

JOINT MEETING OF FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE AND REGENERATION SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA



Monday 27 March 2017

at 9.00 am

**in the Council Chamber,
Civic Centre, Hartlepool.**

MEMBERS: FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Councillors C Akers-Belcher, Barclay, Beck, Clark, Cranney, Fleming, James, Loynes, Moore, Thomas and Thompson.

MEMBERS: REGENERATION SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Councillors S Akers-Belcher, Barclay, Cranney, Hunter, Lindridge, Loynes and Thompson

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 3. BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK ITEMS**

None.

4. KEY DECISIONS

- 4.1 Public Realm Improvements for the Innovation and Skills Quarter Including Church Street and Church Square – *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods and Assistant Director (Economic Growth and Regeneration)*
- 4.2 Neighbourhood Investment Programme – *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*

5. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

None.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

None.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT



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27 March 2017



Report of: Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods and
Assistant Director (Economic Growth and Regeneration)

Subject: PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE
INNOVATION AND SKILLS QUARTER INCLUDING
CHURCH STREET AND CHURCH SQUARE

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

1.1 Key decision (test (i)). Forward Plan Reference No. 04/17.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to:-

- i) Seek approval for the commencement of construction work on the Church Street ISQ, subject to confirmation of planning approval and the formal award of grant funding from Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) and the Heritage Lottery Fund.
- ii) Seek approval to allocate funding from the Regeneration Projects fund to support the overall cost of the scheme.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Church Street ISQ forms an important part of *Hartlepool Vision* - the strategy for the regeneration of the Waterfront and Town Centre. The ISQ aims to revitalise Church Street and the surrounding area by providing a positive environment for the creation and growth of new businesses. It aims specifically to boost the growth of the creative industries sector in Hartlepool building upon the £11m investment that has been made to create new teaching facilities for Cleveland College of Art and Design (CCAD) on Church Street. The proposals will also improve connections between the Waterfront and Town Centre by creating high quality public realm space.

- 3.2 The ISQ was the subject of a conditional allocation of £5.5m Local Growth Fund (LGF) monies from the Tees Valley Combined Authority. The conditions of grant award required the Council to develop its plans to a sufficient level of design detail to enable firm cost estimates to be made for each of the projects within the Programme.
- 3.3 There are four projects within the ISQ Programme:
- i. The creation of 31 managed workspace units within the former GPO building on Whitby Street;
 - ii. A scheme of public realm improvement works along Church Street;
 - iii. A major public realm improvement programme on Church Square; and
 - iv. A new pedestrian crossing, highway improvement and traffic signalling works on Stockton Street.
- 3.4 The broadband provision within the ISQ will also be upgraded to provide superfast broadband. This is essential to encourage creative businesses to locate within the area.
- 3.5 On 9th September 2016 a joint Finance and Policy and Regeneration Services Committee approved proposals to take forward the development of the managed workspace facility in the former GPO building on Whitby Street; this followed the earlier approval on 14th March 2016 by the Finance and Policy Committee to purchase the former GPO building using money allocated through the Local Growth Fund.
- 3.6 The explanation for focusing on the creative industries sector was explained in the September 2016 joint report. The creative industries sector is enjoying substantial growth in the UK and there is an opportunity to boost local rates of new business formation and survival by targeting new businesses in this sector building on the stream of graduate talent emerging from CCAD as it expands its presence in the town.
- 3.7 The proposals have their roots in the Creative Industries Strategy approved in 2014 and follow a detailed feasibility study into demand for managed workspace the conclusions of which were summarised in the September 2016 joint report.
- 3.8 That report explained that concept design work on the former GPO building had been completed by Leeds based Architects, Group Ginger. The report sought approval for the proposed architectural treatment including a copper clad extension to the original GPO building. These proposals have now been taken forward into detailed design development and planning.
- 3.9 Planning approval was secured on 24th October 2016 and work has now been completed on detailed designs with associated construction cost estimates to RIBA Stage 4. This will enable a detailed bill of quantities to be prepared and construction tender pack information to be drawn up.

- 3.10 Further detailed design and costing work has also been completed for the planned public realm and highways works on Church Street (**Appendix 1a and 1b**), Church Square (**Appendix 2**) and Stockton Street (**Appendix 3**). Design proposals for each of these projects were prepared in summer of 2016 and have been subject to positive feedback following public consultations carried out between September and December 2016.
- 3.11 Church Street and Church Square form part of a Conservation Area. Because of this the detailed proposals for these areas will require planning approval. This is currently being progressed. A planning application has been submitted, accompanied by a flood risk assessment, a design and access statement and other necessary documents. It is anticipated that a planning determination will be made by end of May 2017.
- 3.12 The Church Street and Church Square proposals will also benefit from a contribution of £1.2m made by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). Subject to formal approval the HLF contribution will help to finance public realm and streetscape improvements including building repair and shop front improvement works.
- 3.13 Details of the proposed HLF scheme are summarised in **Appendix 4**. The final scheme has been the subject of a development review by the HLF at their regional office in Newcastle. This review went smoothly and a positive decision by their Grant Awards Committee is expected to be made in June. On the assumption that the HLF grant award is granted in time the Council has already earmarked £277k for the Church Square public realm works.
- 3.14 Whilst the completion of detailed design work will give the Council a fair degree of cost certainty on the budget for the ISQ the formal letter of grant award from TVCA will only be received by the Council once due diligence on the Council's proposals has been cleared by the TVCA and construction bids have been received from contractors.
- 3.15 Officers have begun to submit information about each of the ISQ projects to TVCA so that the proposals can be scrutinised. The due diligence process will test the robustness of cost estimates and address the return on investment that will be achieved from the ISQ in terms of jobs and economic impact. It is expected that due diligence will be completed by May 2017 and that construction procurement will progress with a view to commencing the Church Street public realm works in July 2017 and the Whitby Street Managed Workspace in August 2017, allowing a necessary period for tender award and mobilisation of the appointed contractors.
- 3.16 The headline anticipated construction delivery programme for the ISQ projects is summarised below in table 1. The dates in question are based upon the assumption of clearance of due diligence by May 2017, planning clearance by May 2017, confirmation of HLF funding in June 2017 and receipt of a formal grant award from TVCA by July 2017. Any slippage on these dates could have a knock on impact on the delivery programme.

Table 1

ISQ Construction Timetable	
Project	Key Dates
(a) Whitby Street Managed Workspace	
Design Freeze	March 2017
Start of Procurement	March 2017
Contract Award	June 2017
Contractor Mobilisation	July 2017
Start on Site	August 2017
(b) Church Street	
Design Freeze	February 2017
Commencement of Procurement	May 2017
Identification of Preferred Bidder	June 2017
Contract Award	July 2017
Contractor Mobilisation	July 2017
Start on Site	July 2017
Completion Target	December 2017
(c) Church Square	
Design Freeze	March 2017
Commencement of Procurement	May 2017
Identification of Preferred Bidder	June 2017
Contract Award	July 2017
Contractor Mobilisation	December 2017*
Start on Site	January 2018*
Completion Target	April 2018*
(d) Stockton Street	
Design Freeze	June 2017
Commencement of Procurement	September 2017
Identification of Preferred Bidder	November 2017
Contract Award	January 2018**
Contractor Mobilisation	March 2018**
Start on Site	May 2018**
Completion Target	December 2018**

* Subject to the completion of Church Street

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- 3.17 The implementation programme could also be affected by issues such as delays in funding approvals, adverse weather conditions, delays in the delivery of materials or unforeseen issues once on site. Delays will be minimised wherever possible.
- 3.18 The construction programme is designed so that works will start at the Mainsforth Terrace outside the new College building and work up the street in phases towards Church Square.
- 3.19 It is proposed that the works to Stockton Street will commence once Church Square is complete. The programme and phasing will be confirmed

once contractors have been appointed. The proposed phasing for Church Street is set out in **Appendix 5**.

- 3.20 It is proposed to phase the works in this way to reduce the disruption to traffic, pedestrians and businesses within the area whilst reducing the potential for conflict between the various contractors working on the scheme and increased costs.

4. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The ISQ is a major town centre regeneration programme and carries a number of risks that will need to be properly managed. It has therefore been important to ensure that the locations of underground utilities are clearly identified; design work has been completed in sufficient detail to enable contractors to price the work properly, and all necessary planning and funding approvals will be authorised prior to work commencing.
- 4.2 Prior to construction a risk register will be prepared for each project. Risks will be carefully monitored throughout the construction programme. Key risks that will need to be managed include utility approvals, temporary traffic management diversions, liaison with residents and businesses affected by construction work; monitoring of the construction timetable and budget; and contingency planning around external variables such as adverse weather.
- 4.3 It will be important that construction work is managed in such a way as to minimise disruption to businesses and residents in Church Street. There will be a need to ensure early communication about areas where work will be taking place and any changes that may be needed to local traffic management, including diversion routes. Council officers will ensure that there is proper communication with local residents and businesses about each of the ISQ projects and the impact of the construction work. The appointed contractors will be asked to conform to the Code of Construction Practice and to act as considerate contractors, adhering to standards governing site safety and cleanliness and agreed hours of working. Secure site compounds will be set up in suitable locations to store paving and other construction materials.
- 4.4 In order to manage the funding risk the Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods will be asked to confirm that written approvals are in place concerning the award of external funding from TVCA and HLF prior to any commitment to let contracts that rely upon the availability of such funds.
- 4.5 The funding risk will also be managed through the timing and phasing of the works to ensure that the overall project is delivered within the resources available. If cost increases occur it may be necessary to reduce the scope of works in later phases of the programme, specifically Stockton Street to fit the remaining budget.

- 4.6 There is also a risk that the £277k HLF funding identified for the Church Square public realm improvements will not be available if the second round HLF application were to be unsuccessful. If the HLF funding is not secured funding is sought from the Finance and Policy Committee to underwrite this risk.
- 4.7 A successfully implemented programme will bring about significant improvements for the town and the reputation of the Council. However, poorly executed delivery of the programme could cause disruption to residents and businesses and damage the reputation of the Council. Proper risk management procedures; early identification of problems and speedy resolution of potential difficulties will therefore be key to successful delivery.
- 4.8 The Project Management and Governance arrangements for the ISQ were set out in the Project Initiation Document reported to the Regeneration Services Committee on the 28th August 2015. The governance arrangements will be reviewed and updated as necessary to ensure that robust procedures are in place to manage operational, financial and reputational risk during the construction delivery phase of the project with project management arrangements overseen by the Assistant Director of Economic Growth and Regeneration.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 The anticipated cost of the ISQ programme, based upon pre-construction tender estimates of designs detailed to RIBA Stage 4 is £8,488m. Work is underway to secure savings to the budget through value engineering reviews of key project elements. However, now that detailed designs are available, it is anticipated that there will be limited scope for further savings unless changes were to be made to reduce project scope or use lower quality construction materials. Such compromises would undermine the objectives of the ISQ which aims to deliver a high quality of design finish. Officers do nonetheless believe it may be possible to save up to £250k through value engineering, primarily on Stockton Street without impacting upon the scope or quality of the programme.

The sources of funding identified for the ISQ programme is set out in table 2 below:

Table 2

Project	Total Funding Allocation (000's)
Local Growth Fund	£5,500
Heritage Lottery Fund	£282*
Hartlepool Borough Council	£717
S106	£222
Local Transport Plan	£150
TOTAL	£6,871

*Includes £5k in development funding received to date

- 5.2 To date £582k has been spent on project design and development work using a combination of approved Council and local growth fund money. Table 3 below provides a breakdown of project development work on each project to date (including property acquisition). This work has proceeded in the anticipation that the ISQ will proceed and LGF will be confirmed through a letter of grant award from TVCA:

Table 3

Project	Project Development Work to date
Managed Workspace (including building acquisition)	£409,000
Church Street	£59,000
Church Square	£20,000
Stockton Street	£94,000
TOTAL	£582,000

- 5.3 Table 4 below provides a breakdown of the ISQ budget based upon current detailed design plans and pre-tender construction cost estimates. These figures exclude the potential value engineering savings described in paragraph 5.1 and will be subject to probable change following procurement of tenders for the construction work.

Table 4

Project	Latest Estimated Costs (000's)	Less Funding Identified (000's)	Council contribution to be approved (000's)
Managed Workspace	£3,137	£2,788	£349
Church Street	£2,169	£1,626	£543
Church Square	£1,423	£1,423	£0
Stockton Street	£1,729	£1,004	£725
Church Street High Speed Broadband	£30	£30	0
TOTAL	£8,488	£6,871	£1,617

- 5.4 An update of the Medium Term Financial Strategy was submitted to the Finance and Policy Committee on 9th January 2017 and set out proposals to use one-off resources of £4.949m identified from the reserves review plus a contribution of savings achieved from the 2016/17 forecast outturn. These proposals included an amount of £2.862m set aside to contribute towards Regeneration Schemes. As part of the Medium Term Strategy, recommendations approved by Council on 23rd February 2017, authority to approve schemes to be funded from the £2.862m regeneration schemes budget was delegated to the Finance and Policy Committee.

- 5.5 It is therefore proposed that the shortfall of £1,617m identified in table 4 above is funded from the £2.862m set aside to support Regeneration Schemes.
- 5.6 It is expected that there will be efficiency gains from procuring Church Street and Church Square as one contract. However as HLF funding confirmation will not be received until June 2017 the Finance and Policy Committee is requested to underwrite the expected £277k HLF contribution using the funding identified for Regeneration schemes. This will enable the procurement to commence as soon as the LGF funding award has been confirmed. Should the HLF second round bid be unsuccessful the Council would need to review the scope of the programme and make necessary value engineering savings.
- 5.7 It should be noted that the Council has finite resources available to support one-off Capital investment and this decision will commit £1.617m and £0.277m from the funding identified for regeneration schemes leaving £0.968m available to support future developments.
- 5.8 External funding opportunities continue to be explored to reduce the funds required from the Council. If additional external funding is secured the value of the amount secured will be transferred back into the Regeneration Projects fund to replenish the fund available to support future regeneration schemes.
- 5.9 Even though a substantial amount of work has been completed on the design process and robustness of the cost estimates, the final tender prices will depend upon market forces at the time of going to tender. It may therefore be necessary to value engineer or reduce the scope of the projects if costs increase.
- 5.10 In addition to the financial risks associated with the delivery of the capital programme, as set out in the report to Finance and Policy Committee on the 14th March, 2016 and the Joint Regeneration and Finance and Policy Committee on the 9th September 2016 the operation of the managed workspace facility will carry some revenue related risks for the Council. Based on the income and expenditure projections prepared for the facility it is anticipated that there will be a revenue shortfall during the first three years of operation which would require total revenue funding of £95k. The report was approved on the basis that this temporary budget shortfall would be met from Departmental Reserves earmarked to support Economic Regeneration Schemes. The financial risk of a shortfall will need to be monitored carefully with suitable steps being taken to mitigate the risk if it begins to emerge.
- 5.11 Each of the projects in the ISQ programme includes an allowance for preliminaries and a contingency budget commensurate with the level of anticipated risk for the project in question. The area of highest risk is anticipated to be Church Street where ground penetrating radar surveys have revealed shallow buried utilities that will need to be subject to digging by hand. A 15% contingency allowance has been made to cover this risk. By contrast the level of design detail on the managed workspace allows for

a high degree of cost certainty and a low contingency allowance of only 4%. The impact of Brexit on the value of sterling is not expected to have major consequences for project budget, as the vast bulk of construction materials are being sourced from within the UK.

- 5.12 Members are reminded that significant additional funding reductions will need to be made over the period 2017/18 to 2019/20. By 2019/20 this means funding will have been reduced for 9 years. In addition, the Government's current policy in relation to Council Tax, including the Social Care precept, is increasing the proportion of the overall budget funded from Council Tax. An update of the Medium Term Financial Strategy was submitted to the Finance and Policy Committee on 9th January 2017 and informed Members that the Council faces a gross budget deficit over the next three year of £20.8m. The implementation of corporate savings, forecast Council Tax increases, housing growth and increased Better Care Funding reduces this to £8.8 million over the next three years, which equates to 10% of the 2016/17 budget. Detailed savings proposals totalling approximately £6.6m were approved by Finance and Policy Committee on 9th January 2017, which means the Council still needs to make further savings of £2.2m over the next three years. This figure may increase if existing budget pressures cannot be managed by reducing demand for demand led services. Any additional budget pressures that are created will increase the level of budget cuts which will need to be made and will need to be referred to the Finance and Policy Committee for consideration.

6. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 If the ISQ programme were not to proceed TVCA would seek to claw back the funding committed to date. If the ISQ programme were to change scope in any material way from the project proposals submitted through due diligence then TVCA could similarly seek to claw back funding for any programme elements that were not fully delivered. Likewise, the HLF have similar funding conditions.
- 6.2 It will be important throughout the implementation of the ISQ that the Council communicates progress on a regular basis to these external funding bodies, as well as keeping Elected Members fully informed of progress in relation to the construction programme and budget.

7. CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY

- 7.1 The ISQ will help to reduce child and family poverty by improving the economy of the area and creating new job opportunities for local people.

8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 The design of the managed workspace and the planned improvements to public realm have been undertaken to be compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act and the Equality Act 2010. There has been consultation with representative of disability groups about accessibility and other relevant aspects of design.

9. SECTION 17 OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 The ISQ programme aims to encourage a safer, more pedestrian friendly public realm environment along Church Street and Church Square with improvements to street lighting and pavement surfaces. It is hoped that the night time economy on Church Street will be counter balanced by stronger day time economic activity and that the environment will help reduce the risk of crime and disorder in the area.

10. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

- 10.1 As reported in the joint report of September 2016 it is proposed that the managed workspace facility on Whitby Street will be managed by the Economic Regeneration Team by achieving staffing efficiencies across the new centre and the existing Hartlepool Enterprise Centre.

11. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 11.1 The Estates and Regeneration Team will manage the Whitby Street Managed Workspace facility in the period until the centre opens when operational responsibility will pass to the Economic Regeneration Team.

12. CONCLUSIONS

- 12.1 Since the Medium Term Financial Strategy report was considered by Finance and Policy Committee on 9th January 2017 significant work has been completed to design and cost the schemes detailed in this report. As detailed in section 4 this includes a risk assessment and actions to manage and mitigate risks.
- 12.2 Even though a substantial amount of work has been completed on the design process and robustness of the cost estimates, the final tender prices will depend upon market forces at the time of going to tender. It may therefore be necessary to value engineer or reduce the scope of the projects if costs increase.
- 12.3 The Council has secured significant grant funding for these schemes, totalling £5,782m, which equates to 68% of the overall project cost. The

report indicates that a Council contribution of up to £1.617m is needed for this scheme along with £0.277m to underwrite the anticipated HLF contribution.. This can be funded from the one off funding allocated within the approved MTFS.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS

13.1 Recommendation for the Finance and Policy and Regeneration Services joint Committee to:

- (a) Note the progress of detailed design and development work on the ISQ
- (b) Note the designs for Church Street, Church Square and Stockton Street as set out in the appendices and the final approval be delegated to the Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods in consultation with the Chair of Finance and Policy Committee and the Chair of Regeneration Services Committee.
- (c) Instruct officers to submit ISQ final documentation to TVCA for due diligence to be undertaken to enable the Contract letter to be awarded by May 2017.
- (d) Instruct officers to clear the final stages of design development and commence procurement subject to clearing all the necessary planning and external funding award approvals prior to entering into construction contracts and delegating the formal sign off of contracts to the Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods in conjunction with the Chief Solicitor.
- (e) Note that the project costs may change once tender prices have been received which may result in the need to value engineer or reduce the scope of projects in the later phases.
- (f) Note that the delivery of the ISQ programme is dependent upon the successful completion of the TVCA due diligence process.

13.2 Recommendation for the Finance and Committee to approve:

- (a) In accordance with the authority delegated by Council within the approved MTFS for 2017/18 it is recommended that Members:
 - i) Approve the proposals detailed in paragraph 5.5 to use the Regeneration Projects Fund to fund the current funding shortfall of £1.617m,
 - ii) Approve £277k from the Regeneration projects fund to underwrite the anticipated HLF contribution as set out in paragraph 5.6 to allow the procurement process to commence.
 - iii) Note that (i) and (ii) above will commit £1.894m of the £2.862m funding available leaving a balance of £0.968m to support future Regeneration Schemes.
 - iv) In the event that additional external funding is secured the value of the amount secured will be transferred back into the Regeneration Fund to support future regeneration schemes.

14. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 14.1 The ISQ programme has now reached detailed design stage. Construction cost estimates including material costs have been prepared providing the Council with as much cost certainty as can be achieved prior to the commencement of procurement and the return of contractor proposals.
- 14.2 There has been considerable momentum on the development of the four projects within the ISQ over the past year and if the programme is to be substantially completed by late spring 2018 then it will be necessary to progress to procurement in advance of planning approval for Church Street and Church Square, and funding approval for HLF.
- 14.3 Committee approval at this stage will enable officers to complete all the necessary procurement work required to facilitate the commencement of construction work on Church Street in July 2017 and the Whitby Street managed workspace facility in August 2017, subject to the above noted approvals being achieved.

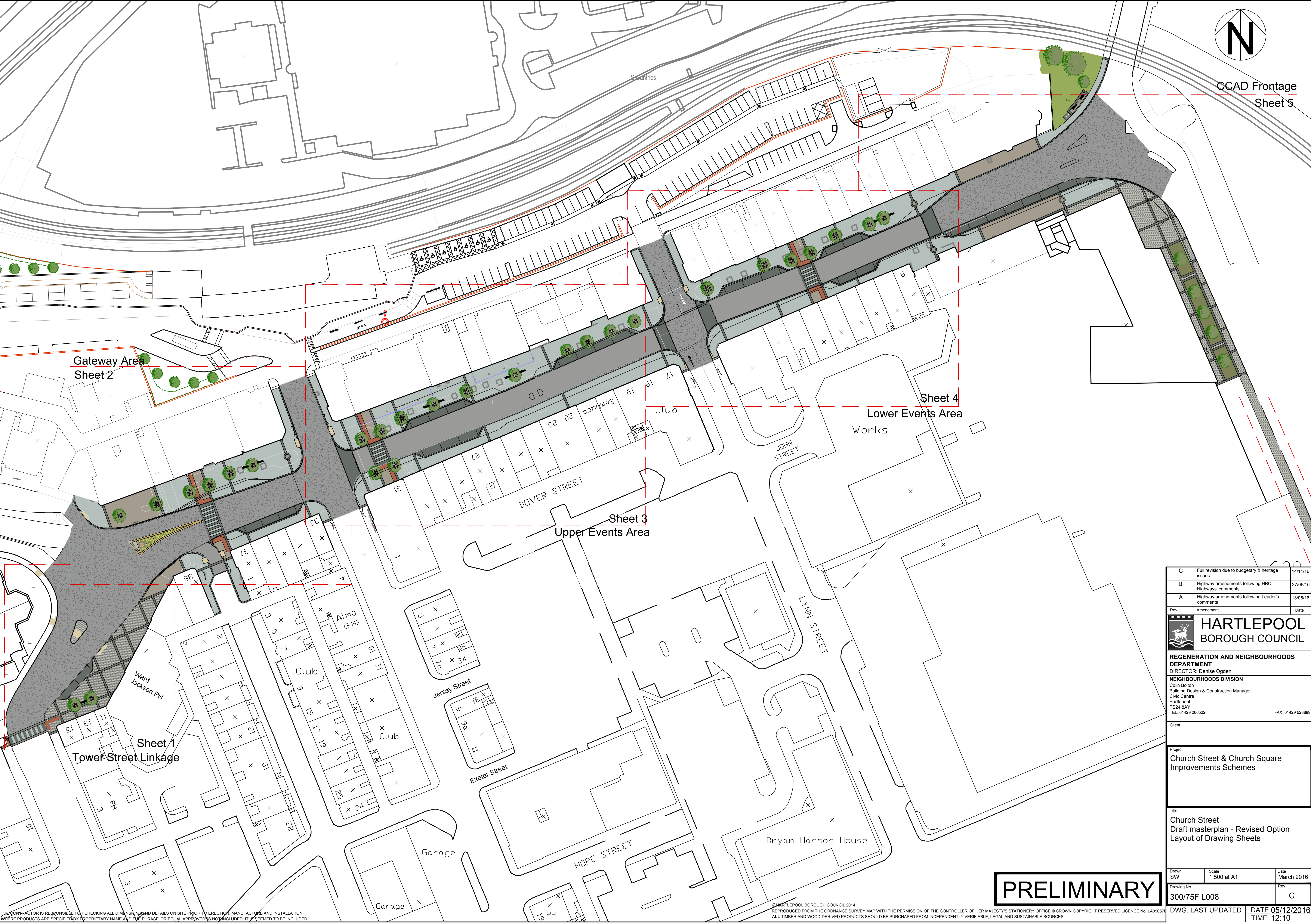
15. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 15.1 There are no background papers relating to this report.

