

# CHARACTER LIVERPOOL ROAD

What was once a single track connecting Preston to west Lancashire containing just the Fleece traveller's inn, has grown into a hub of retail, services and food and drink provision for the surrounding community.

Until recently Liverpool Road was a key transitional route for users travelling from Preston and the Fylde Coast to West Lancashire and Sefton. The construction of the new by-pass reduced congestion and the District Centre is now primarily a place only visited by residents of the local area. This change has resulted in infrastructure that is under capacity and not appropriate for its new identity; roads are wider than necessary, it is a safer place for pedestrians and cyclists, and the noise and pollution associated with heavy vehicle traffic has drastically reduced. Wide pavements and areas of public realm allows for informal spillout of shop in the form of seating, gardens, and displays, although some of these areas are utilised as parking provision.

The majority of buildings are either one or two storeys and the vertical to horizontal ratio is high, creating an open character, but one that is dominated by infrastructure. The new junction at Priory Lane reinforces this and you get a sense that the area is designed for vehicles rather than people.

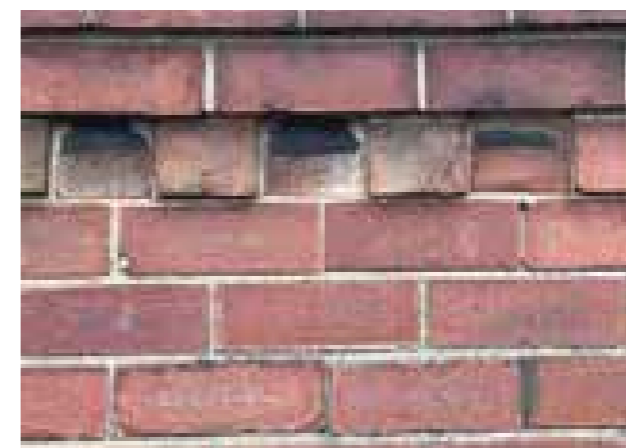
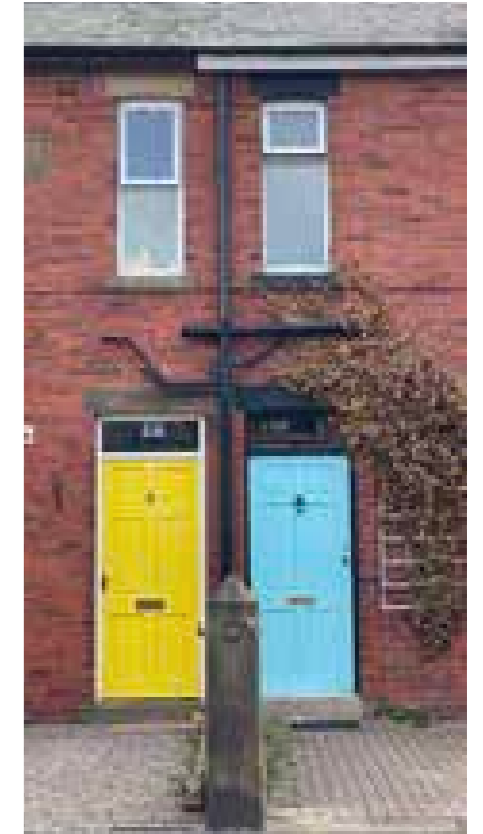
A combination of flat topography and a straight carriageway allows for long vistas along the whole of the shopping area.

## ARCHITECTURE

The character of the site is dominated by the historically significant Water Tower and Fleece Inn, but the high value buildings are in the minority.

The majority of buildings are shops, converted post 1920 residential houses, with the occasional purpose built retail units. Much of the building styles and architecture are typical of the local vernacular but with the occasional poor quality building that is out of character.

The purpose build retail units date back to the later periods of the late 20th century, and in contrast, these buildings are not architecturally positive in their style. An example of this is at no. 52 to 58 Liverpool Road, which can be seen in juxtaposition to the neighbouring positive architecture, which is now occupied by Costa Coffee.





# CHARACTER KINGSFOLD

Kingsfold is located on the busy Pope Lane / Cop Lane route that links Higher and Lower Penwortham and benefits for passing trade.

Kingsfold was historically agricultural land but is today a small District Centre arising through the need of local stores associated with the growing population post 1950s. The centre provides the local community with convenience stores, a public library and green amenity space.

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The Shampan building has recently been demolished and work is underway for a new retail and take-away development with associated parking.

