

Public Feedback from Peel Regeneration Public Workshop

At the community workshop held in July, attendees were asked a number of questions about Peel.

Below is a summary of what was said by those that attended.

It should be noted that the comments do not reflect the current policy or views of Government or Peel Town Commissioners and are provided to show the ideas and issues raised by attendees at the workshop.

1.	<p>Where would you consider to be the current 'centre' of Peel?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prom/Quay • Michael Street • Market Square • House of Manannan • Athol Place/Michael Street • Prom, Michael Street, Old Town • Duncan's Diner (Michael Street) • The Creek, House of Mannanan • Bus Stop
2.	<p>If different, where is the ideal 'centre' of Peel and why?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athol Place • Market Square • Beach from headlands to Creek and up to Michael Street • Cathedral, bus stop, Michael Street
3.	<p>How would you address the car parking issues faced by Peel?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinguish between residents and visitors • Upper to lower Peel car journeys could be replaced with jump on/off bus • Multi storey car park on central parking area – parking hard to solve to make pedestrian friendly • Automated parking system between 8am-6pm at Market Place to reduce use as long stay car park • Underground car park at headlands incorporating picnic area on top • Extend Fenella car park • Multi storey car park at Athol Street • Enforcement
4.	<p>What is Peel best known for?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice cream • Kippers • Pubs and restaurants • Beach • Castle • Artists

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewage • Centenary Centre • Good second hand/charity shops • Peel Hill • Good heritage sites • Good dog walking space • Fishing • Basking sharks • WOSAT • Fish and chips • Cathedral • House of Manannan • Friendliness
5.	<p>What does Peel offer that others might not know about?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town centre/olde worlde hidden streets • Centenary Centre • Young people live here • Events at Centenary Centre • Large youth community but not a lot to offer them • Nostalgia • History • Leece Museums • Great walks • Handbell ringers • Cathedral tours/talks in summer
6.	<p>If you could change one thing about Peel, what would it be and why?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus Station • Signage • Better shops • Lower rents for shops • Better PR and advertising • Tatty appearance of shops • Sewage • Parking • For Michael Street to be modernised, better cafes and restaurants • Late night café culture and artisan culture (eg St Ives) so Peel will come alive and be rich in diversity • Extend Fenella car park • Power Station Chimney • Information about events • Massive park for children – currently travel to Ramsey to visit Mooragh Park • More pedestrian areas • Proper development at Marine Parade • Make people look after their properties
7.	<p>How can we connect all the different areas/sectors of Peel- e.g. seafood business park, harbour, Promenade, retail, cathedral etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage • Public transport – Rover Bus

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Really good park for kids • Annual Food Festival, fringe events • Cathedral has created 'a pack of 8 cards' on a 'bead walk' which goes from old Cathedral, Fenella Beach, Spit Corner, Castle Street, St peters, Michael Street, Athol Street, Cathedral. • Tuk Tuk • Minibus bringing estate residents into town • Information boards • Commissioners' offices unwelcoming to visit – new tourist office • Same street furniture throughout
8.	<p>What is your future vision of Peel?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs an identity/niche • Destination shops • Unique attractions • Attract businesses and footfall • Better occupancy of Michael Street • More restaurants • Develop Quay and Prom • Heritage, cultural 'quaint fishing village' feel, tourist friendly • A place that nurtures a family-orientated atmosphere but also an attractive place to spend evenings. A variety of events on throughout the year that isn't just the same old events • Creating tourism around art and culture • Traffic management • Arts, culture, music, theatre, paintings • More cohesive planning/local government/local enterprise
9.	<p>What future events can Peel host/offer that will attract residents and visitors?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secret gardens type events • Interactive walk and talks • Ghost walks • Festivals • Markets • Shops • Nightlife • Niche markets • Variety • Artistic street furniture • Street go karts • Regular markets • Local produce/food assemblies to support and promote local businesses • Sea food festival • Love music venue • Annual street parties • Better sea water quality and good beach maintenance • Youth café • Young enterprise schemes • Art workshops • Exhibitions • Walking treasure hunt 'treasure at your leisure'

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor performance space/multi use • Viking food festival • Street performers
10.	<p>How would you describe Peel to a stranger?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great night out • Great food • Marina • Sunsets (May-Sep) • Centenary Centre events • Tired and broken but with potential – unloved, forgotten, underappreciated, dying, don't swim • Small but diverse, community centred, good pubs, close-knit • Good beaches and history, good walks, not a lot to attract young professionals • Nostalgic little fishing village, great fish and chips • Friendly
11.	<p>What colour do you associate Peel with and why?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red, yellow, orange • Orange/red • Blue or green • Blue and green • Sandstone
Additional General Comments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can the demographic information re population of Peel be made available at the next meeting to facilitate/direct projects/ideas? • Workshops – lack of mid-sized units i.e. choice of garage sized units or large, nothing in between for small businesses. Also very expensive. • Michael Street – retail units are scruffy looking and it seems difficult to obtain. Need to invest in the street to make it more likely that businesses will come and succeed. • Need to play to Peel's strengths – need to retain 'fishing village' aesthetic. Do not homogenise to look the same as Ramsey etc. • If beach situation is not sorted we must black flag – is the beach safe? Health and safety risk? Must be a top priority as one of Peel's best features. • Improvement of Peel Castle. • Re-roof of old cathedral and simple plain glazing. • Occasional market (end of prom space?) Pop-up shops? Local artists, producers etc. • Find old Peel traditions to generate new events around – craft beer/cider events, queenie/kipper/herring events, food festivals. • Headlands – more seats, art installations, water fountains, secure dog park, events, seasonal sports, better paths, community area, stalls and markets. 	

