

Site Vision

The visioning process is an integral part of planning for the remediation of the site, and it is important that it aligns with the development of the detailed design of the Remediation Strategy. NIEA is committed to the protection of the water quality of the River Faughan and safeguarding the wider environment through remediation of this site. NIEA has carried out extensive site investigations as part of a major environmental monitoring programme designed to yield solutions to protect the water quality in the River Faughan and safeguard the public drinking water supply which is abstracted downstream of the site. Water abstracted from the River Faughan and from the Water Treatment Works at Carmoney is monitored on a daily basis to ensure and assure that drinking water supplied to residents in the Northwest is safe to drink and that it meets stringent drinking water quality standards. These investigations, built on over seven years of monitoring data and findings, provide a whole-site, robust, and scientific evidence base upon which to base the next steps in the Land contamination Risk Management (LC:RM) process - Remediation Options Appraisal and development of the Optimum Remediation Strategy.

When developing the Remediation Strategy, it is imperative that the future use of the site is also considered. As such, the visioning process is an integral part of the remediation of the site and the creation of the Remedial Strategy.

A series of visioning workshops were planned, organised, and facilitated during March and May 2023 to allow stakeholders to put forward ideas to NIEA and to the ICT, Tetra Tech, on potential future uses of the site post remediation informed by the remediation planning work to date. These workshops aimed to help stakeholders understand what types of activities were possible and what were not possible across this 46ha site. Alongside this, in the workshop a series of criteria were outlined that helped inform the discussions on future uses on the site.

This report is a summary of the results of this wide-ranging stakeholder engagement process undertaken during March and May 2023.

In total nine visioning workshops were undertaken. Some were online while others were face to face. The aim of the workshops was to access a wide range of different voices across the community, political and statutory sector, and to generate initial ideas from stakeholders about the future use of the Mobuoy Waste site post remediation.

Annex A - Site Vision

Through the nine workshops and one-to-one engagements, a significant number of informed ideas were identified. These have been categorised into nine different theme-based uses in the table below plus alignment with Derry City and Strabane District Council (DCSDC) plans.

These are:

1. Nature conservation and biodiversity
2. Outdoor Recreation/ play area
3. Education - STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Maths)
4. Sports and Physical Activity and Event Hosting
5. Tourism and Accommodation
6. Safety and Amenities
7. Inclusive and accessible facilities
8. Cultural and artistic features
9. Other
10. Alignment with DCSDC Plans