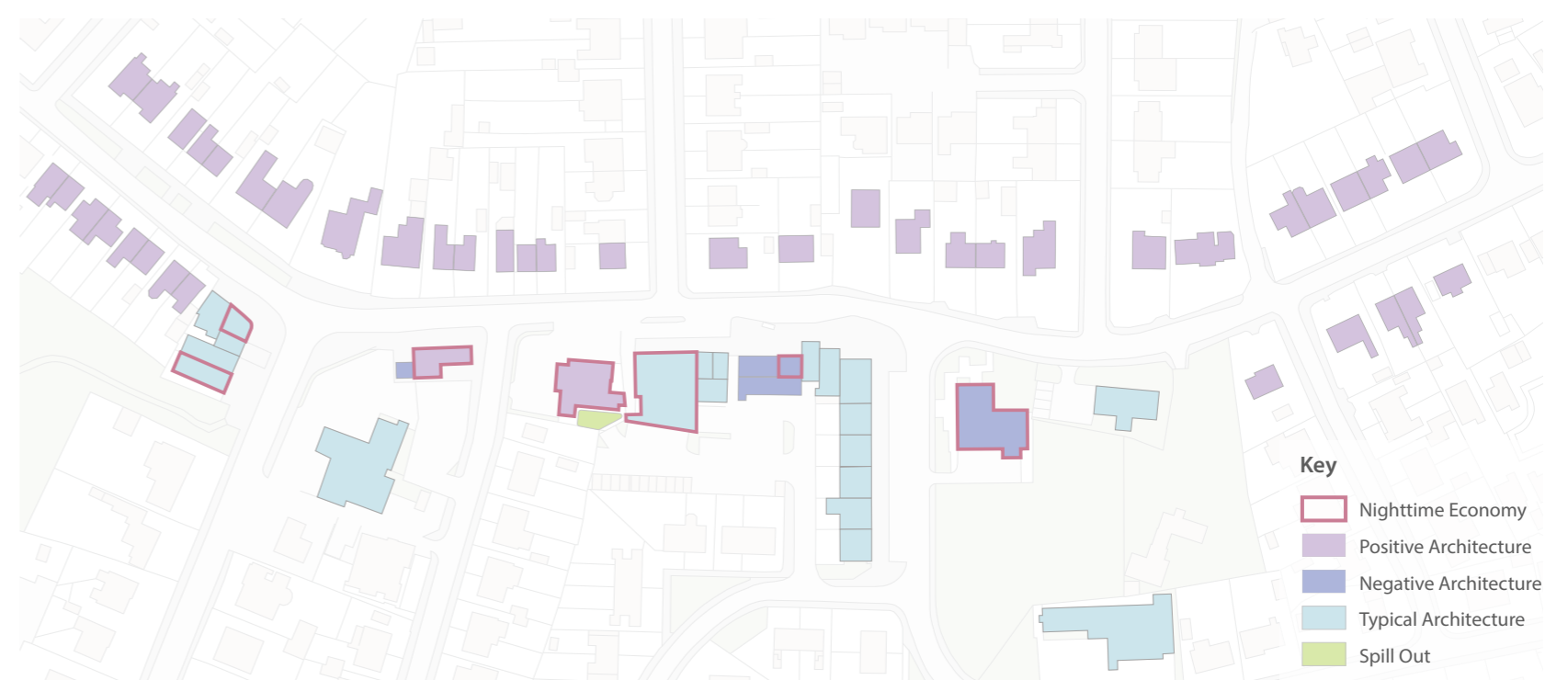
Parking is sufficient for visitor numbers with parking available at the Coop frontage and rear and outside the Hawkesbury Drive shops.

## ARCHITECTURE

Kingsfold centre's buildings contain a mix of purpose built retail with 1st floor residential, a historic public house and associated converted cottages, a library and a number of retail units converted from 1960s residential buildings.

The majority of development dates back to the 1960 with the exception of the public house and adjacent cottages, which are now Goodwin's Fish and Chips. The newer buildings in the area do not contain the same architectural merit as the original buildings.

Shop fronts are of mixed colours and styles with no coordination but are not particularly unattractive, well maintained and are held in high regard by the local community.





# CHARACTER KINGSFOLD

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## PUBLIC REALM

The public realm is functional and has signs of previous planned improvement with small areas of block paving, street furniture and planters. The majority of surfaces are bitmac while street furniture is a mix of black powder coated mild steel, concrete and stainless Steel.

## GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Street trees located within the public realm contribute to its character and green the areas but, due to inadequate tree pit size, are damaging surrounding surfaces and creating a hazard.

The raised planters are too small and not in sufficient numbers to make a positive impact on the environment.

The library benefits from the adjacent mature trees and greenspace. This typical municipal 1970s building could look unattractive in a different setting but here it contributes to place-making.

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While this green space adds to the aesthetic quality of the local centre some simple amenity interventions, such as paths and seating, can ensure the space is used more frequently and in all weathers, while additional boundary planting will help mitigate the impact of increased usage from the surrounding residential properties.





