

Oban CHORD project
Progress update
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Agenda

- **Project Recap**
- **Progress since last update**
- **Public consultation drop-in**
- **Next Steps**
- **Your views/questions...**

Project Recap since October...

- Oban Action Plan Refresh
- Traffic Management
- Transport Interchange
- Reconfiguration of the Bay
- Aiming to...
ensure appropriate plans are in place for CHORD allocation with high priority projects identified for early implementation.

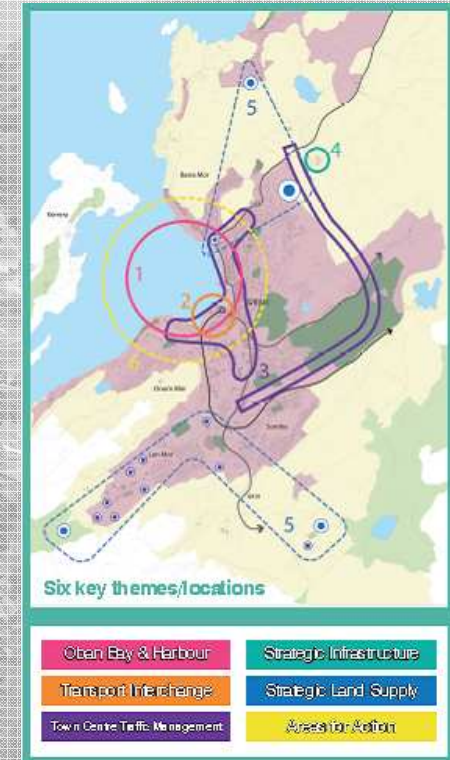
That the OAP refresh sets out a clear vision for Oban's future

a) Oban Action Plan refresh

- Consultation Draft out for comments

Oban Bay / Harbour (CHORD priority);
Transport Interchange (CHORD priority);
Traffic Management (CHORD priority);
Strategic Infrastructure;
Strategic Land Supply;
Areas for Action.

- The refresh has responded to changing circumstances
- Consensus building – extensive consultation



b) Traffic management

- Consulted widely on various opportunities and options

- Enhance vehicular access to the ferry terminal;
 - Improve journey times and reliability (Soroba Road/Argyll Square/George Street);
 - Identify a phased strategy for implementation of proposals;
 - Improve accessibility to long stay parking;
 - Increase parking capacity for seasonal peaks;
 - Improve public transport access and interchange; and
 - Enhance pedestrian & cycle provision.

- Feeding consultation responses into appraisal reports

c) Transport interchange

- Consulted on various opportunities and options

- Shop mobility enhancements

- Signage (Pedestrian & Vehicular)

- Provision of real time (integrated) passenger information

- Provision of journey planning facilities at Station Square

- Improving bus stops and shelters

- Possible relocation of the taxi rank

- Revised access to the rail station car park and Shopmobility

- Combine rail, ferry and coach passenger facilities

- Use of seaward rail platform

- Feeding consultation responses into appraisal reports

d) Bay and harbour

- Preparing a Position Statement on:

- Assistance with EFF Grant application - South Pier

- Provision of an Overarching Harbour Body

- Provision of small pontoon(s) to the north or south of North Pier

- Extension of the North Pier to increase berthing space and possibly allow marina to locate landward.

- Provision of a marina in the area south of North Pier

- Relocation of the fishing fleet to south pier (the CMAL study)

- Provision of swing moorings

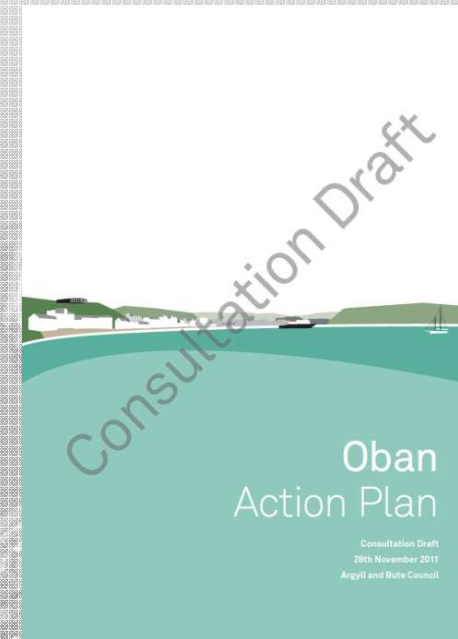
- Provision of breakwaters to the North and South of the bay

- Infill part of bay area to widen the roads along Oban waterfront

- Leave things as they are.

