

Les Transformation de Southport – Promenade Design Consultation

Background



Sefton Council have suggested some changes to Southport Promenade. This is the second part of their plan to improve Southport, called Les Transformations de Southport.



The changes will make it easier to get to the new Marine Lake Events Centre (MLEC). The changes will connect Southport town centre and the waterfront with new spaces and new road crossings.

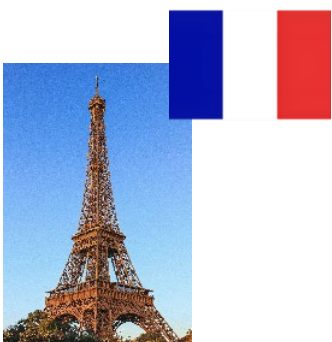


The design is still being planned, and people can help decide what happens next.

What is Les Transformations de Southport?



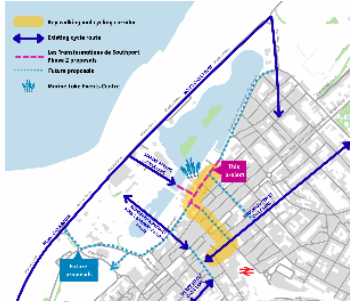
The name 'Les Transformations de Southport' is for plans by Sefton Council to improve Southport. The plans want to make things safer for pedestrians. It also wants to make the roads better.



The name 'Les Transformations de Southport' comes from a story. The story says that Prince Louis Napoleon, also known as Emperor Napoleon the third, was living in Southport in 1838. He loved Southport's buildings and wanted to copy them in Paris.



The first part of the plans was to make the area around Southport Market better. We are now looking at the second part to improve Southport Promenade.



Why now and why the promenade

Sefton Council is planning on building the new Marine Lake Events Centre (MLEC). These plans to improve the promenade will make it easier to travel to the MLEC.

The Council want to make it easy to get to the MLEC and make safer routes and a new public space around it.

The plans want to make better ways to travel from Southport town centre and the sea front.



The plans will connect with local cycling and walking paths, like the Trans Pennine Trail.



Why are public realm, walking, and cycling improvements good?

Public realm means the public space that is free and accessible to everyone.

Making public realm, walking and cycling improvements on the promenade is important to help MLEC and the seafront be popular and easy to visit. This will make more people want to visit Southport.

This can lead to more shopping and spending.

Sefton Council are planning to put in plants that will make the area nicer. The plants will also help catch rainwater and is more sustainable.

It also makes the area nicer by having less cars and pollution, which is good for pedestrian's health. It helps people stay healthy.



Where are the projects located?

The three projects are in Southport town centre. They can be seen on the map below. They are:

- Phase 1 of Les Transformations de Southport, on Market Street, King Street and Eastbank Street.
- Phase 2 of Les transformations de Southport, on Nevill Street, Marine Parade, Bold Street, and The Promenade.
- The Marine Lake Events Centre will be on The Promenade. It will go where the Southport Theatre used to be.



What will happen to the traffic?



Sefton Council has made these plans with the idea to have less through traffic.



Less traffic will make the public space better, including for pedestrians.



One of the main design changes is to add a new green area. This green area will have a cycling path down it. This will make the promenade look nicer and give cyclists a safe path.



This change will stop cars going through nearby quiet streets as a short cut. This makes it nicer and safer for the people living on these streets.



The changes to traffic will be:

- On Nevill Street, cars will only go one way, north past West Street towards the Promenade.
- The middle of the Promenade will have a new middle section for a separate cycle path. This will encourage most traffic to use the roundabouts on the promenade.
- Marine Parade going south will let cars turn left or right onto the Promenade and left into Marine Parade from the Promenade.





- The top part of Bold Street will change and become one way. It will only let cars go south, away from the Promenade.



- On the promenade, there will be 3 disabled parking bays, 2 taxi bays, pick-up and drop-off areas and coach parking on the north side of the Promenade. This is on the MLEC side. This will help people get to MLEC with these ways of traveling.

- When it opens, the MLEC will have 142 car parking spaces for pay and display for the public.



- The rest of the parking on the Promenade will be on the southside (opposite side to MLEC). There will be 16 car parking spaces.



- There will be 8 pedestrian crossings for people who are walking on the Promenade. Some will have traffic lights, some will not.



- The Promenade is very wide. The plans will make the Promenade narrower and the pavement wider. This will give more space to pedestrians. Traffic will still move in both directions like it does now.



What are the plans for the greenery and plants?

The project will make some changes to the look of the Promenade.

The changes are:

- The roads smaller to have more space for walking. There will be more crossings points to cross safely.
- There will be new paving, like the new paving around Market Street, Eastbank Street and King Street.
- There will be new signs giving clear directions.
- Trees and grasses will be planted along the promenade. This will make it look greener, nicer and more friendly. The grass will be a type that fits in with the coast and will not need much looking after.
- There will be new cycling lanes and parking for bikes. This is good for health and the environment.
- The streetlighting poles will stay the same. This will make it look nicer.





- There will be new seating areas to sit and rest like benches.



- There will be tactile paving in some areas near the road crossing. This will help people who are blind or partially sighted.

Final plan and what it will look like



This photo above is a plan of the promenade.



This picture above shows the new plan for the promenade. It has a 3D image of the MLEC building, a new pedestrian crossing, new pavement materials and plants.

The picture shows people crossing over the road and walking to the MLEC.



This picture above shows what it will look like from the promenade. There are plants and trees, a path for bikes and parking spaces.