# CHARACTER **MIDDLEFORTH**

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Middleforth Local Centre is located along Leyland Road extending from Penwortham Methodist Church at the north, adjacent to the River Ribble, and Marshalls Brow junction to the south, adjacent to Penwortham Cricket Club

Rather than being a destination for the wider community, Middleforth's primary offer is to provide accessible retail and services to the local community. The elongated core contains a number of local convenience shops, services, and leisure facilities.

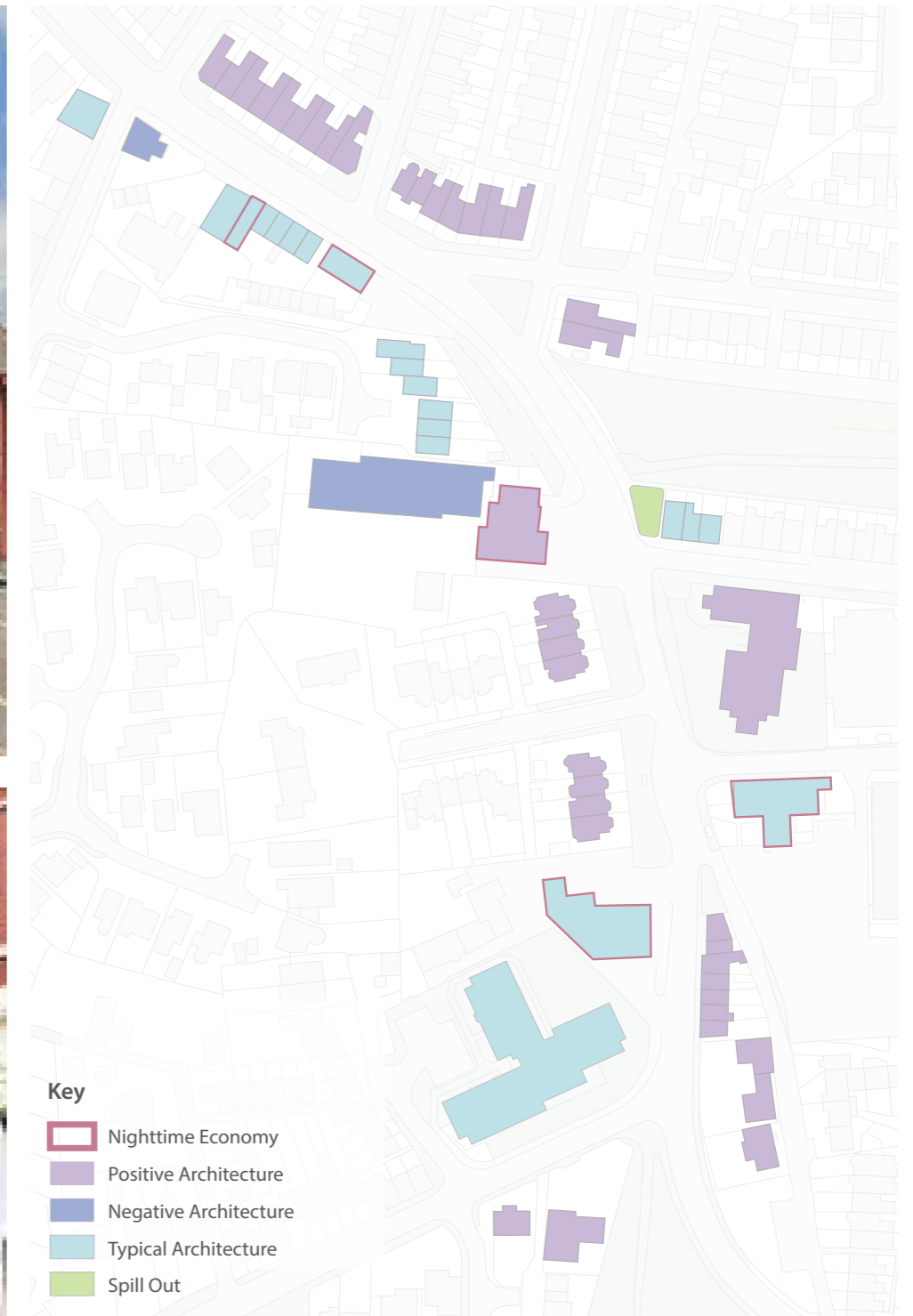
Leyland Road is dominated by vehicles, either through the on road parking of the terraced housing or from the heavy through traffic.

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## **ARCHITECTURE**

Shops are mainly converted post 1920 residential houses that provide a holistic character between residential and commercial. The only newer developments along Leyland Road are the petrol station and Barrel & Bean / Motorworx sites. The poorer quality of these buildings have a detrimental affect to the aesthetic quality.

Located centrally, the fire station and St Mary Magdalen's Church, provide community facilities within buildings of historic and architectural merit. This is supplemented by the pocket park at the Hawkhurst Road junction which provides a break to the housing arrangements and creates an attractive focal point along the road.



