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ONLINE SURVEY

107 respondents

This survey was undertaken in November and December 2022 with the purpose of gathering initial informal feedback to the local community of Sixmilebridge on their priorities for the future of the town.

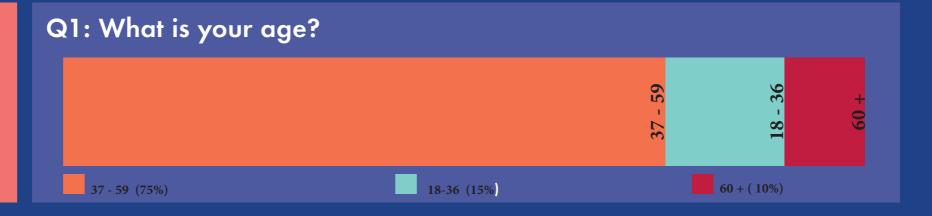
Printed leaflets we delivered to all addressed in the village and the survey was promoted through Clare County Council social medial channels.

Things considered most important:

- Better services for the youth of Sixmilebridge.
- There must be better and safer accessibility through out the town for cyclists and pedestrians.
- That respondents would like to see a supermarket in the town centre.
- That locals would like to capitalise on the use of the river.

WHO RESPONDED?

107
respondents



Prefer not to say (2%)

Yes (1%)

Q2: Do you consider yourself as having a disability?

Q3: Which of the following applies to you? I am a....





How local to Sixmilebridge are you?





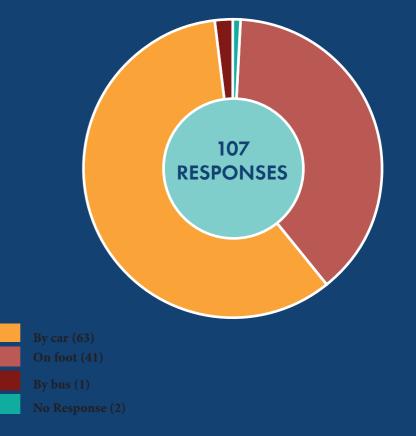
We asked respondents how local they were to Sixmilebridge. The were able to select multiple options in their response. They majority who responded said they were very local (72), 23 said they lived on the outskirts, 1 said they were living in one of the surrounding settlements and 1 respondent did not live in Sixmilebridge.

"I live in one of the surrounding residential areas."



Q5 How often do you use Sixmilebridge Town Centre?

We asked respondents how often they use Sixmilebridge. The majority of respondents (65) reponded with 'everyday'. 31 said they use it often while 9 people said they use it sometimes. 2 said they use it occasionally with no respondents saying they never use the town centre. Q6 How do you travel to Sixmilebridge?



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65



Why would you use Sixmilebridge? select all applicable options

We asked respondents why they would use Sixmilebridge. The most popular response was to use local shops (16%). The second mot popular was to use a public serives (14%) such as the doctors, post office, library etc. The third most popular reasin why respondents would use Sixmilebridge is the use the local pubs, cafes and/or restaurants (11%).









If you don't use Sixmilebridge for the above activities, what other towns or locations do you use? Please use the box below to specify where you go, and what activities you do there:

Top three responses: towns or locations

- 1. Limerick (44)
- **2. Shannon** (37)
- 3. Ennis (12)

