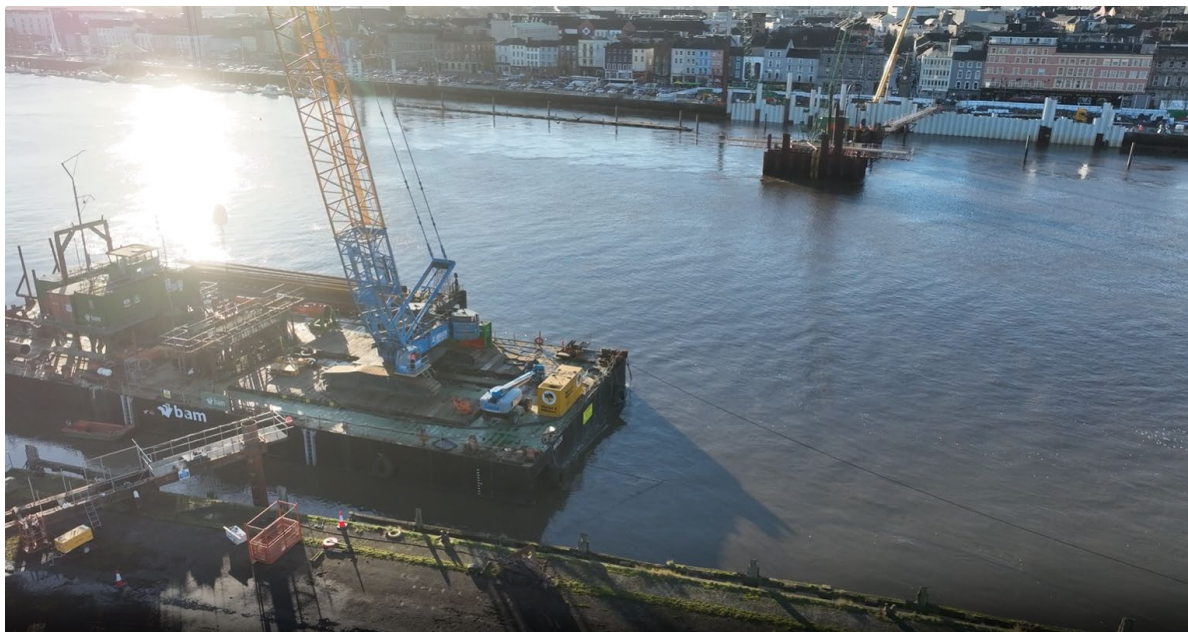


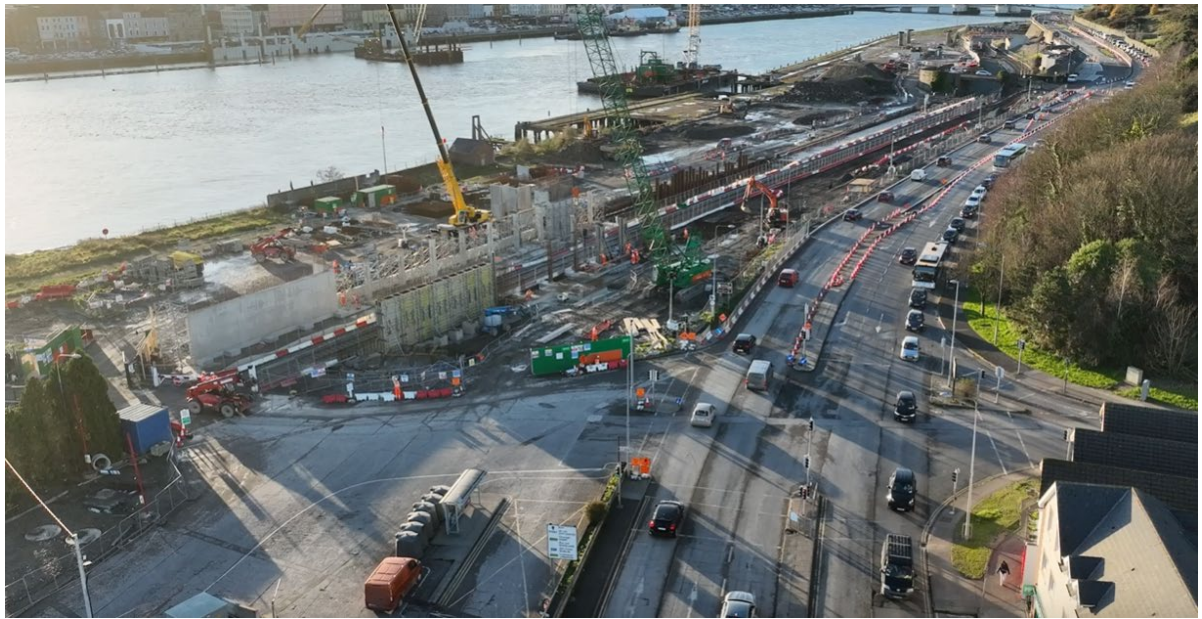
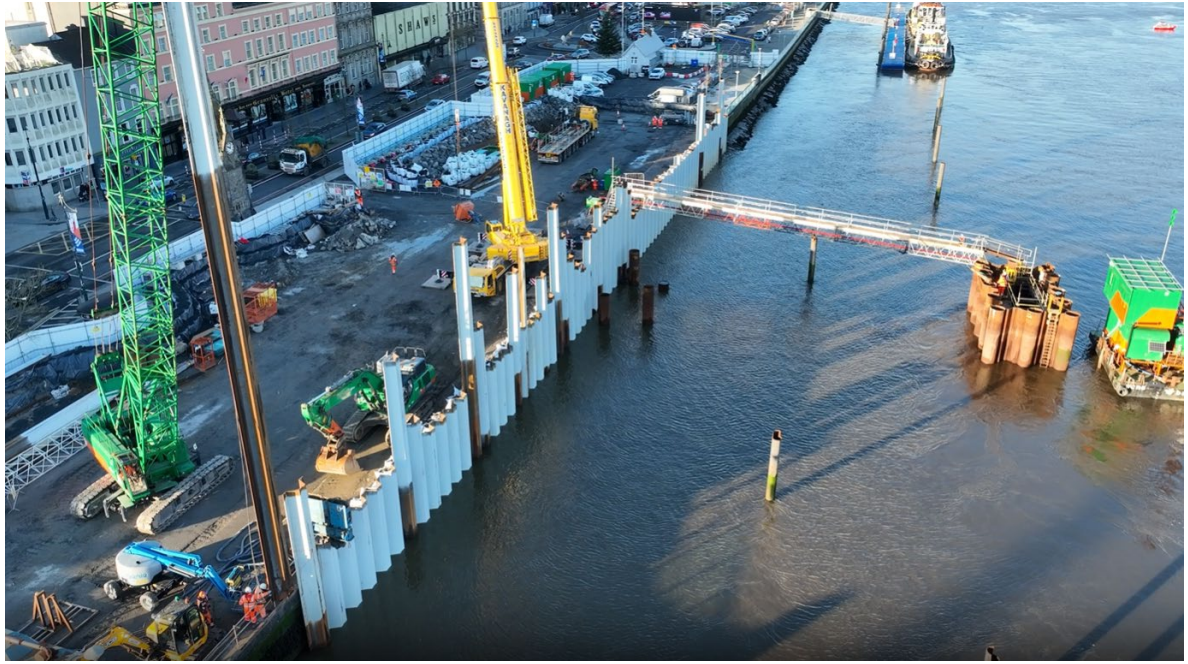
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**TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD**  
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**1. North Quays**

