

Nuns' Island

Residents Workshop
17 April 2019



AGENDA

› **Introduction**

- Where we are in this process
- Key feedback and comments received so far

› **Designer's response to the competition vision brief**

- Summary of BDP + FCB competition thoughts

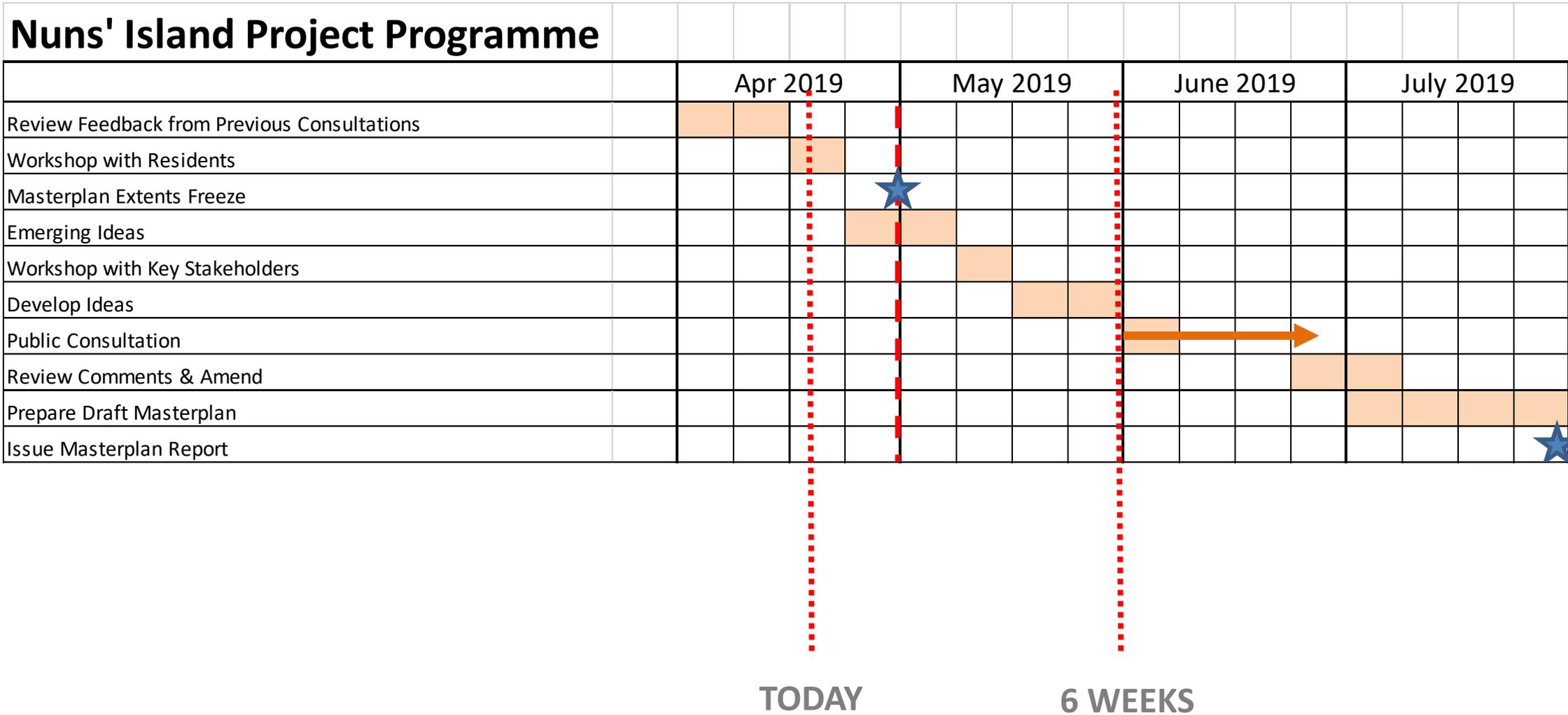
› **Your thoughts**

- Sketching and tracing ideas, thoughts, comments

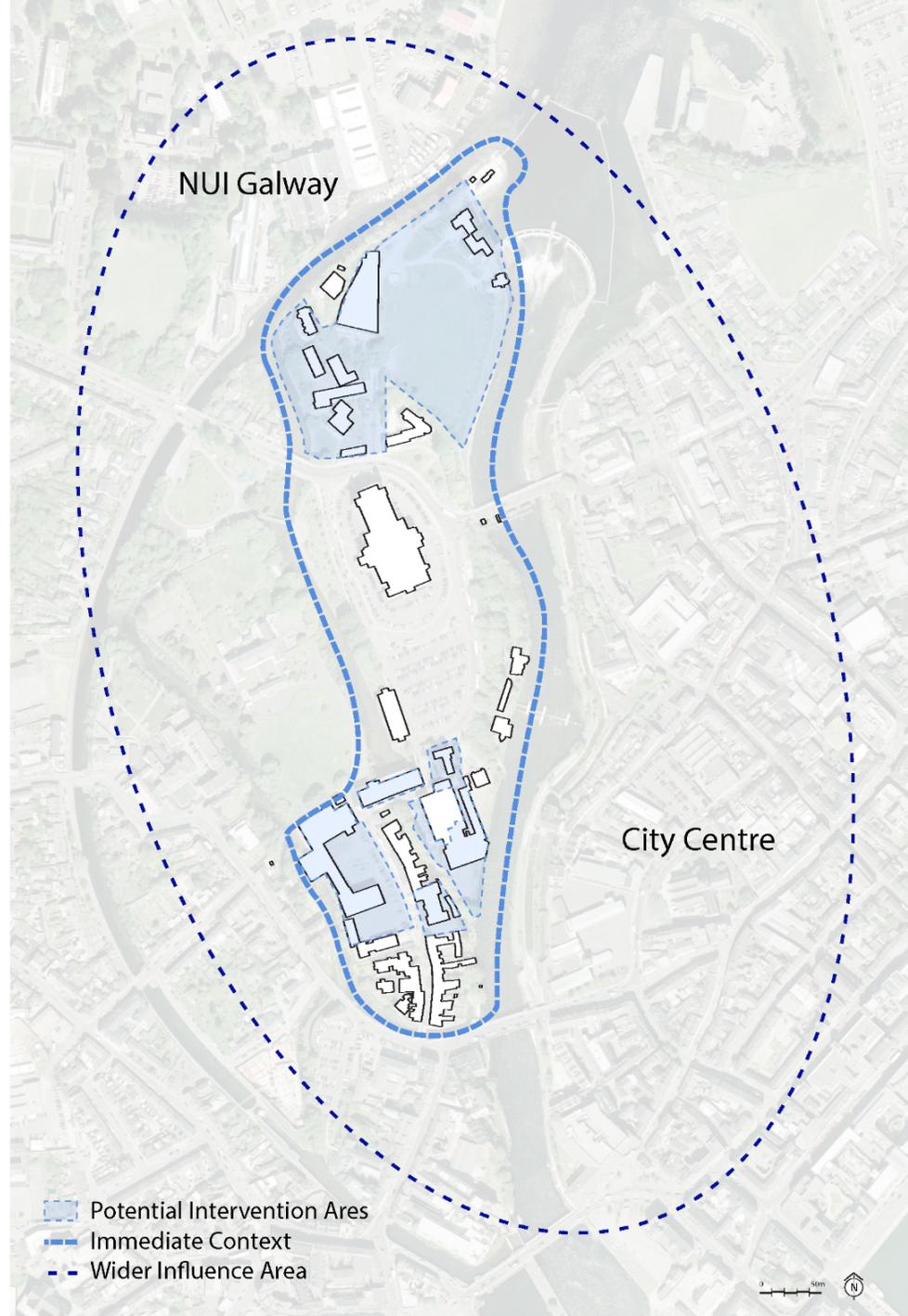
› **Closing and answering questions**



PROJECT PROGRAMME



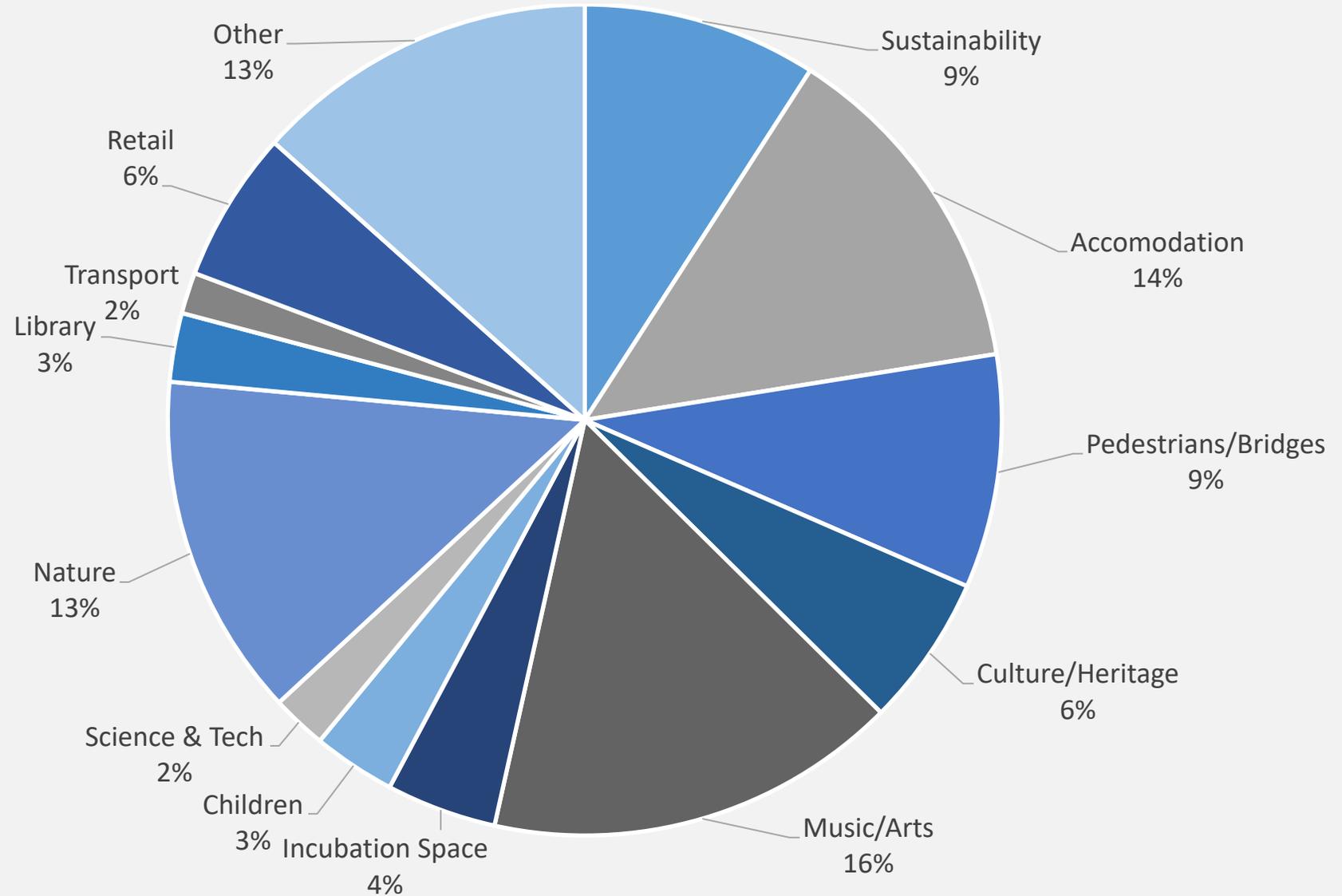
AREAS OF CONSIDERATION



KEY CONCERNS FROM RESIDENTS, ABOUT THE FUTURE OF NUNS' ISLAND

- New development might overwhelm the neighbourhood
- Changes could make Nuns' Island lose its character as a historic district
- Anti-social behaviour already existing could be made worse
- Loss of resident car parking spaces
- Access if increased pedestrianisation takes place and retention of roads
- Pedestrian access to rivers, canal and access routes if new bridges are created
- Preference of revitalising of old buildings rather than creating new ones
- Re-designation of the Bish school to residential
- Demolishing the Bish school