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CCAD Frontage
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Gateway Area
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Upper Events Area

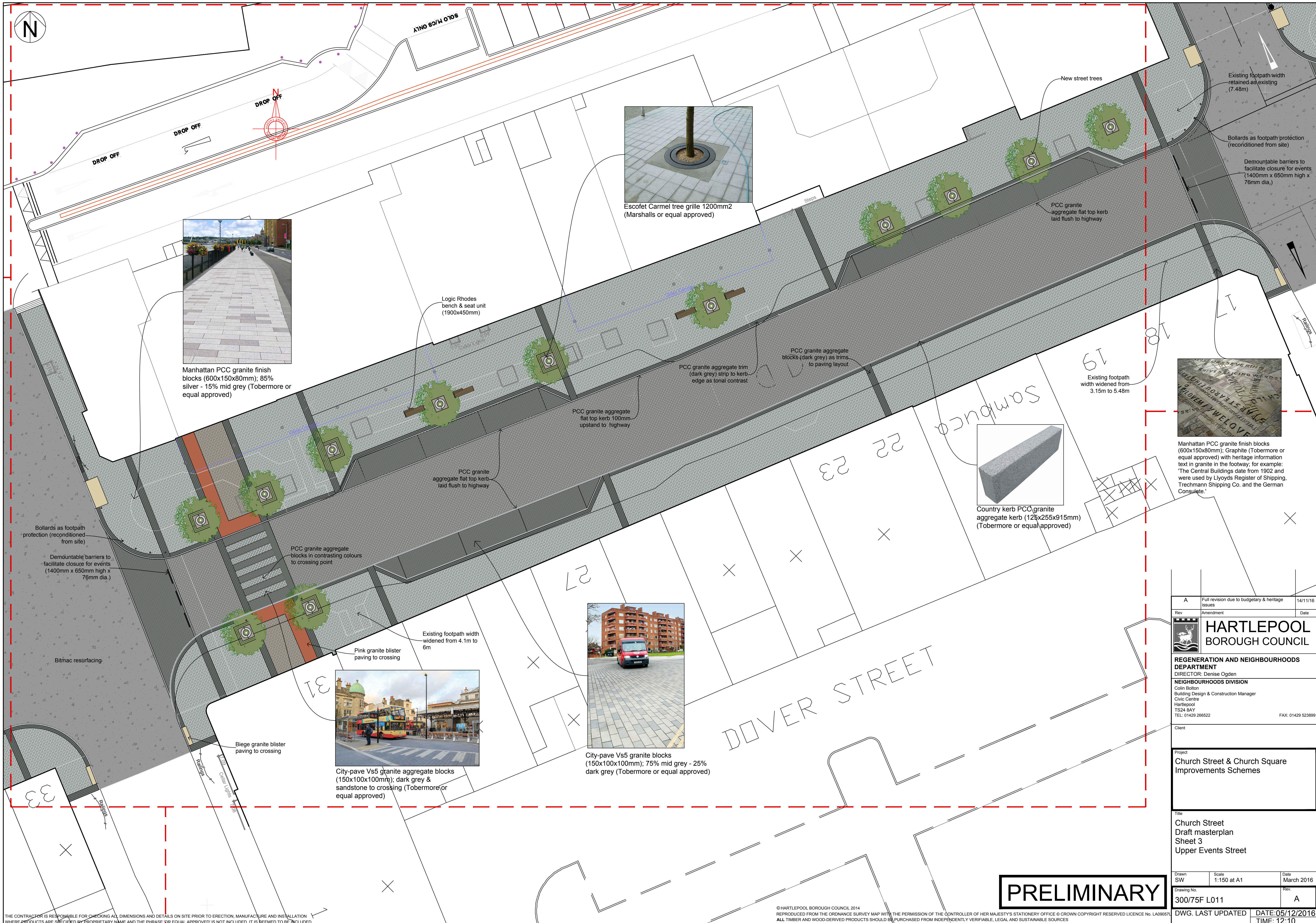
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B	Highway amendments following HBC Highways' comments	27/05/16
A	Highway amendments following Leader's comments	13/05/16
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- Proposed kerb
- Proposed granite bench
- Proposed timber top bench
- Proposed feature tree
- Proposed trees
- Existing trees to be retained
- Proposed lawn
- Proposed perennial planting
- Proposed rain garden

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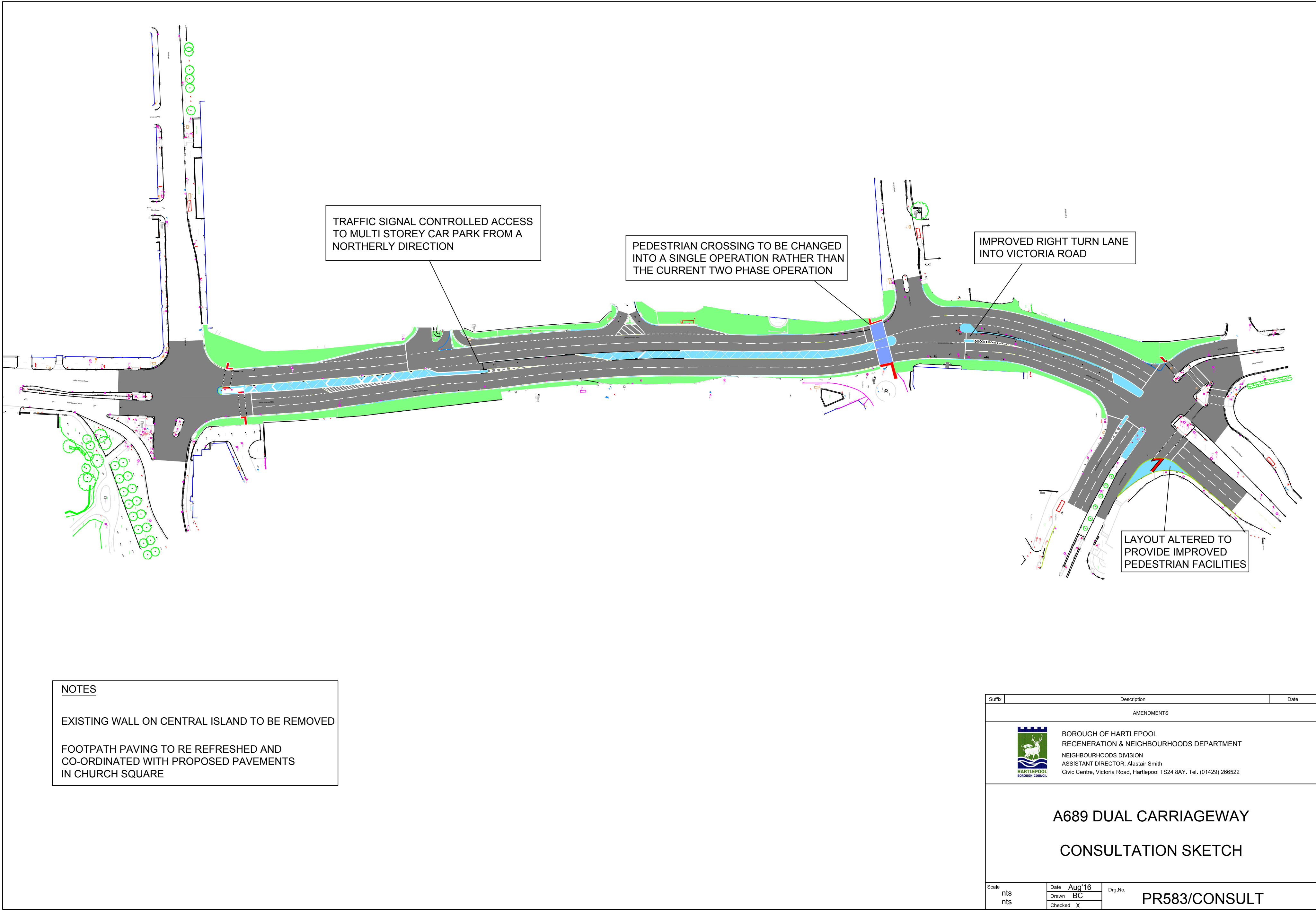
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Appendix 4: HLF Round 2 Application Update

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The second round application for the Church Street Revival Townscape Heritage Scheme has been submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund. This note outlines details of the bid.