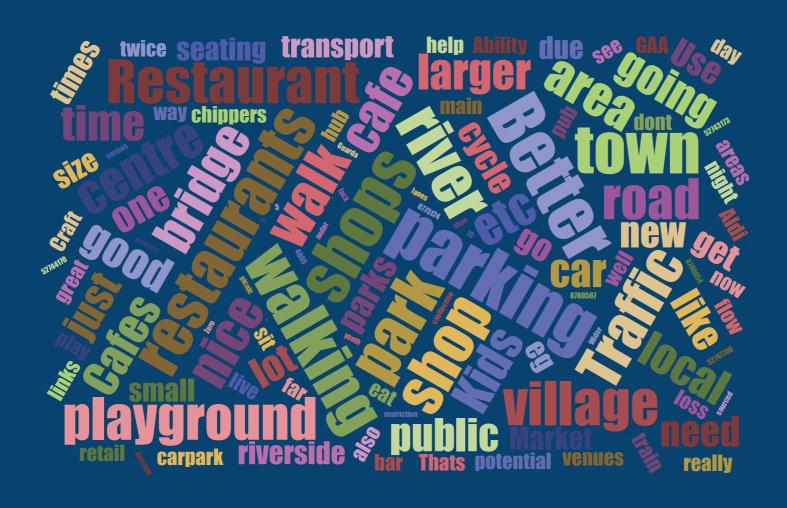
Top three activities

- 1. **Shopping** (39)
- 2. Work (11)
- **3. Swimming** (8)

GROCERIES EXERCISE EDUCATION

FACILITIES PLAYGROUND COFFEE

What would encourage you to spend more time in Sixmilebridge? Please provide examples, where appropriate.



Finding a solution to congestion in the town and better facilities for pedestrians crossing th river was highlighted frequently.

More opportunities for outdoor eating, particularly by the river would be welcome.

Generally, a better, more vibrant town centre was called for - with a strong range of uses and attractions.



What do you like about Sixmilebridge?

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"Good local services. Lots of activities for children."

"The hurling club, soccer club, the school, people are friendly"

"Strong sense of community, all facilities/services/amenities in close proximity, relatively safe for children and young people to grow up."

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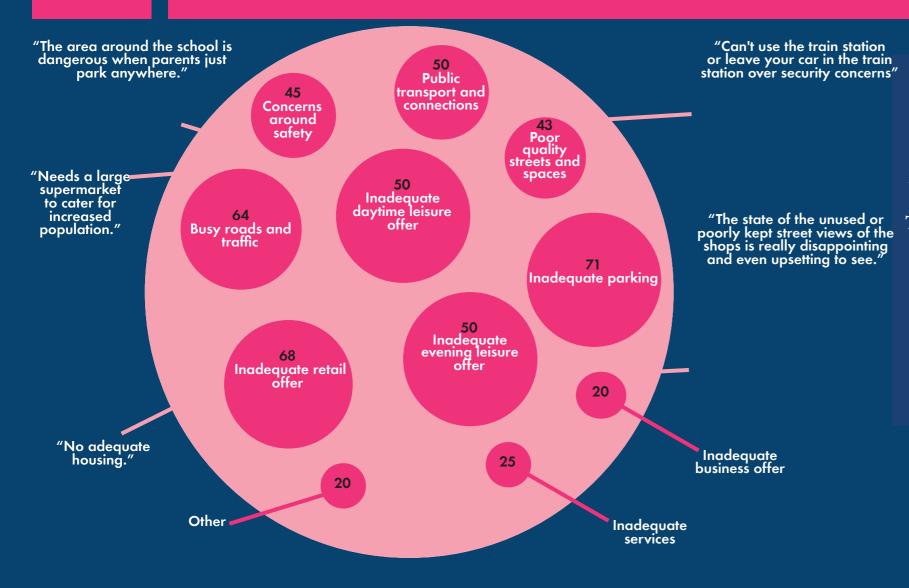
"Love the pubs and the quaint feel of the town centre. The river is very pretty."



"I love the history attached to the area, the fact that it has grown to the size of a town but still retains a village character, vibe, and atmosphere."



What do you think are the main barriers to using Sixmilebridge town centre? Pick 5 options from here:



We asked respondents what they believed are the main barriers to using Sixmilebridge town centre.

They were able to select multiple options in their response. The responses were evenly spread out. The respondents had the option to leave further comments as displayed on the slide.