In Summary

- Public drop in event on 22 November
- Appraisal of options well progressed
- Papers to be prepared before Christmas



Public Consultation Event

Oban CHORD Project Public drop-in event

Find out about the proposals for the regeneration of Oban, and the work already underway

The event, which is open to everyone, will take place at the **Rowantree Hotel on George Street on Tuesday 22nd November from 11am to 7pm**

Details can be found on the Oban Bay/Harbour Project web page <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/oban-chord-project/oban-bay-harbour-project>

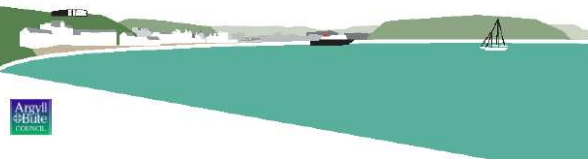


- View maps and plans
- Talk to the Oban CHORD Project Team
- Contribute to the proposals

Oban CHORD

The drop-in event is being carried out as part of Argyll & Bute Council's £30 million CHORD programme, designed to regenerate the waterfront of five key towns – Campobee, Hendersburgh, Oban, Portree, and Dunoon. Oban CHORD Project objectives are to:

- Alleviate staff congestion in the town centre
- Reconfigure Oban Bay/Harbour to better meet the needs of users
- Refurbish the Oban Anchor Point
- Develop the bus stop interchange



What you said last time...

Oban CHORD Project

A drop-in event was held in Station Square on Wednesday 7th September to gather views about CHORD and the actions it should prioritise. This was a great success, involving walking tours, one-to-one discussions, people posting comments on boards and returning forms on our website. Lots of you turned up to share a whole host of ideas.

The comments we received have been collated, and you may have already seen them on our website www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/chord/oban-chord-comments. We have organised the comments by area and are using them to inform our work.



1 Oban Bay & Harbour

CHORD
PRIORITY

Objectives

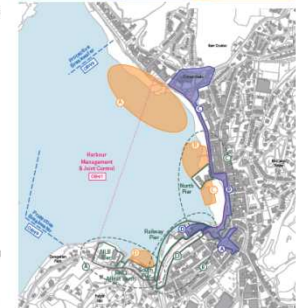
The bay and harbour area is arguably the strongest of Oban's assets, in economic terms as much as environmental terms. Going forward, the key is to ensure that this location is fit for purpose as a multifunctional harbour, whilst maintaining an attractive bay that is faithful to its spectacular natural setting. This means:

- Streamlined, joined up management
- Pier improvements
- Creating additional berthing
- Making for a better visitor experience
- Supporting local businesses and services

Project proposals

We have drawn up a number of project proposals to meet these objectives, as listed in the table below and illustrated in the plan to the right. Our project proposals have different but complementary themes - restoring Character Areas (ensuring that parts of the harbour have a clear purpose), improving Public Realm and Landscape quality, and looking at the feasibility of Pier / Berthing Extensions.