The North Quays main contract works are progressing well. The Skerchi barge has relocated to the north side of the river to progress the northern cofferdam construction (gridline C). The fabrication of the superstructure is progressing in Belgium with over 10,000 work hours/ month being expended on its fabrication.



Forty sheet piles for the South Plaza quay wall (S37) are in situ and are currently being driven into position.



Works to complete the train station concourse supporting walls and columns is ongoing and visible in the image above.



The road and access infrastructure is progressing well, the first bridge beams have been installed at the western access bridge (S19) and is illustrated in the image above, while the piling for southern bridge abutments to the eastern access bridge (S22) is complete and works are ongoing to the greenway underpasses (S23 & S24), visible below.



The two pumps station contract are c. 90% complete, but the programme has extended into Q2 2024.

Traffic management measures continues to be in place along Dock Road to install sewer and surface water network services. Phase 4 traffic management measures will commence in January 2024 and will progress to Abbey Road / Fountain Street junction. Traffic management details will be circulated in advance on

### **City Centre Regeneration URDF Projects**

**Barker Place, O'Connell Street** (Project L) The project is now complete.

**Munster express** (Project F), development of a Smart City Technological Facility and Exhibition space. The tender process for the appointment of design consultants commenced on 21<sup>st</sup> December.

**Parade Quay** (Project P, Q & R), The Part 8 public consultation process has now commenced.

**3 & 4 Georges Street** (Project C) - DHB have been formally appointed as consultants to project manage and oversee the refurbishment and repurposing of 3 & 4 Georges Street for commercial use. An initial meeting has been held and they are currently preparing preliminary designs and specifications.

**The Art house & 7&8 Thomas Street** (Project J& I) – The Draft specification for the appointment of consultants to oversee the refurbishment of all three projects has been prepared and will go to tender on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**Parade Quay** (Project P, Q & R) The Part 8 application for housing, public realm and commercial development at 124 -130 Parade Quay and also 123A & 123B Parade Quay is currently on public display.

## 2. Tourism

### **Water Activity Centre Tramore:**

- Funding from Fáilte Ireland has increased to €1.2mil (previously €850,000) this takes into consideration the additional costs associated with the inclusion of **Changing Places Facilities** and the significant impact of inflation.

### **Progress is as follows:**

- As reported last month work on the Part 8 documentation for the new location is ongoing, it is hoped to commence public consultation early in 2024

### **Destination Towns**

Wayfinding signage installation is now complete apart from some minor works which will be carried out in January 2024, all other elements of the project are now complete.

### **Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2021**

Main Scheme

- **Dunmore East**

Project completed this year. Grant assistance claimed.

### **Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2022**

- **Tramore, Passage East -**  
Both projects commenced; timeline to complete Q3 2024.

### **Shared Island Project Dunmore East**

Project partner Mid East Antrim Borough Council, 4 sites – 2 in Antrim and 2 in Waterford with a project aim of developing best practise in respect of town/village regeneration. Due for completion Q1 2024. Grant assistance of €179,887.22 claimed 2023.

### **Town Centre First**

- **Dunmore East**  
Initial first steps with community engagements undertaken in these locations under the Town Centre First process.