

Heritage Action Zone proposals – North Walsham Town Council survey

The £3.1m Heritage Action Zone funding has the potential to pay for many improvements to our town centre over the next three years. North Norfolk District Council recently held some exhibition and engagement sessions, however many people were not able to attend, or to use their web-based survey.

North Walsham Town Council understands that it is very important that everyone has a chance to have their say on these major changes, this brief survey on the key issues will help us to represent your views.

The Heritage Action Zone funding has to be used in three main ways,

- Improvements to the Market Place and lokes to make them more pedestrian friendly and welcoming. This is the main focus of this survey.
- Building Improvement Grants will help owners improve the frontages of their shops and to bring vacant retail or residential space back into use. Property owners will have to apply for these.
- Renovation of The Cedars (the old council offices) so that it can be used for community focused organisations with some commercial use. North Norfolk District Council have already made announcements about this and are welcoming applications for use of the space in this building.

One of the key ideas of the Heritage Action Zone is to make the Market Place more attractive to pedestrians, and so also increase footfall to shops and businesses. The four concepts produced by NNDC's consultants all provide more footway space, with varying restrictions on traffic passing through. Please say which – if any – of these you would like to see, and please comment on them too.

Tree planting is also proposed on Church Approach (alongside The Hop In), outside the Information and Heritage Centre in Vicarage Street, and in Bank Loke car park. Would you be happy to see the town looking greener in this way ?

There is also a proposal to replace parking spaces in the smaller part of Bank Loke car park to create a park and visitor centre. Please say whether you'd like to see this too.



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Listening to you

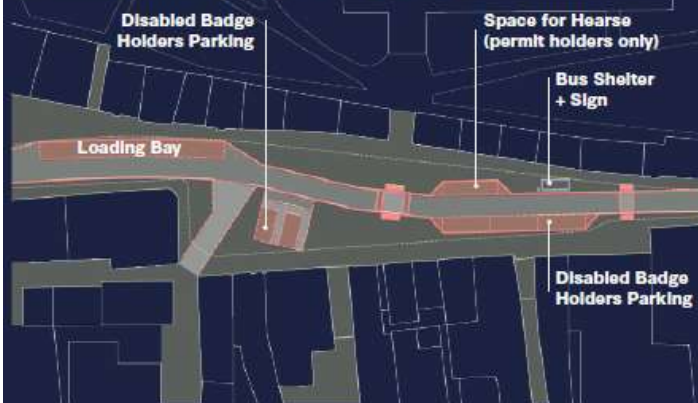
Market Place: Design Concept A



Assessment Against Criteria

1. ● High transfer of vehicular space to pedestrian/public space
2. ● Removes all through traffic (with restricted times for service vehicles)
3. ● No loading/unloading during key daytime hours
4. ● Alignment and materials
5. ● No parking bays
6. ● Additional space, considerate surface treatments, improved crossing facilities and vehicle speed reducing features
7. ● Improved cycle parking and route signage
8. ● No bus stop
9. ● Loading bay retained, but loading/unloading restricted during core daytime hours
10. ● No access and no parking, speed reducing features

Market Place: Design Concept B



Assessment Against Criteria

1. ● High transfer of vehicular space to pedestrian/public space
2. ● Removes all through traffic except for buses, cyclists, and disabled badge holders (with restricted times for service vehicles)
3. ● No loading/unloading during key daytime hours
4. ● Alignment and materials
5. ● Limited parking bays
6. ● Additional space, considerate surface treatments, improved crossing facilities and vehicle speed reducing features
7. ● Improved cycle parking and route signage
8. ● New bus stop position, on-carriageway with shelter
9. ● Loading bay retained, but loading/unloading restricted during core daytime hours
10. ● No access or parking except for disabled badge holders, speed reducing features

Market Place: Design Concept C



Assessment Against Criteria

1. ● Limited scope to increase pedestrian/public space
2. ● Reduction in through traffic, dependent on provision for short stay parking
3. ● No loading/unloading during key daytime hours
4. ● Materials/surface treatments
5. ● Limited parking bays
6. ● Some additional space, considerate surface treatments, improved crossing facilities and vehicle speed reducing features
7. ● Improved cycle parking and route signage
8. ● Existing bus stop retained - Limited space for a shelter
9. ● Loading bay retained, but loading/unloading restricted during core daytime hours
10. ● Disabled badge holder parking, possibly with small number of short stay parking bays, possibly just evening/early morning, speed reducing features

Market Place: Design Concept D



Assessment Against Criteria

1. ● Limited scope to increase pedestrian/public space
2. ● No restriction on light vehicle through traffic, but restricted times for service vehicles
3. ● No access for buses or large vehicles, no loading/unloading during key daytime hours
4. ● Materials/surface treatments
5. ● Some parking bays
6. ● Some additional space, considerate surface treatments, improved crossing facilities and vehicle speed reducing features
7. ● Improved cycle parking and route signage
8. ● No bus stop
9. ● Loading bay retained, but loading/unloading restricted during core daytime hours, with potential weight limit
10. ● Disabled badge holder parking with small number of short stay parking bays, speed reducing features

Market Place comments

Please return your comments to the Town Council's office in Kings Arms Street, or to North Walsham Community Shop in Church Street, or Café Kitale in St Nicholas Court