

Result of Consultation
of
Tiverton Pannier Market Strategy and Action Plan
An
Tiverton Town Centre Action Plan

The above documents went out for public consultation on 22nd July 2016 and this finished on the 2nd September 2016.

There were only 10 received, which was disappointing and very little from the businesses. The market traders were consulted by having copies circulated and a meeting was held on the 19th August 2016 to discuss. Generally speaking the traders were happy with the document once certain actions were discussed. There was no opposition to it and they fully supported the plan.

In relation to the Town Centre action plan there have been no business meetings and the documents were circulated to all business forum members. It was also published in the local papers and on line that the consultations were available for all to read and give opinion on.

The following points have been raised during the consultations:

- Seating – more to be made available and non removed.
- Provision of cycle racks.
- Creation of more 'greenery' around the town.
- Widen the alleyway from Fore Street to the market.
- Encourage new businesses.
- Chain stores not charity stalls.
- The bad condition the paving around the town is.
- The prices on the market car park.
- More food stalls on the market.
- More evening activities.
- Market strategy should be 5 years and not 10.
- Continuation of events such as Feast of St James, the literary festival etc.

The Portas reported that the Town Centre action Plan was more a presentation and lacked some direct representation or link to Tiverton. They also think that the market strategy being over 10 years was too long a period. They would be happy to work in collaboration with others and help to regenerate the town.

I have tried to make the Town Centre Action Plan into one similar to the markets one (attached) but feel there is a need for more time and to align the 2 documents together so they are complementary to each other. They could be merged into a single Town Centre Strategy with each having various actions. Many of the strands will intertwine, so can be completed in the action plan together. This will reduce duplication and will indicate a desire to improve.

To achieve this, I believe a bit more time is required to assemble the strategy and action plan and would respectfully request that this be allowed and the new document brought to the Economic PDG before the end of the year.

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