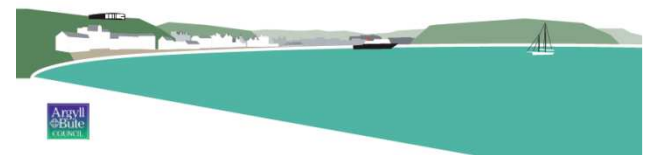
Character Area	Public Realm & Landscape	Pier / Berthing Extensions	Other
1 The Working Harbour	Argyle Square	1	1
2 Transport Interchange	Marina	2	2
3 Scaroba Road and Island	Scaroba Lane	3	3
4 Railway Pier	North Pier	4	4
5 South Pier	South Pier	5	5



Oban Bay & Harbour - Individual Components

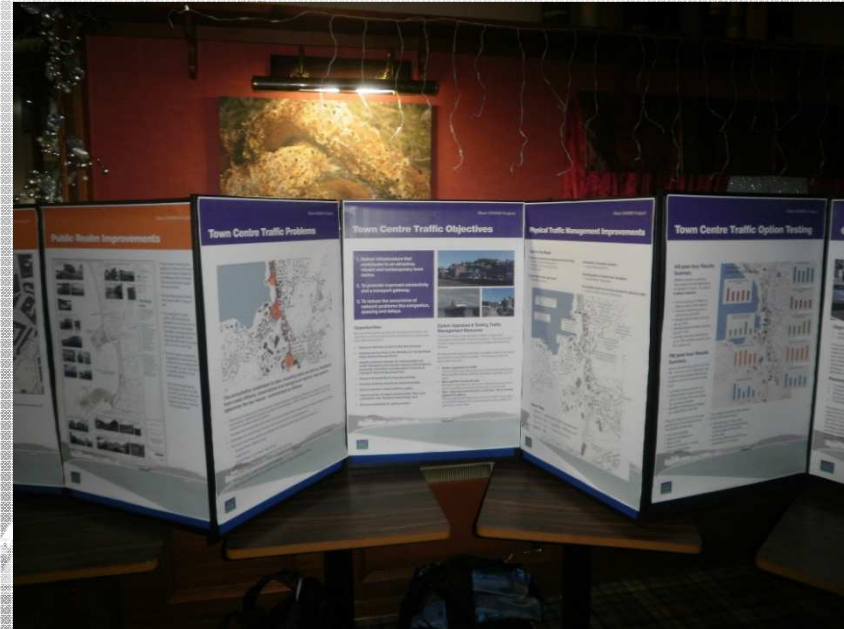
The higher priority status attributed to certain proposals reflect the beneficial impact these could have and their ability to stimulate other changes. The potential benefits for understanding activities and actions to indicate at this stage, but nevertheless provides guidance on what may happen and when.

Project Proposals	Priority	Potential Timescale
OBH/1 Overarching harbour body	Higher	Short-Medium Term 2-10 yrs
OBH/2 Rationalise existing berthing / land based facilities	Higher	Short Term 0-2 yrs
OBH/3 Public realm refresh	Higher	Short Term 0-2 yrs
OBH/4 Create additional berthing: Provision of swing moorings	Intermediate	Short-Medium Term 2-10 yrs
OBH/5 Create additional berthing: Extend North Pier	Higher	Short-Medium Term 2-10 yrs
OBH/6 Create additional berthing: Extend South Pier	Intermediate	Short-Medium Term 2-10 yrs
OBH/7 Marina / Step ashore facility	Higher	Short-Medium Term 2-10 yrs
OBH/8 Protective breakwaters (s)	Lower	Longer Term 10-20 yrs
OBH/9 Cruise ship provision	Higher	Short-Medium Term 2-10 yrs



Public drop-in consultation

- Well attended
- Largely positive, constructive comments
- People enthusiastic about the future of their town, and keen to finally see action on the ground
- Extensive comments recorded – being feed back into appraisal



Next steps

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- Before Christmas – Delivery of the Interim Business Case (IBC) to the Project Board;
- Early Jan - Project Board Meeting to discuss IBC with a view to applying for the release of funds for early implementation
- Final approvals to be sought from the Executive

An aerial photograph of a coastal town and harbor. The town is built on a peninsula and along the waterfront, with numerous buildings and a large parking lot. The harbor is filled with water and several boats. In the background, there are green hills and a large body of water. The text "Your views/questions..." is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

Your views/questions...