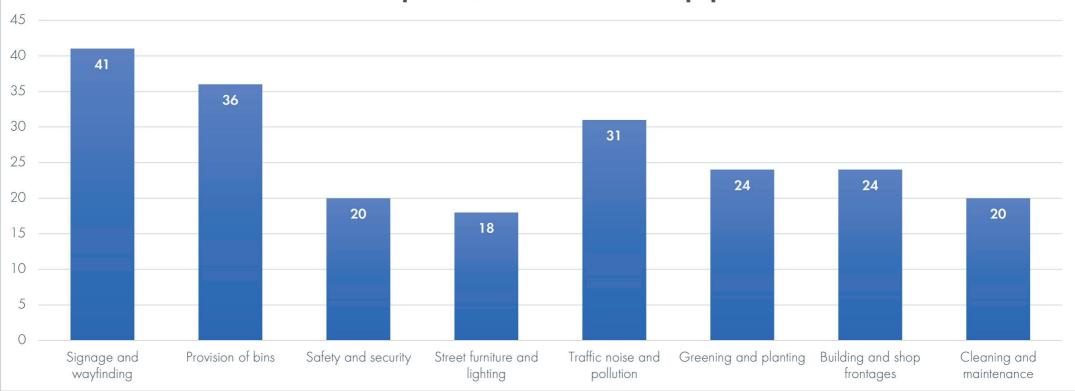






SECTION B - Quality of Street and Spaces: Sixmilebridge has seen some recent investment in its streets and spaces. We want to build on these improvements. When considering improvements to the quality of Sixmilebridge's streets and spaces, please rate the following in terms of their priority for improvement: (1 being lowest priority and 8 being highest priority).

When considering improvements to the quality of Sixmilebridge's streets and spaces, what are the top priorities?





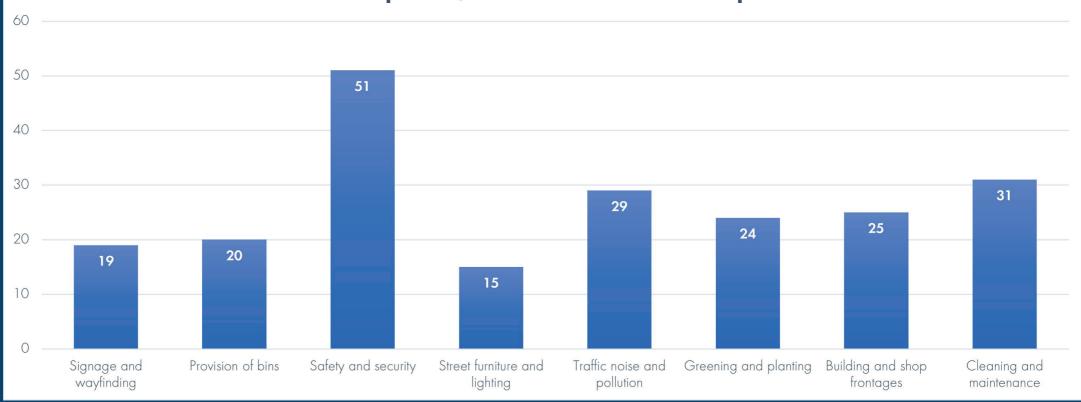




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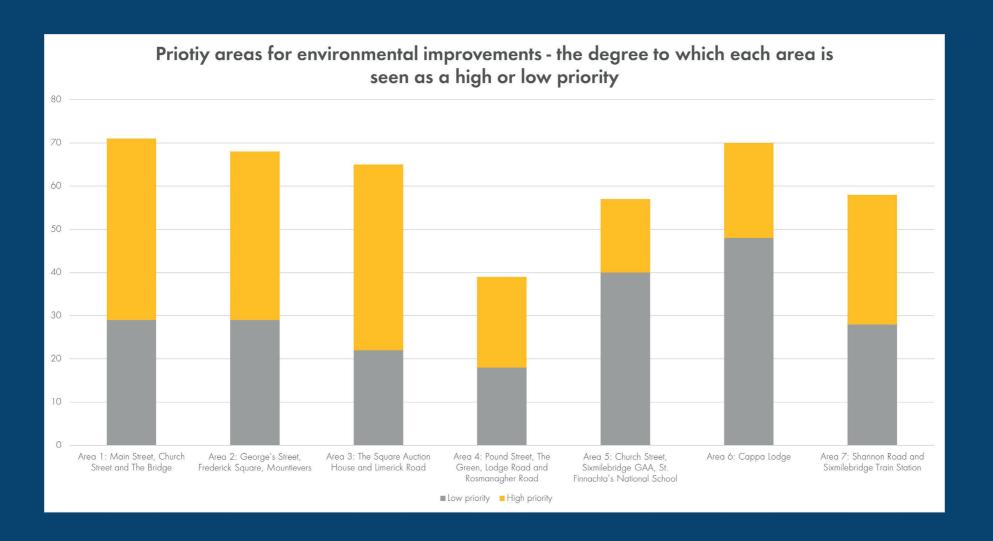








