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Project Partners

The North Quays Public Infrastructure Project is being developed in partnership between the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (URDF), the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Waterford City & County Council.

Kilkenny County Council & Iarnród Éireann are also key partners in the delivery of the project.

Harcourts Developments is progressing the delivery of the mixed used SDZ development.

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As the project develops, we will continue to provide general updates via the project website, newsletters and Waterford City & County Council social media.

Dear reader,

As Easter approaches and Waterford welcomes the brighter evenings the North Quays projects continue to take shape. This newsletter provides the latest update on the works across the site.

The access infrastructure works in Ferrybank are close to completion and the connectivity of these works at Abbey Road will facilitate the opening by Kilkenny County Council of the 5km section of South East Greenway between Ferrybank & Curraghmore (near the Rhu Glenn Hotel) later this month.

Part of the new South Quays Plaza at the Clock Tower is already open to the public and it is expected that this public realm area will be fully open in May, providing seating, lighting, green area and bicycle facilities.

Works on the new transport hub are well advanced; the recent removal of scaffolding from the north elevation reveals this prominent and contemporary building that forms the northern anchor of the entire development.

Yours sincerely,



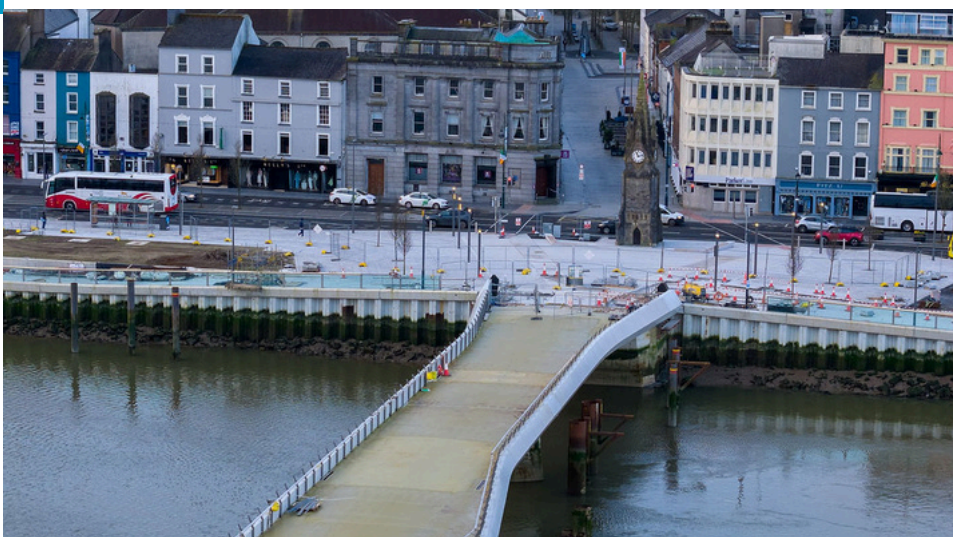
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Transport Hub

The final rendered finish to the train station northern facade is now complete and scaffolding has been removed from the northern elevation. Finishing works are continuing to the train station building, including mechanical & electrical fitout and the internal finishing works are well advanced. The testing & commissioning of the various operational systems required for a train station will progress in the coming months.

External works to the north of the train station are also being finished out, this includes a new northern plaza and set-down areas for buses, bicycles and cars, train platforms, landscaping, lighting and street furniture. Solar panels are also being installed on the station roof. Works on the station's southern entrance will proceed in 2026. New train stations and rail infrastructure are subject to extensive regulatory processes for operation and safety and these approvals processes are progressing.

Upon completion of the main station and railway works, Iarnród Éireann will complete the installation of new trackside signalling, electrical and telecoms equipment through 2026 and into 2027. The completion of these separate works/processes will facilitate the opening of the train station towards the end of 2027 in tandem with the progression of the public plaza areas of the private North Quays SDZ development and the opening of the sustainable transport bridge.

Sustainable Transport Bridge

The sustainable transport bridge is now a permanent and defining feature on Waterford's riverfront. The steel bridge's sleek and linear design with glazed parapets, seems to hover above water level, complementing the maritime environment and the historic features of Waterford, Ireland's oldest City.

The bascule spans are opening and closing as required to cater for Waterford's maritime traffic, and temporary structures within the river are gradually being removed, including the temporary steel supports and cofferdam piles. The permanent bridge pier protection system in the river is due to be fully installed in the coming months.

Finishing works are well advanced, edge railings, glass panels and pedestrian barriers have been installed, with lighting, surfacing and street furniture to follow.

It is anticipated that the Sustainable Transport Bridge will open towards the end of 2027, aligning with the progression of the public plaza areas of the private North Quays SDZ development and the opening of the transport hub.

Railway Flood Defence Scheme

The North Quays Public Infrastructure Project is delivering a railway flood defence scheme that will protect the rail infrastructure from the increasing impacts of flooding and climate change, delivering future proofed and climate-resilient commuter and freight rail services for Waterford City, Waterford Port and the wider region.

The flood defence works are progressing well. The east flood defence scheme between Plunkett Station and the new train station has been completed. The western flood defence works, on the Sallypark side of Plunkett Station, commenced in Autumn 2025 and are currently on schedule to be completed in June 2026.



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Stakeholder Collaboration

The project team is collaborating with Iarnród Éireann on the planning for the western flood defence works to prioritise safety while striking the right balance between optimising efficiency and minimising disruption to rail services.

Bus transfers have been in place for five Plunkett Station train services on Monday to Thursday, between 09:45 & 13:05. These bus transfers will end on the 9th April 2026, after which full midweek services will resume to and from Plunkett Station.

Railway Flood Defence Scheme (cont.)

This steel flood wall is being constructed along the edge of the River Suir and beside the live commuter rail tracks. The steel sheet piles are up to 25m long and are being individually driven from a barge in the river, with each pile being pitched and placed vertically before being driven to the required level.

The central flood defence works through Plunkett Station are expected to commence thereafter and continue into 2027. These works are complex and logistically challenging as they will progress through the station car parks, entrance and set-down areas. The site is very spatially confined and the works are being planned to ensure safety while also minimising disruption to rail services and commuters. The project team continues to consult with Iarnród Éireann on the logistics for these works and the best means of reducing impacts. Further information on these works will be publicised before they commence on site. Two pumping stations and outfalls will also be completed in 2027 to close out the overall flood defence scheme.

North Quays Strategic Development Zone (SDZ)

Harcourt Developments submitted an amended planning application for phase 1 of the North Quays private SDZ development in February 2026. Subject to planning approval, it is anticipated that the development will commence works on site in the second half of 2026, with the public plaza and access areas being fast-tracked in tandem with the opening of the transport hub and sustainable transport bridge in 2027.



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