# CHARACTER MIDDLEFORTH

Street furniture consists of street lighting, pedestrian barriers and bollards that are there to control movement rather than offer any amenity.

## PUBLIC REALM

The public realm to the north is dominated by on-road parking associated with the adjacent terraced housing. The occasional front garden conversion to off-road parking damages the attractive typical low wall and rail private boundary and can cause a hazard for pedestrians. Centrally and to the south of the Leyland Road on street parking is controlled through double yellow lines and bollards, creating a more open character where footpaths and the distance between building become wider.

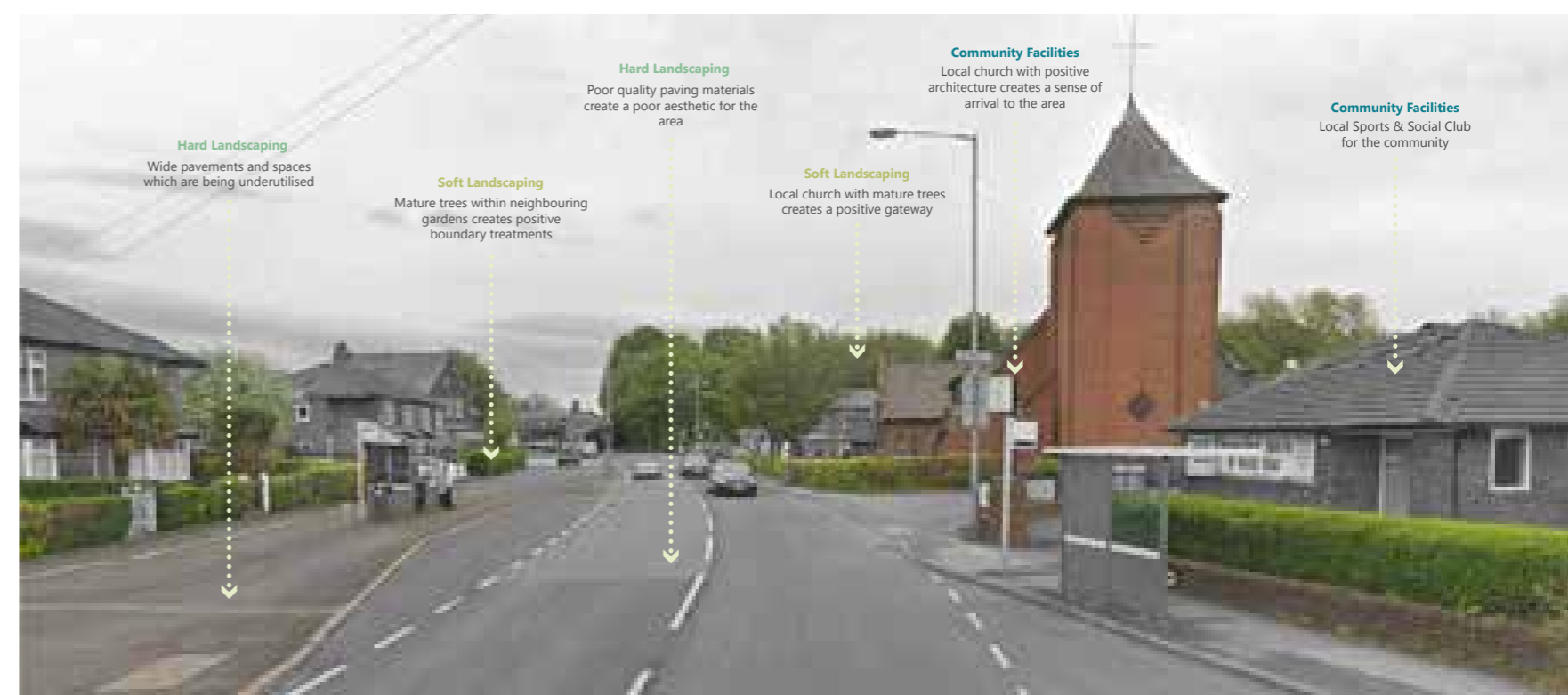
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The surface treatment is bitmac with concrete road kerbs, that while function, safe and well maintained, suffers from a patchwork appearance due to years of service repairs.

## GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Leyland Road greening comes from the hedges and trees within the front gardens of the private houses. The public realm is purely hard surfacing apart from a small area of amenity grass and the planting within the Hawkhurst Road pocket park.

Green amenity routes are directly accessible from Leyland Road including an attractive link to Vernon Carus sports fields. Green links also provide easy access to Middleforth.



# HIGHWAYS AND PARKING

Penwortham Town Centre is bisected southwest to northeast by the A59 Liverpool Road which provides a convenient route to/from Preston.