- Make Peel a brand – everyone comes here for the Sunday ice cream/chippy, lazy day. Tempt them to stroll around, up into town with signage, shops, art, entertainment.
- Microphone (for future workshops) would be helpful.
- Where are all the shop keepers etc. at this meeting? Suggests a lack of interest in the regeneration of Peel! Suggest the Commissioners or “others” offer some incentive to make Michael Street more attractive.
- Community Notice boards.
- ‘Pop up’ shops in vacant premises
- Compulsory purchase properties which have been vacant and becoming derelict or enforce as necessary.
- Why isn’t Peel beach black flagged yet?
- I sent a plan showing 9 potential parking spaces in the Glenfaba Road area which was ignored by the Commissioners. Why?
- Wild flower baskets don’t require much after care and look beautiful – get help from MWT?

Additional Questions/Comments by Group:

Business/Artists

- Business networks – identify synergies
- Return Steam Railway
- Skills workshops
- Reduced rental spaces for new businesses
- Douglas Development Partnership style PR & event development
- Indoor play facility – youth community centre
- Community notice board
- Opportunity for creative e-business
- Offer grass verges to businesses to plant up/make art installations/community projects
- Penalise derelict buildings/spaces
- Murals (e.g in Bristol)

Visitors

- Use Peel Castle more – MNH, what are the restrictions, why are they in place?
Light shows similar to Pokerstars at Villa
- Digital notice boards
- Community-built park similar to wildlife park – get kids involved

- Better parks – size and equipment. People currently travelling to Ramsey to use Mooragh Park who then stay to shop
- Attract larger retailers to Peel – How? We have a big enough population to justify it
- Use Tynwald Day – attract visitors to Peel
- How do we improve derelict buildings? Can it be enforced?
- Outdoor markets
- 'You are here' sign – ideal location is at swing footbridge on prom/quay
- Art galleries in vacant shop units

Youth

- Young people nuisance – behaviour, social disturbance, litter (maybe school litter picking?)
- 'Get to know your neighbour' – more community events, street party?
- Music gigs 'cool'
- Wet weather indoor space – youth club not enough, considered 'sissy' to belong to youth club
- Films – some already for kids but need better communication using posters/info board – not all on computer
- 'Dry pub' was great! Central Pub, milk bar? Music studio?
- 'inter-generational' social cohesion
- Place for kids to go – homework centre, IT access, computer drop-in centre
- More use of skate park – seen as token gesture, nothing of great social value, very little to do
- Desire to feel 'part of something' and get sense of ownership
- Bowling Green toilets – don't know whether they can be used?
- Bus stop used in bad weather – people can feel intimidated but nowhere else to go
- No cafes that stay open into the evening – need something of interest to teenagers. Maybe it needs to not feel to be run by the youth service?
- Not enough toilets!
- Peel needs a bit of life injecting into it!
- Centre of Peel – Castle, Cathedral, Marina, Clothworkers School, IOM Bank, Square, Subway

- Like that there's a lot of community gardens all over Peel
- Describe Peel – 'sound', community, character, lots of events (longboats, soap box derby, Peel Day, lots of seafood, House of Manannan)
- Giant slide/zip wire down Peel Hill
- Building for community – located at Headlands so at centre of old and new Peel
- New Scout hut desperately needed – very active scout, cub, beavers, brownies, guide groups
- More coastering spots
- Frequently asked – 'Where's the cinema mate?'
- Public toilets not very clean
- Unused industrial units (Barfords)

Retail

- By-pass from South through brick yards
- Ways to make changes – reduce rents, community garden, business park/industrial area units for start-ups
- Car parking – Athol Street, opposite the garage
- Reverse one-way system? E.g come up Market Street?
- Walk-through links between old and new Peel
- Michael Street should be the preserved 'done-up' bit
- Good signage needed – linking areas together – shops, Centenary Centre etc
- Make end of harbour look nice
- New shops in business park
- Events – music festival, Herring Queen, Viking Festival
- Clean and repair existing, make good rather than big projects
- No Actual centre in Peel
- Park and walk schemes
- Redecorate existing buildings
- More parking enforcement
- Athol Place is perfect 'centre'
- Castle Street for Community Garden – grow veg and fruit
- Multi-storey car park on Power Station fields?
- Peel is quirky
- Outdoor cinema/theatre
- Cycle ways

- Walking tours
- Coloured markers
- Boards with maps and distances
- Kiosk on prom is centre
- Ideal centre is House of Manannan through to Michael Street
- Covered market area – permanent. Athol Place? Arty, quirky
- Move harbour based industrial units to Mill Road, free up harbour retail space
- Tourist/guided walks
- QR Code information
- More parking is essential
- BMX upgrade in a different location
- Cycle path around Peel – young people and families
- Stop car sales parking on harbour side
- Maintain and upgrade existing shops etc
- Better and more attractive retail street and better signage to it
- Athol Place – fittings for a 'put up, take down' market – art, food producers, craft, antique fairs
- Centre of Peel is Athol Place – Michael Street – Market Square
- Move retail area?
- Centre in evening is Quayside
- Better management of reserved parking during day