Through our initial analysis of Sixmilebridge, we have identified character areas within the study area boundary. Please rank, in order, your priority areas for environmental improvements: (1 being lowest priority and 7 being highest priority).





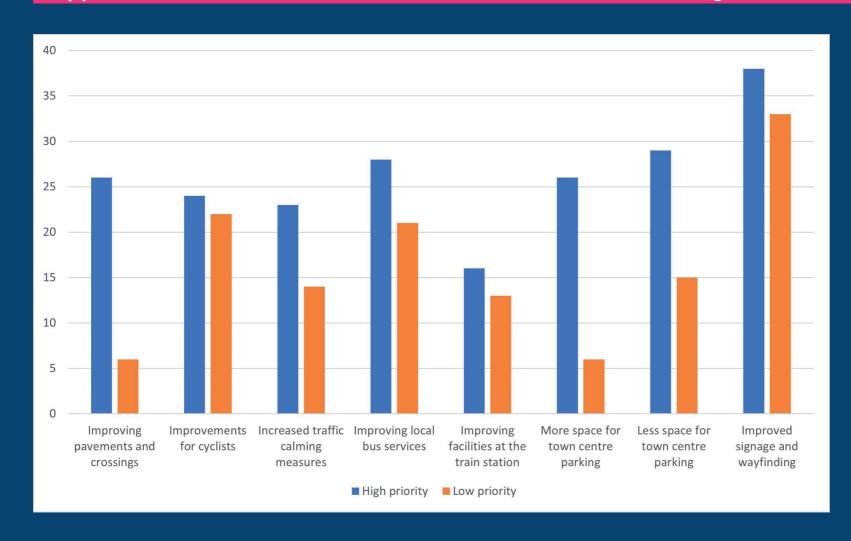








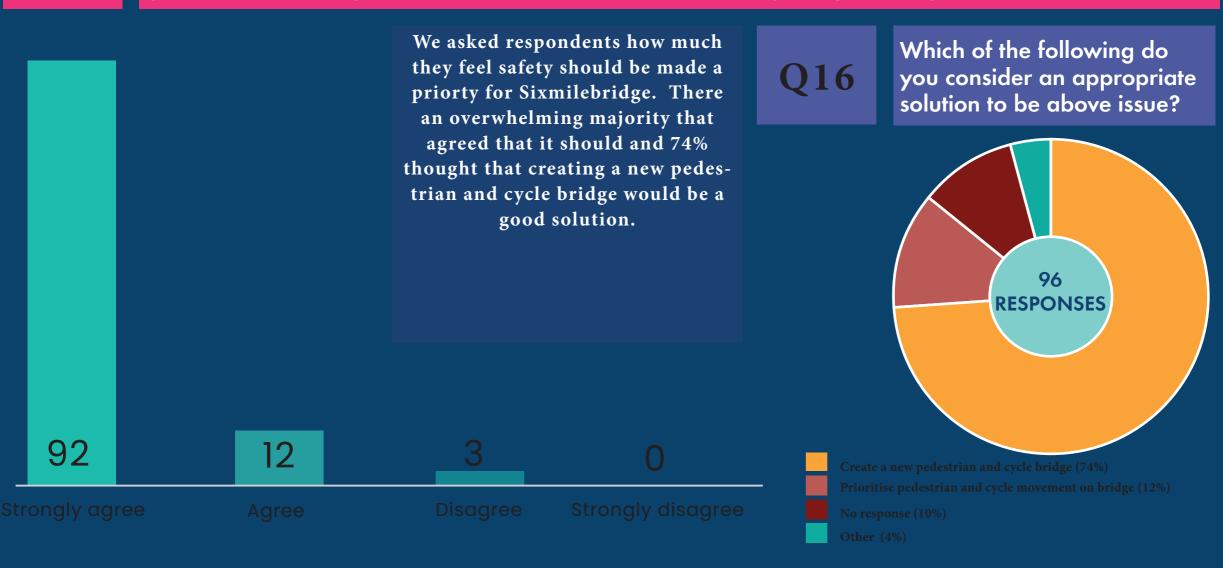
Movement and Connections: Sixmilebridge is situated at the crossroads of key routes to Limerick and Shannon. This often results in traffic congestion in the town centre at peak times, inhibiting movement for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles. What improvements would you support to enhance access to and movement around Sixmilebridge?



