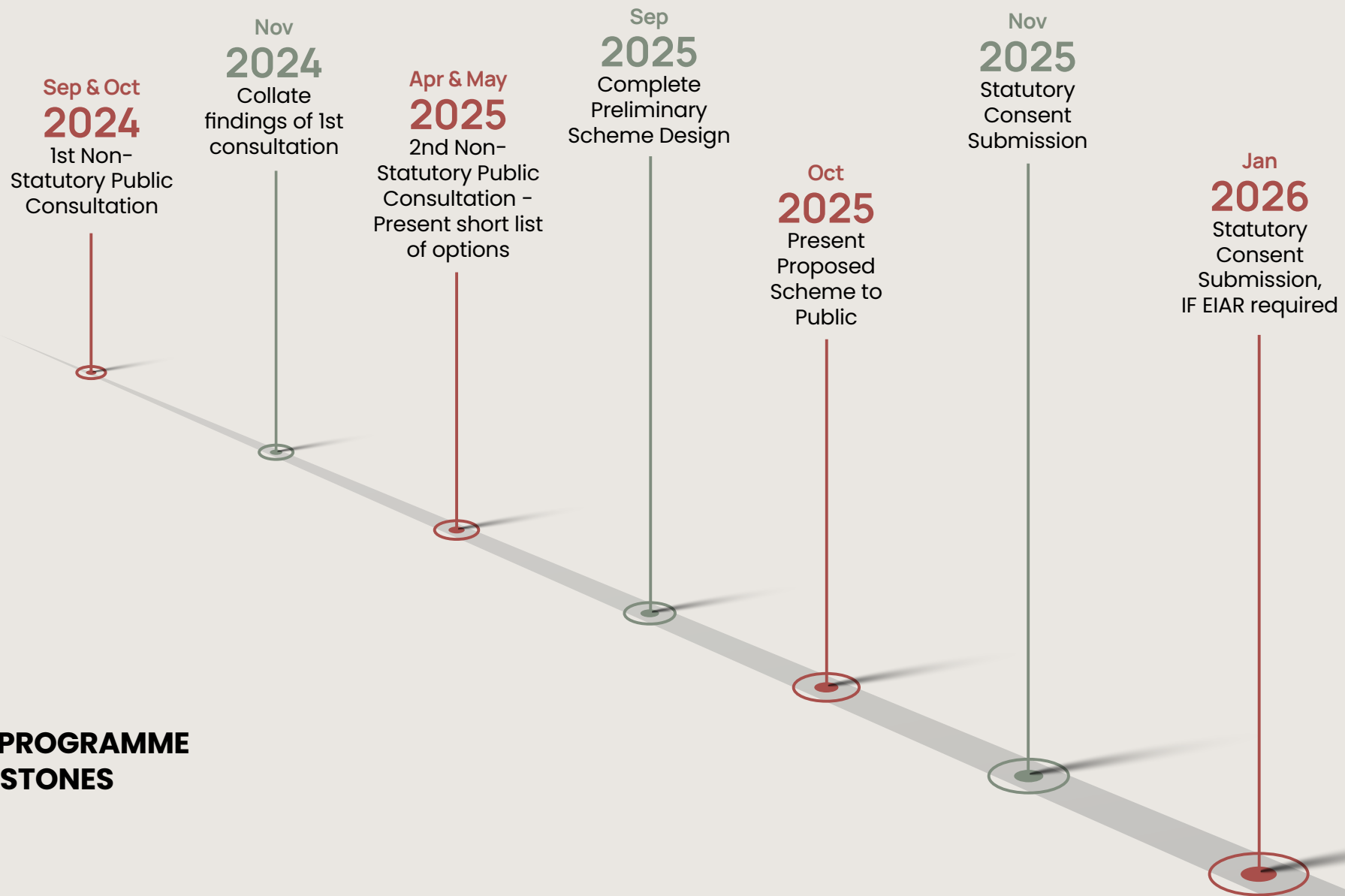
To keep energy use low, we intend to use LED lighting, install heat pumps, and add solar panels. Plus, with rainwater harvesting and water-saving techniques, the Hub would reduce water consumption, making it as green as possible!





# What happens next?

## Indicative Project Timeline



## KEY PROGRAMME MILESTONES