In December 2019 the Penwortham bypass (John Horrocks Way) was constructed along the south eastern side of Penwortham between the A59 Liverpool Road and A582, connecting the existing Broad Oak roundabout. Alongside a number of complimentary town centre and A59 Corridor Improvements it was hoped to encourage through-traffic away from the A59 Liverpool Road and aim to make best use of the highway space made available through a reduction in traffic flows.

From the new bypass signal junction at the western end of Penwortham, the A59 Liverpool Road is approximately 7.3m wide carriageway with residential frontages characterised by driveway car parking and dropped kerb accesses. Advisory cycle lanes (1.5m approx.) run in both directions. There is little or no evidence of on street parking. As you head east however between Blashaw Lane and Medway there tends to be a greater predominance of indiscriminate verge-side and footway parking. From Crookings Lane eastwards, the A59 is a wide single carriageway road approximately 12m in width with a central hatched area to provide refuge for right turning vehicles. Frontages are

predominantly residential or retail with unrestricted on street parking. Parking is indiscriminate in nature with both parking on kerbs as well as within footways. The advisory westbound on-road cycle lane is largely obstructed with short term on street parking and loading.

Further west close to the shops and adjacent to Lawrence Road there is evidence of large numbers of off-road parking both informal and within formalised parking bays. A large free car parking area of 40 spaces on the north side of Liverpool Road is largely underutilised mainly due to the unrestricted opportunities to park outside frontages along the A59.

Heading further east towards Queensway, parking is formalised into bays without waiting restrictions. An additional 0.5m hatched buffer zone to the parking, affords some protection to on road cyclists. Beyond Queensway, on-street parking has been largely removed and parking is mainly off road within private parking areas. The absence of on road car parking allows the advisory cycle lane to remain relatively unhindered by parked cars.

Frontage forecourt parking predominates on the northern side



of Liverpool Road opposite the Fleece, as far as Kew Gardens. To the rear of the Spa convenience store, there is additional customer parking for approximately 20 vehicles.

Prior to the signal junction at Cop Lane / Priory Lane on the north side of the A59 there is a 25m length of short stay parking (30mins). The Fleece Inn opposite also provides approximately 50 free car parking spaces although mainly for customers.

A key finding from our research, and one that needs to be addressed through the proposals, is that the availability of free community parking within the new Tesco car park is not widely know by the users of Liverpool Road.





# RETAIL

## LIVERPOOL ROAD

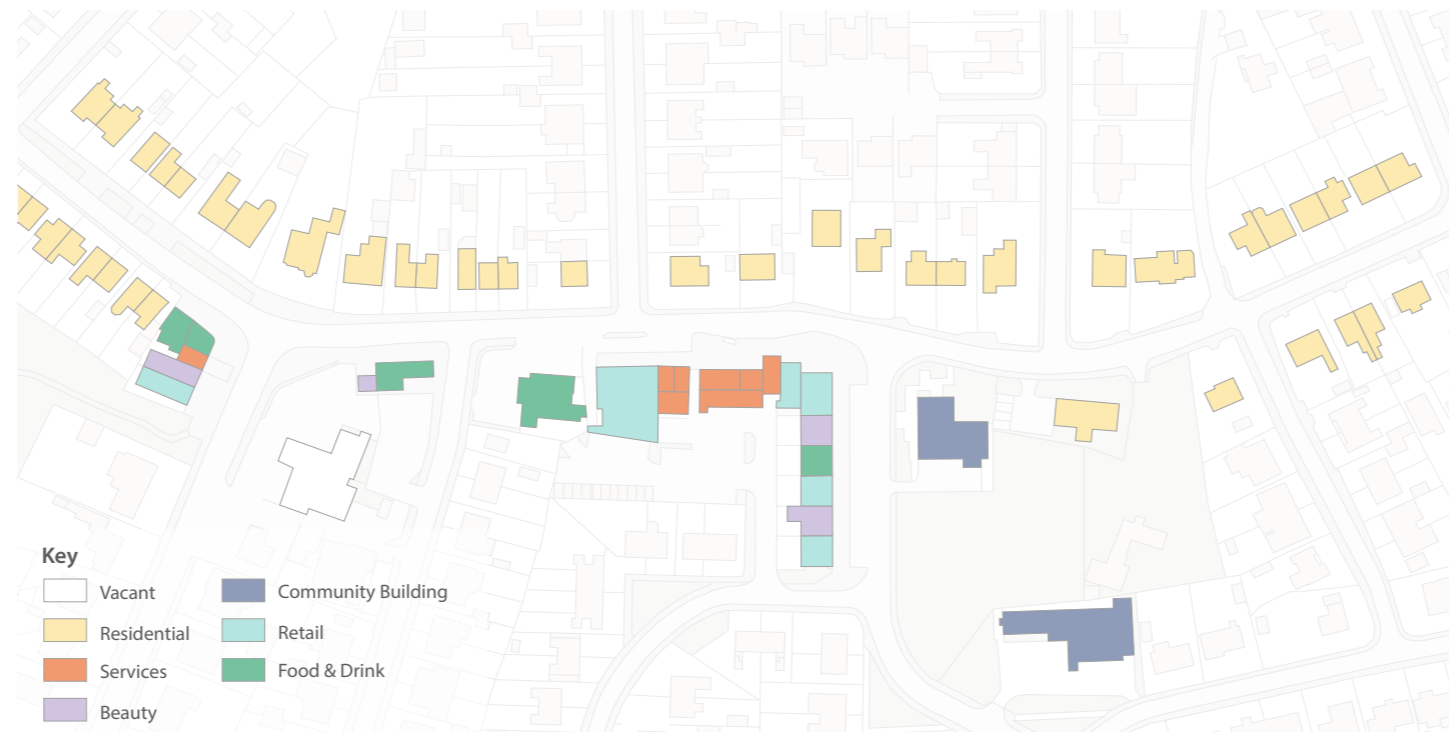
Liverpool Road contains a mix of convenience retail, service offers and a growing number of food and beverage outlets that are creating a popular evening economy.