2 3 4 5 6

Q15

We are aware of the congestion and safety issues around the Bridge, and the conflict which arises between pedestrians and vehicles. To what extent do you agree that enabling pedestrians to safely cross the river should be considered a priority for the plan:





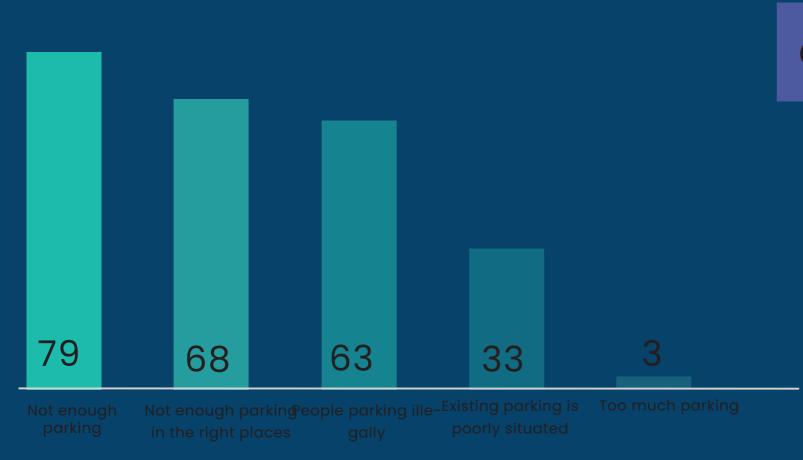




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Q17

We are aware of issues related to car parking in Sixmilebridge. Which of the following do you see as the key issue in relation to parking in Sixmilebridge? Tick all that apply.



Q18

Tell us how you think parking could be improved.

RANDOM SELECTION OF RESPONSES:

"The main problem parking area is outside centra on the bridge, it holds up the traffic all the time, this should be removed"

"Increased public parking off town centre but within walking distance to shops. Across from auction rooms."

"Keep the current theatres and support them, do not add competing activities to the already existing leisure park.."

"Maybe more around shops particularly for disabled"













History and Heritage: Sixmilebridge has a long and fascinating history. What aspects of Sixmilebridge's history or heritage do you think should be shared or celebrated (buildings, spaces, stories, associations, industries, environmental features)?

87 responses

"Buildings could be upgraded and shared..."

"A public park to recognise Brendan O'Regan."

"Old buildings should used for modern purposes instead of being left empty for many years causing eye sores."

"Love the fact there is diverse history in the bridge."



"Highlight river and use as green space/ nmenity...could be seating, picnic benches etc. Walking path along riverbank."

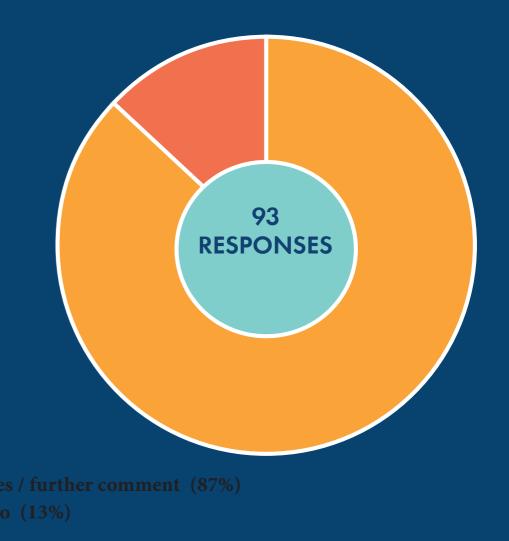


Would you like to see any of Sixmilebridge's historic or existing buildings refurbished and repurposed? If so, what could they be used for? Please use this box to tell us which building and potential uses:

When answering this question, 87% of respondents answered either yes and/or gave an example of historic buildings in Sixmilebridge that could be refurbished / repurposed.

Conversion of the old Auction House building into a new supermarket received considerable support.

Conversion of the Old Mill pub and the Court House building also received support





Town facilities and Services: Sixmilebridge is one of the fastest growing towns in County Clare. Of the following town centre services and facilities, please identify your top three priorities for improvement:













What sort of activities, facilities or services do you think Sixmilebridge needs in order to engage young people, and encourage them to stay and spend time in the town?

87 responses

"A space for other activities other than sport."

"Arts and music centre."

"Youth space/cafe where younger people can meet, play pool/games. practice space for bands, theatre groups."

"Open green/pedestrian spaces. Continue developing sports facilities."



"Youth centre for badminton, basketball, arts, board games, karate, bingo etc"



Identity and Placemaking We want to capture the essence and identity of Sixmilebridge, and use this to develop a 'brand' for Sixmilebridge. What do you think makes Sixmilebridge unique or special?

106 responses

"The sense of community around the village"

"The atmosphere around the town."

"The locals pride in Sixmilebridge and willingness to volunteer in community activities."

"The river and its milling heritage"

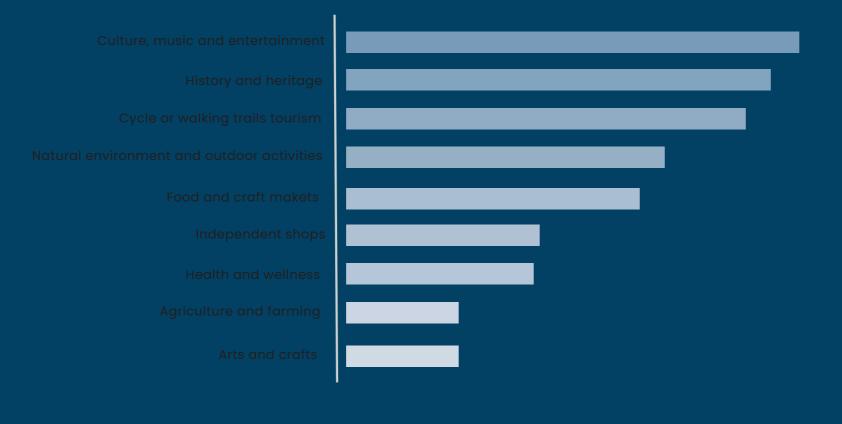


"The river. A river walk would be fantastic. History of the river. Walking and cycling link to Bunratty"





Keeping Sixmilebridge's identity in mind, do you think any of the following themes could be explored to promote Sixmilebridge as a destination?



Of the themes listed, respondents said that Sixmilebridges culture, music and entertainment (20%) could be explored further in the promotion of the town. The second most popular theme was history and heritage (18%), followed by cycle or walking trails (17%).





Employment and Economy: Are there any types of activities or facilities that you think Sixmilebridge needs in order to encourage people into the town centre?

106 responses

"Cafes, greenway encourage eco tourism"

"Parking and more green areas for exercise"

"A river walk please! Some public space to walk and enjoy all the town has to offer!"

"Workplace centre for people working from home"



"Fill the town centre retail and office units through some sort of subsidised commercial rental scheme, this will attract local employment."