2 Background

- 2.1 In 2015 the Council submitted an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for a Townscape Heritage (TH) grant in order to support the ongoing regeneration of Church Street.
- 2.2 HLF awarded a Round 1 (i.e. "in principle") pass of £1.2m in January 2016 and the Council was invited to carry out further detailed development of the scheme with a view to a Round 2 application in January 2017.
- 2.3 Central to the delivery of a Townscape Heritage scheme is a joint funding pot to which HLF, the Council, and other agencies contribute. Grants are awarded from this for the conservation, repair, and regeneration of properties in the area including those owned by private owners and for-profit organisations. In addition to this grant is required to deliver educational and interpretative outputs which bring a greater, more varied cross-section of the community into contact with their heritage and provide opportunities for lifelong learning.

3 Round 2 Application

- 3.1 The work undertaken as part of the Round 2 application comprised:
- Preparation of a conservation area management plan
 - Condition surveys of the buildings within the conservation area to a level suitable to determine (a) scheme priorities, and (b) likely level of costs so arising.
 - Recommendations as to the appropriate levels of grant required and the liability so accruing to the common fund.
 - Advice on the appropriate management mechanisms including application procedures.
 - Development of an activity plan focussing on a new creative quarter.
 - Public consultation to inform and guide these emerging proposals.
 - Recommendations as to outcomes and evaluation procedures.
 - Preparation of a scheme action plan setting these out.
- 3.2 Consultation was undertaken with key stakeholders including local educational establishments, community and civic groups, businesses, and community groups

4 Conservation Area

- 4.1 The Council's existing conservation area appraisal was reviewed and expanded as part of the TH development process. This was in turn developed into a conservation area management plan (CAMP) which will provide guidance on how the special historical and architectural interest of the conservation area can be preserved and enhanced as part of the overarching regeneration strategy.
- 4.2 The CAMP makes recommendations for:
- a) Provision of support for property owners through grants, technical advice, and training.
 - b) Initiatives to bring redundant and/or vacant buildings back into use.
 - c) Encouraging the repair and reinstatement of original shopfronts, doors, windows and other features that contribute to the historic character of the area.
 - d) Action in respect of advertisements to ensure that new signs reflect the historic street scene in a sympathetic way.
 - e) Introduction of an enhanced enforcement programme where breaches are controlled.
 - f) Implementation of public realm proposals for Church Street and Church Square.

5 Regeneration Strategy

- 5.1 The survey work undertaken indicated that much of central and lower (i.e. east) Church Street is in a poor condition due to the effects of age and limited maintenance. Previous grant repair schemes have slowed this process, however there are widespread issues around dilapidated render, parapet gutters, and high level masonry.
- 5.2 In contrast, upper (i.e. west) Church Street is in a generally fairer condition, possibly reflecting the more favourable trading conditions and uses at this end of the conservation area, although some problems were identified.
- 5.3 A significant proportion of the shopfronts require only minor repair works to return them to a reasonable condition. Candidates do exist for wholesale replacement, mainly where late 20th century contemporary materials have been used, but these are limited.
- 5.4 The central south side of Church Street presents the greatest area of need and concern in terms of building condition. In particular three properties were highlighted:
- Shades, a listed former public house in extremely poor condition which is likely to be lost without urgent intervention.
 - Scarlet's, originally a department store but most recently a nightclub. Now empty, the roof is in very poor condition and intervention is required.
 - Pulse, a three storey property comprising licenced premises on the ground and first floor levels, and manager's flat over. The fabric is in a mixed

condition however the continuing vacancy limits the investment which the owner can make in the external envelope.

Also of note is the Athenaeum, which appears in reasonable condition following earlier grant-funded work but does suffer from unsympathetic 1980s shopfronts which have an adverse impact on the character of the area.

- 5.5 The proposals submitted for the Round 2 HLF application therefore recommend:
- (a) A small buildings repair grant scheme based on a 80% intervention rate, which is intended to deal with façade and roof repairs.
 - (b) Priority buildings repair grants for Shades, Scarlet's, and Pulse.
 - (c) A two stream shopfront repair/restoration of architectural details programme covering (a) repair of existing dilapidated frontages, and (b) reinstatement of missing frontages based on a 90% intervention rate.

6 Education and Interpretation

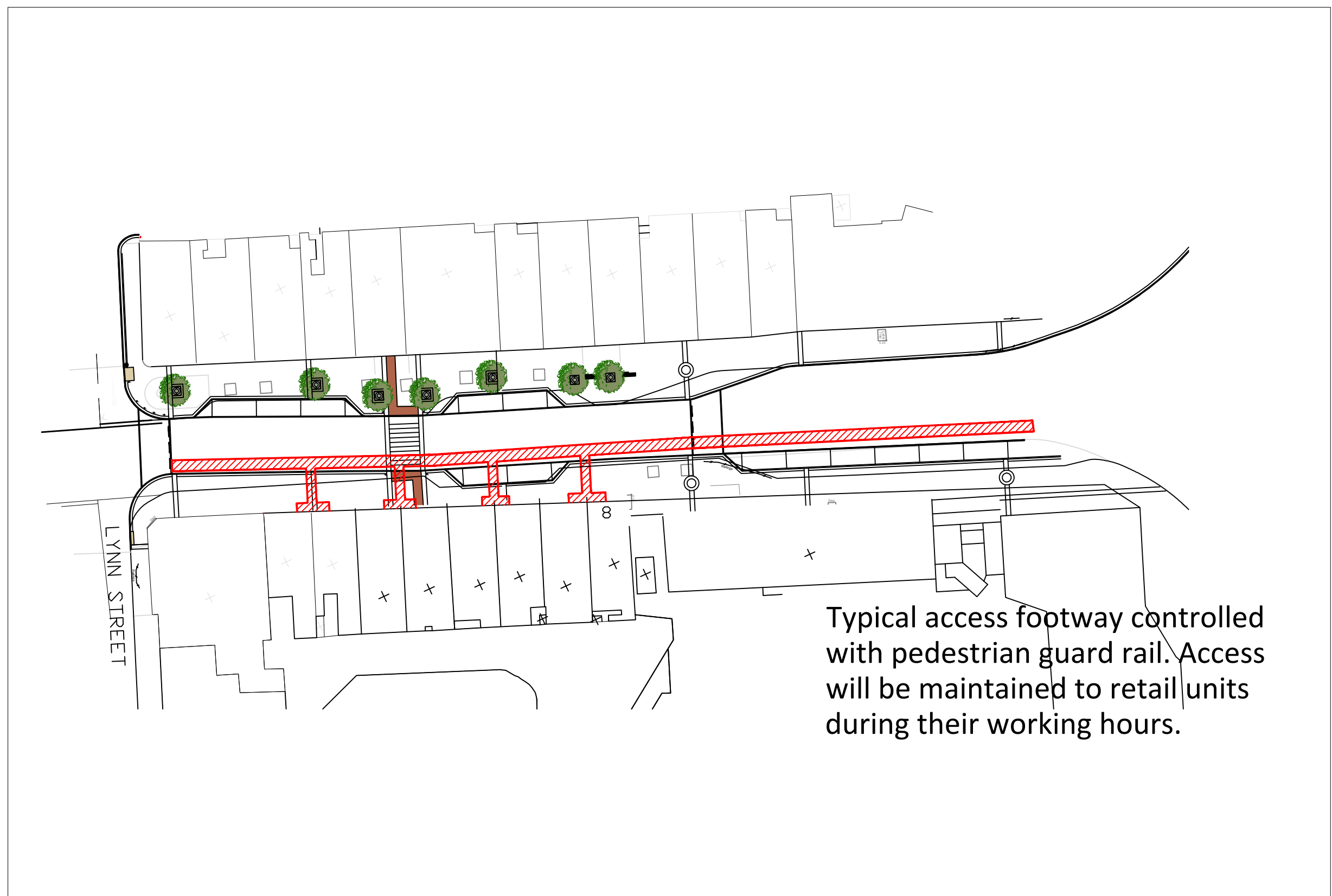
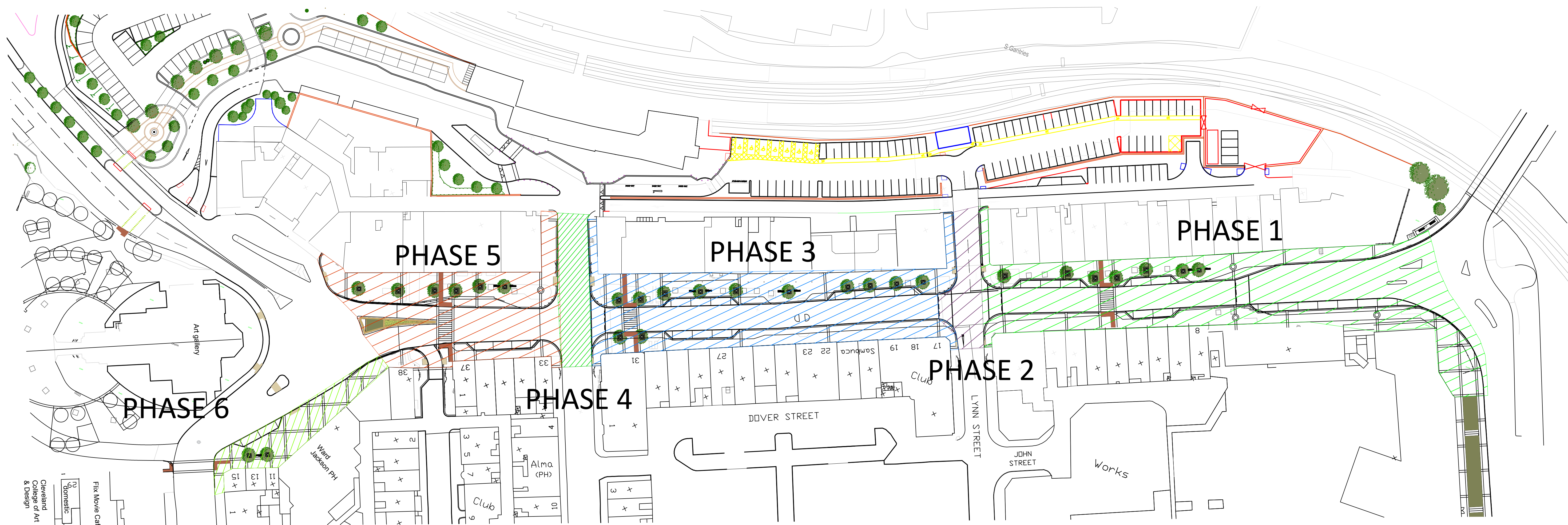
- 6.1 Using the TH scheme as a platform for interpretative and educational activities is a key part of the overarching proposal, encouraging the wider community to learn more about Hartlepool's unique past and the part which Church Street played in the development of the town.
- 6.2 The proposals seek to build upon the Council's support for a creative industries' quarter. In particular it is proposed to work closely with the two colleges to have graduates bring forward locally delivered, short-term projects lasting six months which meet the HLF delivery outcomes. Successful projects would receive grant assistance for the work and have a shop premises provided free of charge in Church Street from which they would deliver the work, helping fill otherwise vacant units and make an early, highly visible change to the dilapidated areas of the conservation area. The successful candidates would be managed jointly by the Council and the colleges.
- 6.3 Primary school children would fall under a separate, dedicated programme involving all three schools immediately adjacent to the conservation area. This would focus on art-based interpretation of the area, primarily sculpture or modelling, to be delivered during the first 18 months of the TH scheme.
- 6.4 A secondary school programme introducing senior pupils to traditional craft-based skills in a workshop environment would be undertaken in conjunction with Hartlepool College of Further Education.
- 6.5 A series of seminars will be held for local construction professionals and contractors, providing them with a basic grounding in the special issues which arise in conservation work and the ways in which they can be addressed.