Although there are some chain stores along the road, shops are primarily independent and run by community members which creates an entrepreneurial spirit with an attractive and valuable community character.



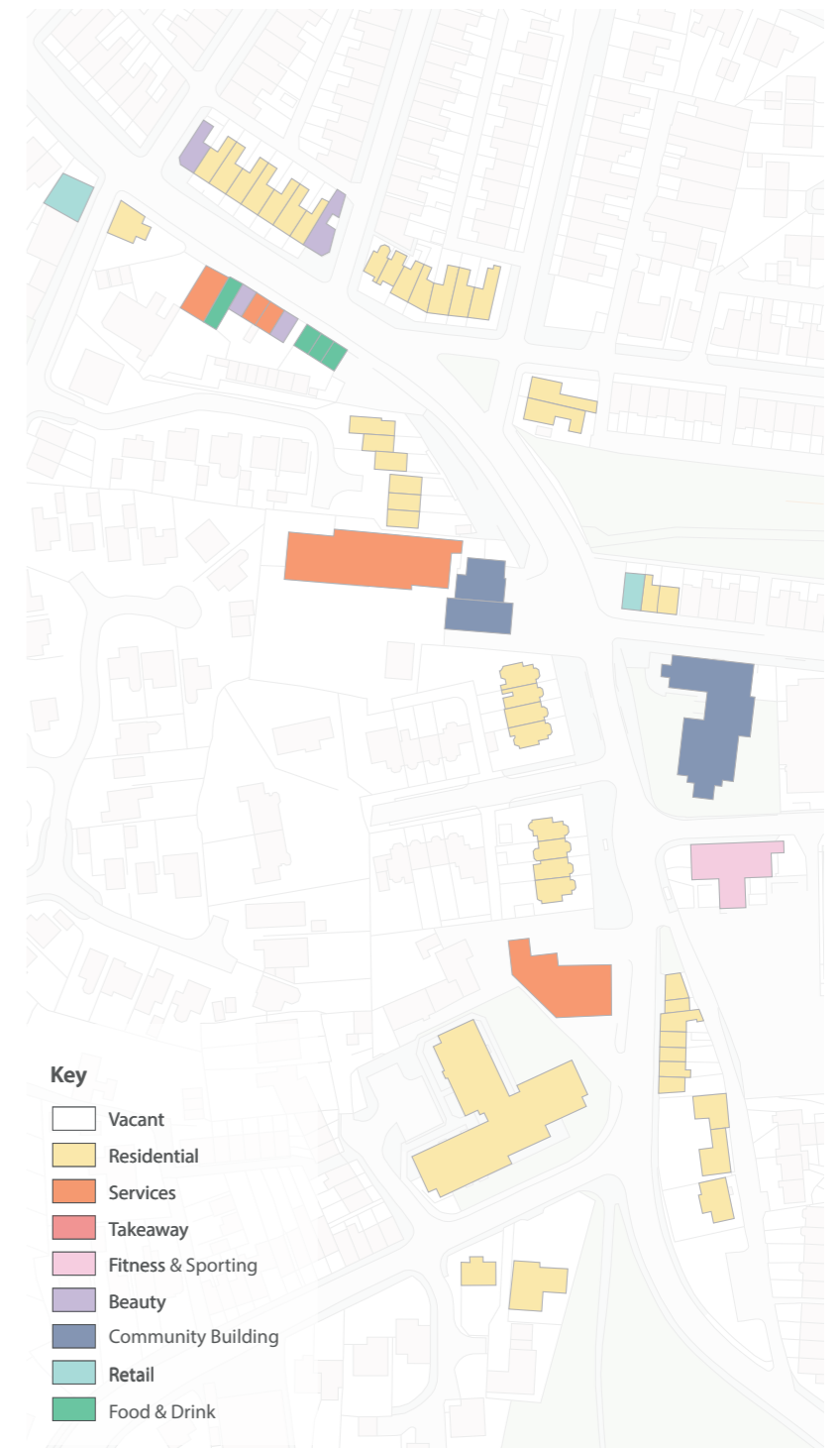
## KINGSFOLD

Kingsfold's condensed centre offers a range of convenience stores for the local community. These are supplemented by a small number of F&B outlets and a community library.



