



Fisherman's Wharf Concept designs

Phase 1: Consultation open from 22nd July 4th September 2026

Ambitions

- Create a realistic, deliverable scheme which is not high cost.
- Full compliance with Ports and Marine Facilities Safety Code.
- Considers operational requirements.
- Considers commercial needs and opportunities.
- Flexible, allowing for multiple users and uses as well as public art and greenery.
- Improved seating for promoting dwell time / to support events.
- Consideration given for lighting and CCTV to promote strong perception of safety.
- Better understand community desires.

Process so far

- LDA Design appointed on 2 stage contract.
- TDC, including Economic Development Manager, Harbour Master, Commercial Portfolio Assets Manager, Operational Services Manager and Coastal Engineer (with a responsibility for flood protection)
- Externals: The Burton at Bideford, Bideford and Torridge Heritage Harbour, Bideford Reds Rowing Club, SSS Co, Devon Highways

Phase 1



DESIGN PHASING OPTION

Create a tangible, visible improvement of the spaces that are best used:

- Seating and planting adjacent to the Lundy building and bus stop (on Highways side).
- Banked seating by the Kingsley steps, in particular to support event viewing / waterside briefings.

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Terraced Seating – Material Options

Construction approaches are indicative and subject to further development as project evolves.

Material option 1 -

* Current preferred option *

Wooden terracing is built on top of metal frame, allowing for the easiest inspection of the existing sea wall



-  Timber - With suitable weather resistance e.g. Kebony
-  Metal - Suitable for exposed waters edge environment, galvanised

Material option 2

Concrete modular units overlay on the existing wall



-  Timber - With suitable weather resistance e.g. Kebony
-  Concrete - pre-cast and suitable to marine environment
-  Metal - Suitable for exposed waters edge environment

Material option 3

Terrace construction rebuilds the sea wall and replaces it as the defence structure.



-  Timber - With suitable weather resistance e.g. Kebony
-  Natural stone - In keeping with existing local provenance
-  Concrete - pre-cast and suitable to marine environment, removable terrace tops and planters

Phase 2



DESIGN PHASING OPTION

- More efficient use of the ramp and steps.
- Improved planting.

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Phase 3



DESIGN PHASING OPTION

- Resurface and improve the visual appeal.
- Introduce ducting for shore power and water to provide improved provision for berthing vessels.
- Clearly emphasise the delineation of the Working Port.
- Consideration needs to be given to the role of the current cycle path.
- Create a market-style food and drink / starter units commercial offer.
 - Consideration to: pedestrian / emergency access / operational movements.
 - Importance of understanding community desires / commercial interest on the units.

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Feedback received

HARBOUR BOARD & HARBOUR USERS GROUP (HUG)

- The on-going challenge of understanding Fisherman's Wharf's identity – there are many uses, include as a Working Port which should not be sacrificed BUT it is also an important community asset.
- Improved recognition of the working area within the designs, with more thought on storage.
- The importance of trying to soften the divide between town and Quay.
- The challenge of understanding what any commercial offer should be that does not negatively impact on town traders but does add appeal to the quayfront.
- Understanding what style of unit would work within the space and not create bottlenecks.
- Having an open discussion about the positives / negatives of the cycle path which currently crosses Fisherman's Wharf.

Thank you.