

Tramore town centre gets €1.35m from URDF pot

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Tramore has received €1.35 million from the Government's Urban Development and Regeneration Fund (URDF). The money will go towards the town centre and will include a partial pedestrianisation of Main Street, new roundabouts and a new one-way system. It was welcomed by local Councillors Joe Conway and Blaise Hannigan (both Ind). Cllr Hannigan said it was a "fantastic development" that would do much for the town.

Cllr Conway meanwhile said it was a relief to see Tramore town centre granted funding for rejuvenation works.

"These Public Realm Regeneration and Development Funds will transform a town that was starved of investment during the Dungarvan hegemony in the old County Council.

"The renewal project will include work to minimise dereliction, rejuvenate Main Street and make the town more visitor and disability accessible." He further thanked Minister of State John Halligan (Ind) for "his work in achieving this funding for our town". In his own statement announcing the funding, Minister Halligan said:

"Public realm works in Tramore Town Centre have been allocated €1.35 million under the Fund for a regeneration project that will include the partial pedestrianisation of Main Street, new roundabouts and a new one-way system.

"The Tramore works, which are long overdue, will revitalise the town centre. The works will take place on a phased basis and will ultimately enhance accessibility and deliver a safer and more attractive environment for pedestrians and motorists alike." Waterford Chamber has also welcomed the news, with Chief Executive Gerald Hurley commenting that such funding had been desired for many years.

"Having recently integrated Tramore Chamber of Tourism & Commerce with Waterford Chamber, we are actively working with the business community in Tramore and look forward to supporting them to grow and develop the town," he added.

Cllr Blaise Hannigan noted that problems still lay ahead in the town centre and would need to be tackled by the local authority. He noted that at last week's Metropolitan District meeting, members were told that the Council would be tackling the owners of the Grand Hotel, which has been in the middle of a lengthy dispute due to its dereliction.