## MIDDLEFORTH

Middleforth's centre is fragmented along Leyland Road and contains only a small number of retail units. The most popular being the Spar and petrol station.



# SOCIAL ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

## DEMOGRAPHICS

According to the mid-year estimates published by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) in 2019, and based on the parish boundary, which includes the wards of Howick & Priory, Broad Oak, Middleforth and Charnock, 22,766 people live in Penwortham. 60.7% of the area's total population are of working age (15 to 64), slightly below the north west average of 63.2%. 16.7% of Penwortham's total population is aged between 0 and 14, which is again slightly lower than the regional average of 18.0%. Subsequently, 22.5% of the town's population is aged 65 and over, which is greater than the north west's average of 18.7%. It is evident that Penwortham is attractive to those of retirement age, however it is important that investment supports the provision of facilities for all ages.

## INCOME AND DEPRIVATION

Based on the Middle Super Output Layers (MSOAs) that make up the Penwortham parish boundary, the average annual household income for the area for the financial year ending March 2018 (£45,025) is higher than the regional average of

£36,361. However, there are evident variations in terms of average incomes across the parish, from £51,600 in the more rural, north-western Penwortham to £37,100 in and around Kingsfold.

The Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD), published in 2019, measures relative levels of deprivation in 32,844 small areas or neighbourhoods termed Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) in England. Whilst Penwortham contains some of the least deprived LSOAs in England, there are wide disparities in levels of deprivation across the parish. Based on overall IMD rank of England's LSOAs, Higher Penwortham is within the least deprived decile. However, parts of Kingsfold in southeastern Penwortham and LSOAs to the south of Middleworth Green in lower Penwortham are within the third most deprived decile.

## ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT

At the time of the Census (2011), 32.8% of households situated in Penwortham Parish contained no adults in employment. This is only slightly lower than England's average of 33.3%, but lower than the

regional average of 36.4%. Despite this, data from the Census shows that 65.8% of all economically active residents aged between 16 and 74 were in employment. This compares to 68.4% for the North West and 70.5% for the UK. The lower levels of employment in Penwortham would explain the disparities in deprivation across the parish and whilst education attainment levels in the area are higher than the regional average, with 32.6% of residents having obtained a Level 4 qualification or higher compared to the regional average of 28.8%, this is helping to ensure a comparatively high average income for Penwortham.

## HEALTH

Penwortham is a relatively healthy parish. The percentage of residents that assessed themselves as being in 'bad or very bad' health stands at 5.0% of the population, which is in line with the national average of 5.6% evidenced in the 2011 Census.

## EDUCATION

Three high schools are located in Penwortham, specifically Penwortham Girl's High School situated on Cop Lane; Penwortham Priory Academy on Crows Hill Road, north

of Liverpool Road; and All Hallows on Crabtree Avenue. Due to the close proximity of these schools to the district centre, there is a relatively high footfall along Liverpool Road both mid-week and during the weekend, which helps to sustain a diverse type of retail offer that appeals to the whole community.

The Penwortham population is relatively well educated compared to the regional average. According to the 2011 Census, 30.5% of residents had Level 4 qualifications and above, and are therefore are educated to higher than secondary education level, compared to the regional average of 24.4%. However, 18% of the Penwortham population have no qualifications, compared to 24.8% of the North West's population.



# PROPERTY MARKET ASSESSMENT

## RESIDENTIAL

The residential market in and around Penwortham is characterised by a mix of pre-war housing built along the A59 and around the junction with Cow Lane/Priory Road and later post war housing built between the 1960s and 1990s. The stock is comprised of predominantly private traditional 2, 3 and 4 bed houses and bungalows with front and back gardens and curtilage parking.

According to data provided by Rightmove, over the last year, residential properties in Penwortham had an overall average price of £205,955. The majority of dwellings sold were semi-detached properties, which averaged a selling price of £180,487. Detached properties sold for an average of £278,943, whilst terraced properties sold for £137,700. Over the past year, sold prices in Penwortham increased by 2% on the 2018 peak of £190,148. Rightmove data shows that the overall average house price over this period in the North West was £219,101, with the lowest prices experienced in Lancashire (£187,176). Therefore, prices in Penwortham are cheaper than the regional average, which explains, based on Census (2011) data, why levels of home ownership within the parish are considerably higher than both the regional and national averages.