- Student accommodation could create problems with noise and disruption

SUGGESTIONS & FEEDBACK RECEIVED THROUGH THE WEBSITE



110 Responses

KEY CONCERNS RECEIVED THROUGH NUI GALWAY WEBSITE

A word cloud of key concerns received through the NUI Galway website. The words are arranged in a roughly circular pattern, with 'Overdevelopment' and 'Anti-social behavior' being the largest and most prominent. Other significant words include 'Resiliency and flooding', 'Need to protect local charm', 'History lost', 'Access issues', 'Fishing impact', 'Road obstruction', 'Change of use', 'Need for resiliency', 'Local building materials', 'New buildings', 'Congestion', 'Local charm', 'Riverfront protection', 'Parking', 'Lack of affordable housing', 'Loss of calmness', 'Salmon traps', 'Increased traffic', 'Need for socio-economic inclusion', 'Corrib river impact', and 'Keeping the scale'.

Need for socio-economic inclusion
Road obstruction
Change of use
Need for resiliency
Local building materials
Overdevelopment
Anti-social behavior
Resiliency and flooding
Need to protect local charm
Congestion
Local charm
Salmon traps
Increased traffic
Lack of affordable housing
Loss of calmness
Corrib river impact
Keeping the scale
Access issues
Fishing impact
New buildings
History lost
Riverfront protection
Parking

KEY QUOTES RECEIVED FROM NUI GALWAY WEBSITE

"Galway's historical connection with the river"

"A place to relax"

"An island of biodiversity"

"Put priority of people over cars"

"A highlight could be a covered market showcasing what the city has to offer"

"A place for creative industry to flourish"

"A stage for cultural and musical events"

"restore the mill and use its sustainable energy"

"A place of Irish historical importance"

"A vibrant and sustainable community, connected to nature"

"A waterside city park full of activity and life"

IDEAS COMPETITION BRIEF

- Provide a framework to guide future development and explore balances between different types of development
- Identify specific development opportunities and package lands and buildings efficiently
- Foster place-making, culture, arts, neighbourhood services, university and commercial activities
- Integrate and improve the public realm
- Design new buildings and spaces to create a consistent standard of design
- Act as a reference document as a reference for future planning applications