

## SANDY COVE IMPROVEMENTS

- Resurfacing of road and landscaping/improved drainage
- 1.2 metre wide clay or pre-cast concrete block footways and crossing points and reinforced grass parking areas
- Lighting columns
- Shallow swales to collect water run off
- New native hedgerows and coastal tree planting
- Amenity green space with social, play, biodiversity and productive features

### Dependencies

- Detailed design development
- Statutory consents eg SAB approval
- Funding

### Lead Organisation(s)

- Kinmel Bay and Towyn Community Association
- Conwy County Borough Council
- TKBVoice Community Partnership

### Funding

- Welsh Government
- Conwy County Borough Council
- Other grants

### Timetable

2030-2037

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

These proposed environmental improvements include the 3.5 kilometres (over 2 miles) of roads and footpaths to upgrade. There is no existing active drainage system in terms of gullies and pipes generally across the estate, which has led to a passive system draining all hard surfaces into adjacent soft landscape areas to form a sustainable urban drainage or SUDS system.

There is a need to create a safe layout for vehicles and pedestrians as well as to retain the maximum amount of green space for resident's amenity.

There are 12 separate open spaces totalling over 3 hectares (nearly 7.5 acres) each forming a focal point for a group of houses. Overall, there is very little tree cover, and minimal planting, but there are some locations where residents have organised planting and seating, which they maintain so there is a desire to maximise use of the open space for informal recreation. There is great potential to increase the biodiversity of the area, as well as to improve the visual amenity through the use of coastal tolerant planting and aquatic marginal planting in rain gardens/ swales/ detention basins as part of the SUDS system. Amenity planting, retaining the best of what is already there and expanding on it will give great opportunity for community input and community- led development.

The central green spaces are a major social asset to the estate and it is important that the design for these spaces is not over-prescriptive were new social

interactions may be limited. Instead, they should allow for informal and unplanned meetings to happen as well as larger planned social gatherings and events.

Some of the ways the design will achieve this is by i) Retaining areas of open space which have multiple uses such as informal sports games and community events ii) Having opportunities for community involvement in the installation (such as tree planting) and upkeep of the greenspaces and iii) Creating communal BBQ and seating areas.

Placemaking Principles:

- Street based design
- Use of SUDs and biodiversity
- Community led design within open spaces