

Tiverton town centre regeneration

Master plan and investment programme

June 2018



Public consultation feedback

Key themes

Parking – locals want free or cheap parking around town the centre. Loss of Beck's square car park and that it should not be replaced with housing (7). With supermarket parking being free, there is a call for town centre parking to be also. (13)

River – need for improvements to the river corridor as a whole, and that any sites should not be developed just as housing. Suggestions for enhancement include: greening, creating social space with cafes and restaurants, open up and celebrate. Currently seen as grey and miserable with no attractive walkways that go anywhere. New links to other areas of the town could run along the river. West Exe should be encouraged to retain its 'distinct character' and 'village atmosphere' (12).

The Museum – large presence and importance in the town and has stronger role to play. The Museum has its own development plan that should be incorporated into the masterplan. It needs a stronger presence in the town and is well located. (11)

Shops – need for smaller units and areas for independent retailers and crafts to be available. Bigger retail stores could also be encouraged in Tiverton to aid footfall and prevent the need to travel to Exeter to 'make bigger purchases'. The presence of more and improved independent retail in the centre would counter the attraction of supermarkets and out of town retail. Improve what is currently in Tiverton town centre sensitively so not to clutter the town centre with the wrong uses. (8)

Market – support for overall vision. Need for sensitive design in keeping with the existing building. Unsure what the 'modern market town' looks like and there is a responsibility to achieve that wisely and successfully. (8)

Cycle ways – areas for cyclist and pedestrians to either take a leisurely ride/stroll or get across town. Designated area and route along the river. Need for improved connections to the train station. (7)

Funding – is funding available for the master plan and can the masterplan be delivered? Are the proposed retail uses necessary? (7)

Public toilets – improve and increase facilities across the town. (7)

Green infrastructure – major improvements suggested along the river. Natural England suggest the provision of parks, recreations, flood storage, trees and allotments to benefit the locals in their health and wellbeing, and to aid biodiversity across the town. The existing parks need improvement. (6)

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Dementia/Elderly friendly places – dementia friendly initiatives need to be considered across the town to make all spaces safe and readable. (5)

Town Hall – make the most of it as an attraction and to encourage visitors/ locals towards it. Sensitivity to building behind the town hall. (5)

Signage – needs to be improved if the town is to improve itself, and gain more visitors. (4)

Bus centre/drop off – different suggestions to the location of the coach drop off. Many believe the current location serves it well, facilities just need to be improved, but others suggest near the market and Blundell's Road. (5)

Cinema – needs to be improved, but not replaced. The character of the area and of the cinema itself should be kept, just brought into the 21st century slightly with improved facilities around the area especially at night. (4)

Clean up – Tiverton to be zero waste. Littering is a problem and there's a need for sufficient recycling facilities. A street clean-up alone will improve the town and repainting and repairing buildings is needed. (3)

Event and performance space – range of space to be provided for across the town.

Blundell's Road – to be developed rather than smaller areas being developed and struggling for open space. Parts are owned by national trust and are undeveloped/naturally enhanced which is a wasted opportunity. (2).

Site boundary – opportunity to widen it to include more of the town.