7 Scheme Management

- 7.1 It is proposed that a new body, the Hartlepool Townscape Heritage Partnership (HTHP) be set up to provide strategic advice on the administration of the scheme. It will comprise elected members together with community representatives, and agree funding priorities and review progress in achieving the key scheme outputs.

8 Approval of Second Road Application

- 8.1 The application will be reviewed by the HLF north east board in June 2017 with a decision provided shortly after this time.



PRELIMINARY

Rev	Amendment	Date
HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL		
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Client		
Project		
Church Street & Church Square Improvements Schemes		
Title		
Church Street Pedestrian Accessibility		
Drawn BC	Scale 1:200 at A1	Date Feb'17
Drawing No.		Rev.
DWG. LAST UPDATED		DATE: TIME:

CHILD AND POVERTY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

1. Is this decision a Budget & Policy Framework or Key Decision? YES / NO If YES please answer question 2 below				
2. Will there be an impact of the decision requested in respect of Child and Family Poverty? YES / NO If YES please complete the matrix below				
GROUP	POSITIVE IMPACT	NEGATIVE IMPACT	NO IMPACT	REASON & EVIDENCE
Young working people aged 18 - 21	X			The works will encourage additional investment and employment opportunities and will support the expansion of CCAD creating additional educational opportunities.
Those who are disabled or suffer from illness / mental illness			X	
Those with low educational attainment			X	
Those who are unemployed	X			The works will encourage additional investment and employment opportunities.
Those who are underemployed			X	
Children born into families in poverty			X	
Those who find difficulty in managing their finances			X	
Lone parents			X	
Those from minority ethnic backgrounds			X	
Poverty is measured in different ways. Will the policy / decision have an impact on child and family poverty and in what way?				
Poverty Measure (examples of poverty measures appended overleaf)	POSITIVE IMPACT	NEGATIVE IMPACT	NO IMPACT	REASON & EVIDENCE
Overall employment rate (%)	X			The proposed works will create additional investment and employment opportunities within the area.

CHILD AND POVERTY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Overall impact of Policy / Decision			
NO IMPACT / NO CHANGE		ADJUST / CHANGE POLICY / SERVICE	
ADVERSE IMPACT BUT CONTINUE		STOP / REMOVE POLICY / SERVICE	
Examples of Indicators that impact of Child and Family Poverty.			
Economic			
Children in Low Income Families (%)			
Children in Working Households (%)			
Overall employment rate (%)			
Proportion of young people who are NEET			
Adults with Learning difficulties in employment			
Education			
Free School meals attainment gap (key stage 2 and key stage 4)			
Gap in progression to higher education FSM / Non FSM			
Achievement gap between disadvantaged pupils and all pupils (key stage 2 and key stage 4)			
Housing			
Average time taken to process Housing Benefit / Council tax benefit claims			
Number of affordable homes built			
Health			
Prevalence of underweight children in reception year			
Prevalence of obese children in reception year			
Prevalence of underweight children in year 6			
Prevalence of obese children in reception year 6			
Life expectancy			

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Department	Division	Section	Owner/Officer
Regeneration and Neighbourhoods	Regeneration	Regeneration	Rob Smith- Principal Regeneration Officer
Function/ Service	Public Realm Improvements for the Innovation and Skills Quarter		
Information Available	Church Street and Church Square public realm improvement designs		
Relevance <i>Identify which strands are relevant or may be affected by what you are reviewing or changing</i>	Age		
	N/a		
	Disability		
	The report proposes improvements that will benefit disabled people through an improved streetscape.		
	Gender Re-assignment		
	N/a		
	Race		
	N/a		
	Religion		
	N/a		
	Gender		
	N/a		
	Sexual Orientation		
	N/a		
	Marriage & Civil Partnership		
	N/a		
	Pregnancy & Maternity		
	N/a		
Information Gaps	N/a		
What is the Impact	The designs will result in a positive change to the area for people with disabilities as there will be improvements to road crossings, lighting and pavements.		
Addressing the impact	1. No Impact- No Major Change - It is clear that there is no potential for discrimination or adverse impact on the above Protected Characteristics. All opportunities to promote Equality have been taken and no further analysis or action is required.		

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Actions			
<i>It will be useful to record and monitor any actions resulting from your assessment to ensure that they have had the intended effect and that the outcomes have been achieved.</i>			
Action identified	Responsible Officer	By When	How will this be evaluated?

Date sent to Equality Rep for publishing	00/00/00
Date Published	00/00/00
Date Assessment Carried out	00/00/00

FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

27 March 2017



Report of: Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

Subject: NEIGHBOURHOOD INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

1.1 Key Decision. Test (i) and (ii) applies. Reference RN 01/17.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To consider a capital investment programme that delivers improvements within neighbourhoods across Hartlepool.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Council has set out its future ambitions for the Borough in the Council Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy. Despite the current financial and demographic challenges it is recognised that a strong focus must remain on securing future prosperity and the wellbeing of residents. As part of this ambition, the Council will continue to play a significant role in the physical regeneration and development of the town over the coming years.

3.2 We want Hartlepool to be known as a great place to live as well as invest and visit. As part of this, a new approach to improving the environment and public realm through a coordinated Neighbourhood Investment Programme has been agreed.