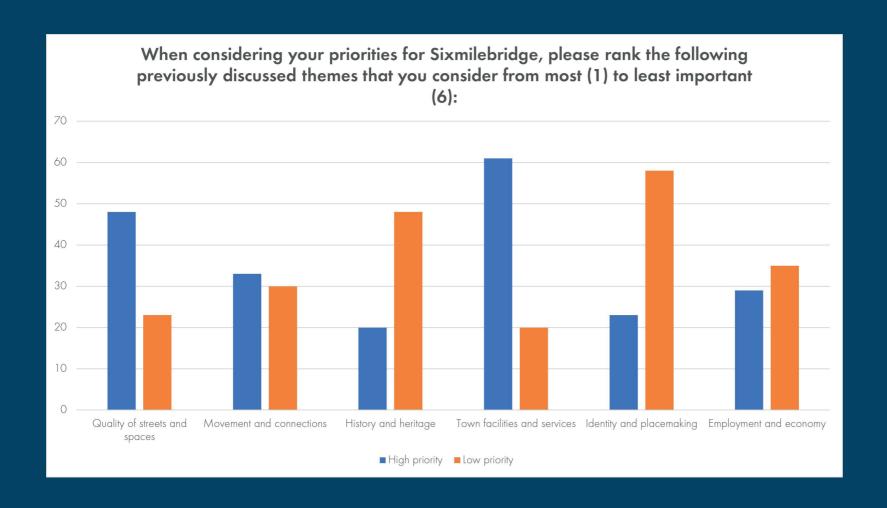








Overall Priority: When considering your priorities for Sixmilebridge, please rank the following previously discussed themes that you consider from most (1) to least important (6):





What would you change about the current town centre experience?



Generally, responses called for more activities and events in the centre.

Some called for more parking, some called for parking to be removed from the centre.

There was concern that pedestrians and those using the centre we in conflict with cars passing through - so improvements that would address this were supported

What do you think the town needs to do to encourage more businesses to locate here?



Generally, responses called for more business space to support a stronger clustering of busisness enterprise.

Support to address vacancy was freuquently highlighted.

Other comments included calls for improved retail offer, better parking and support for the provision of affordable workspace



Please use this box to share any other views or aspirations you have for Sixmilebridge which you have not mentioned previously:



Generally, issues raised included many already raised before.

There was support for more market and events in the centre of the village.

Things that will bring the community together were supported.

A walking route aliong the river linkiung weith Bunratty was also flagged.



If you were Mayor for a day in Sixmilebridge, what three things would you change or implement first?



The issues raised most frequently related to parking, traffic management and the need for a new bridge across the river.

A new river walk, better facilities for pedestrians and more Gardea presence were also frequently raised.

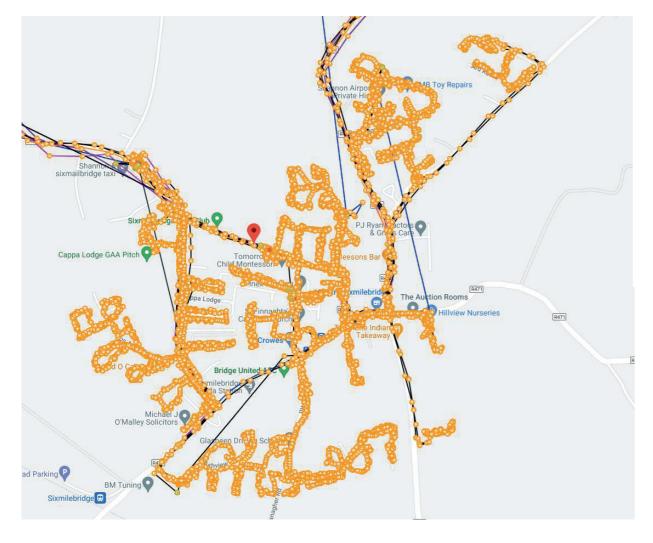
The town's need for a new secondary school was a notable response alongside support for a new supermarket and better facilities for young people.

Order Completion Report

Order No.: 010602 Map Number: 6M Brifge

Map Status: Paid Map Name: Sixmilebridge

Maps Leaflet Distribution Tracking Report



Order Completion Report

Client: Allies and Morrison
Contact: Anthony Benson
Order Taken By: Charlie Johnson

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