3.3 There are a number of instances where significant investment is required to address issues raised by Ward Members and to deliver improvement schemes within neighbourhoods. Areas where investment is required include:-

- Children's playground facilities
- Parks and cemeteries
- Shop fronts and physical public space improvements

- Issues identified through ‘Your Say Our Future’ and other consultation
 - Highways safety schemes
- 3.4 A Members seminar took place on 23rd November 2016 to inform Councillors of the intention to develop this new programme and to obtain initial views. All Ward Members were written to at the start of this year and invited to submit proposals for schemes that would form part of the programme.
- 3.5 Funding for the Neighbourhood Investment Programme has been considered as part of the overall Medium Term Financial Strategy approved by Council on 23rd February 2017. The proposal to use Prudential Borrowing to support capital investment of £1.5m has also been agreed and authority is delegated to the Finance and Policy Committee to approve the detailed programme of schemes.
- 3.6 The Council will also explore any additional funding opportunities that could support the delivery of the schemes proposed by Members through the use of Developer Contributions (Section 106) and through closer collaboration with Thirteen Group and their investment programme.

4. WARD MEMBERS’ SUBMISSIONS

- 4.1 A large number of schemes have been submitted by Ward Members for consideration and these are set out for information at **Appendix A**. As expected, there will not be sufficient funding to meet the costs of all of the schemes that have been put forward.
- 4.2 The Committee will note that various highway safety schemes have been requested by Members for inclusion within the Neighbourhood Investment Programme. In view of the limited budget and the potential availability of the Local Transport Plan (LTP) funding for such projects, it is proposed that these schemes are transferred to the LTP list and considered against other highway improvement priorities.
- 4.3 The remaining ideas for schemes have been assessed as to the extent to which they meet one or more of the following criteria:
- A scheme falls within an area in need of physical and social regeneration
 - The scheme contributes towards Community Wellbeing
 - The scheme has a positive impact on Community Safety

In addition, it has been assumed from previous discussions that Members would wish the new programme to focus solely on capital improvements not revenue items and deliver benefits across a wide sector of the community rather than to individuals.

- 4.4 Given the number of schemes proposed by Members, and the level of funding provided, it is therefore proposed to deliver the improvements within the Councils five year Capital programme.

5. PROPOSED SCHEMES

- 5.1 A number of schemes are proposed for inclusion in the initial phase of the programme. These schemes are geographically spread across the town, would bring clear benefits to the community and meet one or more of the criteria described in section 4.3. While some further work would be needed to finalise detailed designs and firm up costs and implementation timescales, each of the schemes could commence reasonably quickly should the Committee approve their inclusion within the programme. Therefore the recommended projects to commence in 2017 are as follows:

5.2 Shopping Parades

There are several shopping parades within the borough in need of improvement work to the public realm elements at the front, with those at King Oswy Drive being highlighted as a priority requiring particular attention. Works that improve the visual amenity of the shopping area are likely to promote a sense of community pride and wellbeing. It is accepted that engagement with shopkeepers and other stakeholders would be critical, while additional work to scope out the detailed proposals and costs would be required.

5.3 Rossmere Park

This scheme would have benefits not just for the local community but also the wider town. Redevelopments within the park would result in a more attractive, recreational space for local families and others to enjoy outdoor activities. This would therefore make a positive contribution to community health and wellbeing by introducing a new main play area and toddler play area and it is estimated that £160,000 is set aside for the delivery of this scheme. Additional improvements will be considered as part of the original masterplan produced for Rossmere Park, and these will be considered further once more detailed costs are established.

5.4 Stranton Cemetery

A scheme to identify an appropriate funeral vehicle route through this cemetery and to designate all other routes as 'pedestrian only' has been proposed. This would cover the implementation of a traffic management scheme that includes the installation of remote operated vehicle barriers, drop down bollards and vehicle control signage. In addition it is proposed to make alterations to improve traffic and pedestrian safety at the Brierton Lane entrance and the approach to the public car park, with the estimated cost of the scheme at £115,000. These works will also support the recently launched 'Respect Campaign' for the cemetery.

5.5 The Headland

Proposals to prevent further deterioration of previous regeneration schemes have been put forward for the Headland including the Heritage

Trail at the Town Square, Northgate shopping facades and other amenities and asset improvements nearby. Further work would be required to identify the exact nature of the works required to key locations.

5.6 Improving Playspaces

This project will look at an overview of playspaces across the Borough, with the first project complementing the two existing 'Play Builder' sites already located at Seaton. The additional free play and exercise facilities would benefit children in the local community, while supporting the masterplan proposed for Seaton. It would also support the physical regeneration of Seaton by offering additional attractions for visitors to this area and therefore an estimated budget of £70,000 would need to be set aside to deliver this scheme. The review will also help to establish the need for future playspaces at other locations across the Borough.

5.7 Barrier Works

Works to renew and improve highway barriers and street furniture along key routes in the central area of town have been requested. New barriers could potentially be designed to reflect the town's maritime heritage which would support key regeneration projects. An audit of the existing barriers and street furniture would need to be carried out first, allowing for a more detailed assessment to be made of any potential changes and the possible cost implications.

5.8 Roundabouts

Works have been proposed to consider improvements to our key roundabouts on the strategic road network that create a sense of arrival when approaching the Town Centre and our Coastal frontage. Additional work would be required to assess the suitable locations for these improvements and the cost implications of any measures installed. Discussions with the NMRN Hartlepool have commenced to look at the opportunity of displaying artifacts and maritime assets on our roundabouts.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 The Neighbourhood Investment Programme will form part of the Council's 5 year Capital programme. Members have submitted a number of schemes for consideration. Schemes which can be considered by existing funding streams e.g. LTP and Highway maintenance will not be considered as part of this programme, they will however be transferred to the appropriate funding stream to be considered alongside other schemes.

6.2 Three of the projects detailed above have approximate costs attached to them due to work previously undertaken by the Council and therefore it is estimated that £345,000 of programme funding would be required to support these improvements.

6.3 The remaining 4 schemes identified would require further investigation and development of associated costs, and subject to Members approval, this

work would commence and a further report would be brought back to Committee for consideration and approval.

7. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The risk associated with this programme relates to ongoing maintenance and future revenue liabilities, particularly in relation to play facilities and replacement equipment.
- 7.2 Options available to mitigate the risk to the Council are create a sinking fund of £50k over 5 years from the resources available, alternatively we seek to fund additional recurring revenue budgets which will result in savings having to be sought elsewhere.

8. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 Funding for the Neighbourhood Investment Programme has been considered as part of the overall Medium Term Financial Strategy approved by Council on 23rd February 2017. The proposal to use Prudential Borrowing to support capital investment of £1.5m has also been agreed and authority is delegated to the Finance and Policy Committee to approve the detailed programme of schemes.
- 8.2 This report commits £345,000 of the allocated £1.5m funding available leaving a balance of £1.155m to support future schemes.

9. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 There are no legal considerations relating to this report.

10. CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY

- 10.1 There are no child and poverty considerations relating to this report.

11. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 11.1 There are no equality and diversity considerations relating to this report.

12. SECTION 17 OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 CONSIDERATIONS

- 12.1 There are no specific issues associated with this report.

13. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 13.1 The capital investment programme will renew and improve the authority's assets and should therefore have a positive effect on maintenance budgets. Where new assets are introduced, for example an additional playspace, some ongoing safety inspection and maintenance requirements will be generated along with associated revenue costs.

14. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 14.1 It is recommended that the following schemes are approved for inclusion in the delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Programme based on the assessment criteria described in section 4:
- i) Shopping Parades;
 - ii) Rossmere Park;
 - iii) Stranton Cemetery;
 - iv) The Headland;
 - v) Improving Playspaces;
 - vi) Barriers works; and
 - vii) Roundabouts.
- 14.2 That schemes eligible to be funded as part of the Council's LTP programme are transferred and evaluated against other priorities for this funding.
- 14.3 In accordance with the authority delegated by Council within the approved MTFS for 2017/18 it is recommended that Members
- i) Approve the proposals detailed in paragraph 14.1; and
 - ii) Note that i) will commit £345,000 of the £1.5m funding available leaving a balance of £1.155m to support future schemes.
- 14.4 That further exploration work is undertaken to assess and identify costs associated to deliver the proposed schemes at Shopping Parades, The Headland, Barrier Works and Roundabouts, with a further report to be brought back to Committee for consideration and approval.
- 14.5 Officers are instructed to work up the schemes included within the report narrative and present detailed costs and designs to a future Committee for information.
- 14.6 That subject to the level of funding available after the delivery of the schemes detailed in paragraph 14.1, additional schemes may be considered for delivery in future years.
- 14.7 Members are asked to comment on the schemes presented in **Appendix A** prioritising future schemes for consideration.

15. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 15.1 Each of the schemes identified meet one or more of the assessment criteria set out and also seek to address issues arising from previous under investment or help support the Council physical and social regeneration ambitions. The new programme is to be focused solely on capital improvements, not revenue items, and is intended to deliver benefits to a community rather than to individuals.

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 16.1 None.

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SUMMARY OF SCHEMES PROPOSED BY MEMBERS

	Ward	Location	Scheme Outline
1	Fens & Rossmere	Rossmere Park	Improvement scheme for the park. This would create a better space for families that would have both recreational and community safety benefits. Freely available opportunities provided by parks are particularly important for less well off individuals and families.
2	Fens & Rossmere	C Block at Rossmere	Footpaths are in a poor state and require improvement. This would benefit the health and safety of the local community.
3	Fens & Rossmere	Nature Reserve at Crowland Road	Create a footpath to enable residents to walk here at all times. During poor weather this area becomes a bog. The scheme would promote health and wellbeing.
4	Fens & Rossmere	North end of Fens Shops	Improvement to car park as it is now inadequate to cater for the amount of cars using this facility. This would reduce congestion and improve public safety.
5	Manor House	Masefield Road and on Midlothian field.	Provision for 2 x Under 11's play areas alongside new adult keep fit equipment. There is currently no physical play equipment in the ward for this age group. This scheme would provide play opportunities for children and allow parents to improve their fitness at no cost.
6	Manor House	Across Ward	Car Parking is a major issue across the Ward – this could be assisted by working in partnership with Thirteen who are removing Garages across the town. Provision of parking spots would mean that some streets can be made safer for children and families.
7	Headland and Harbour	Headland	Improvements to sports facilities on Town Moor and the building of a proper football pitch (3G) for the Headland community with goalposts, nets etc and free admission. Improvements would support health and wellbeing and social interaction and would be a diversion from anti social behaviour activities.

SUMMARY OF SCHEMES PROPOSED BY MEMBERS

	Ward	Location	Scheme Outline
8	Headland and Harbour	Headland	Refurbish and update the children's paddling pool and playground on the Headland. The junior play area on the Headland to be replaced by a newly designed and built play area. Improvements would improve safety and the appearance of the area as well as providing health and wellbeing benefits to users.
9	Headland and Harbour	Northgate facades	Improvements to facades on Northgate. The current appearance makes the whole area look neglected. Improvements would benefit shopkeepers, residents and visitors.
10	Headland and Harbour	Union Street (Anchor Housing)	Railings need repainting and rubbish / weeds need clearing.
11	Headland and Harbour	Headland	Headland History trail badly in need of maintenance. Town Square poorly maintained - trees need replacing, paving repaired, weeds and moss especially under seating need to be controlled and time line repaired.
12	Foggy Furze	Stranton Cemetery	Make the cemetery more respectful. Designate a vehicle route (for funerals) through the cemetery and all other routes to be created as pedestrian only access. Such a scheme would also considerably reduce the safety risk that currently exists when pedestrians and vehicles walk and drive along the same routes.
13	Seaton	Tees Road between Seaton Carew Sports Club (Rugby/Cricket) and the Domes Housing Estate	Introduce street lighting on this stretch of highway. Residents use this path to enter Seaton and to cross the road to the public walkway. A scheme would improve community safety whilst also contributing to health and wellbeing as residents would use the walkway more.
14	Seaton	The Front	Improve road safety by making changes to bollards and by the addition of an electronic 20mph check speed. This would improve safety by reducing driver speed through Seaton Front.

SUMMARY OF SCHEMES PROPOSED BY MEMBERS

	Ward	Location	Scheme Outline
15	Seaton	The Front	Replace existing zebra crossing with new pelican crossing outside of Norton Hotel. This would be more likely to stop drivers and allow safe passage of pedestrians onto the Front.
16	Seaton	Station Lane	New pelican crossing in the vicinity of Sainsburys where footfall has increased significantly due to the store and Railway station. This scheme would address community safety, especially due to the large number of elderly residents who live in the vicinity.
17	Seaton	Lawson Road	Improve parking provision in this street as current provision does not meet need. The proposal would be to remove the westerly side grassed verges and replace with a setback on street car parking lay-by. The project also supports community safety priorities as there has been a rise in car crime and this proposal would enable car owners to park closer to their own home.
18	Seaton	Elizabeth Way, adjacent to Cricket club.	Remove the grassed verges and replace with a setback on street car parking lay-by. The area is often oversaturated with cars parking part-pavement, part-road especially at weekends when the sporting club is at its busiest. This will be safer for those living nearby and pedestrians crossing the road and residents will no longer have cars blocking their roads and driveways.
19	Seaton	Tennis Courts within Seaton Park.	Resurfacing and potentially converting the tennis courts into a multi-use games area so that there is year round enjoyment and usage. The scheme would benefit both those living in the local community, by offering additional free play and exercise facilities, along with those visiting the resort by increasing local attractions.
20	Seaton	Sea Front / Coronation Drive (east side)	Create three additional playspaces on the Sea Front/Coronation Drive (east side) that were originally planned to complement the existing 'Play Builder' sites. The scheme would benefit both those living in the local community, by offering additional free play and exercise facilities, and by adding new attractions for those visiting the resort.

SUMMARY OF SCHEMES PROPOSED BY MEMBERS

	Ward	Location	Scheme Outline
21	Seaton	Sea Front (from Seaton Hotel to Station Lane)	Repave both sides of Seaton front up to Station Lane with high quality paving slabs. Such a project would benefit community safety and improve the visual impact for locals and tourists. Should the pavement be able to be widened it could enable some businesses to position tables and chairs.
22	Seaton	Coronation Drive	Create a woodland/park/walking /running /nature trail environment on the landfill site along Coronation Drive. The project would be a direct benefit to the health and wellbeing of Seaton residents and would add to the physical public space improvements.
23	Victoria	Strategic locations within the Ward.	Introduce CCTV cameras at strategic locations within the ward. This would help to address anti social behaviour and fly tipping which are two major issues that affect this community.
24	Hart	Merlin Way and Bluebell Way	Replace grass verges with Tarmac to cure the dangerous parking on these stretches of road. Also introduce illuminated speed signs on Merlin Way. Results from the recent speed survey show average speeds of over 37mph.
25	Rural West	The Green, Greatham	HBC erected a wooden fence several years ago because a child had been knocked down running straight off the Green onto the Road. This now needs to be renewed.
26	Rural West	Saltaire Terrace, Greatham	Demolish wall at the back of Saltaire Terrace in Greatham. This is in an unsteady state.
27	Rural West	Ward Jackson Park	The seating/play area requires completion of paved area.
28	Rural West	Park Avenue/Elwick Road end	Park Avenue/Elwick Road end urgently needs a crossing. Cars are parked on the east side of road and people are walking on the west side as there is no footpath on that side. This poses a danger to people going to the Lodge, also children are taken there from schools/nurseries.

SUMMARY OF SCHEMES PROPOSED BY MEMBERS

	Ward	Location	Scheme Outline
29	Rural West	Elwick	Cars are parked half on road/pavement near the school. Ideally a new parking area could be created just down from the school on the opposite side of road.
30	Rural West	A689 Wynyard	At A689 Wynyard there needs to be a crossing from the new housing development to the older side as parents are struggling to cross a very busy road to take their children to school.
31	De Bruce	King Oswy Shopping Parade	There are several shopping parades within the Borough that would benefit from improvements to facades. King Oswy parade is regarded as a particular high priority for attention. Works that improve the visual amenity of the shopping area are likely to promote a sense of community pride and wellbeing as well as helping to discourage anti social behaviour.
32	Jesmond	Headway Fence	It is proposed that a railing is put in place to stop antisocial behaviour. This would also prevent the cut through of traffic and the danger caused to the public. This would increase health and wellbeing and improve community safety.
33		Central Area Routes	Works to renew and improve highway barriers and street furniture along key routes in the central area of town would make them more aesthetically pleasing to residents and visitors. Designs that reflect the town's maritime heritage would support key regeneration and tourism projects. Improvements to roundabouts on the A179/A689 route from Powlett Road to Tesco could also include displays which reflect a Maritime theme