80.3% of households within Penwortham are owned, compared to the regional average of 64.5%. As a result of the high levels of home ownership, the percentage of private rented and social rented households is comparatively low. As a result of Penwortham's housing mix in favour of home ownership, the town is more attractive to homeowners than private renters.

Penwortham's housing offer is heavily dominated by semi-detached properties. At the time of the Census (2011), over half (53.1%) of households were semi-detached, with over a quarter (25.8%) of dwellings being detached. Consequently, terraced properties comprise only 11.3% of Penwortham's residential units, significantly below the North West average (30%). Flats comprise less than 10% of units.

## NEW BUILD AND PIPELINE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

A review of the new build residential market and the current sales and asking prices of recent developments has been undertaken for Penwortham.





# PROPERTY MARKET ASSESSMENT

## HARDWICK GRANGE

Outline planning permission was granted in April 2018 (Ref: 07/2016/0614/OUT) for the erection of Retirement Living Accommodation to deliver 51 one and two bedroom apartments, together with communal facilities, landscaping and car parking following demolition of the existing St Mary's Church Hall located on the western side of Cop Lane in Penwortham. The application was submitted McCarthy & Stone and the apartments are for the over 55 age group.

The asking prices for these apartments, which are located approximately 0.2 miles from Penwortham town centre, range between £195,000 for a 1 bedroom apartment and £240,000 for a 2 bedroom apartment. Based on asking prices, values per square foot are reaching between £300 and £395psf. Rental values for a 2 bedroom apartment are achieving £1,510pcm.



## ST MARY'S PARK

Following outline approval in April 2014, reserved matters permission was granted in August 2015 for the erection of 281 dwellings with associated infrastructure and landscaping at the former Lostock Hall Gas Works site (ref: 07/2015/0315/REM), which is accessed from The Cawsey off Leyland Road to the south-west. The scheme by Morris Homes offers a range of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 bedroom homes, with asking prices ranging from around £220,000 for a 3 bedroom semi-detached house and c.£480,000 for a 4 bedroom detached house. Based on asking prices, values per square foot are averaging between £225psf and £240psf.



## PENWORTHAM MILL

Two planning applications were submitted at the end of 2020 relating to land adjacent to Penwortham Mills and the Former Sumpter Horse Pub on behalf of Trafford Housing Trust and Lidl Great Britain. A hybrid application (ref: 07/2020/01034/ORM) was submitted for the former Penwortham Mills site which seeks full planning permission for the erection of a new Lidl store and the erection of 117 dwellings, alongside outline permission for a phased residential development comprising up to 184 dwellings. In addition, for the land containing the former Sumpter Horse Pub, a full planning application has been submitted for the demolition of the vacant public house and the erection of 29 dwellings with associated vehicular access off Leyland Road, landscaping and car parking (to include car park provision for existing dwellings located on Leyland Road. Trafford Housing Trust acquired both the Penwortham Mills and former Sumpter Horse site in April 2019, which previously had planning permission for 385 new homes with access provided off Leyland Road. This permission was secured by Bovis Homes in 2015. However, both the recently submitted applications are currently awaiting a decision.



## THE MALTINGS

Outline Planning permission (ref: 07/2016/0614/OUT) was granted in March 2018 to deliver up to 62 dwellings on previously developed land at The Maltings, situated in South Penwortham, approximately 1.2km southeast of Penwortham District Centre. Subsequently, Linden Homes has delivered a collection of 2 bedroom apartments, alongside 2, 3 and 4 bedroom homes on the 4.2 acre site that was previously owned by the Homes and Communities Agency. The first phase was completed in 2018.



## RETAIL

Penwortham offers a sustainable, predominantly independent retail offer, which doesn't compete with online shopping and neighbouring Preston City Centre. Existing shops within the town centre provide local residents with food outlets, services including a dentist surgery, banks, estate agents and opticians, restaurants, bars and local convenience stores, particularly the Spar and Tesco. The retail offer largely serves local residents who live in Penwortham and footfall is relatively high during the day as a result of its emerging 'café culture' resulting from Salvatore's, Costa, Tap and Vine and the Cow Shed, with outside seating enabling spill out onto the pavements of Liverpool Road. In addition, prior to the Covid-19 lockdown, Penwortham's night time economy was on the rise, with recent new bars such as Lime, the Tap and Vine and Salvatore's supplementing the popular Fleece Inn and providing an alternative to compete with the pub scene in nearby Longton and the larger scale bar scene in Preston.



# SOUTH RIBBLE RETAIL & LEISURE STUDY

As part of the South Ribble Retail and Leisure Study, which was produced by WYG and published in September 2017, in-street surveys were conducted by NEMS in November 2016 to better understand the shopping habits, views and behaviours of visitors within the district centre at the time of the survey.

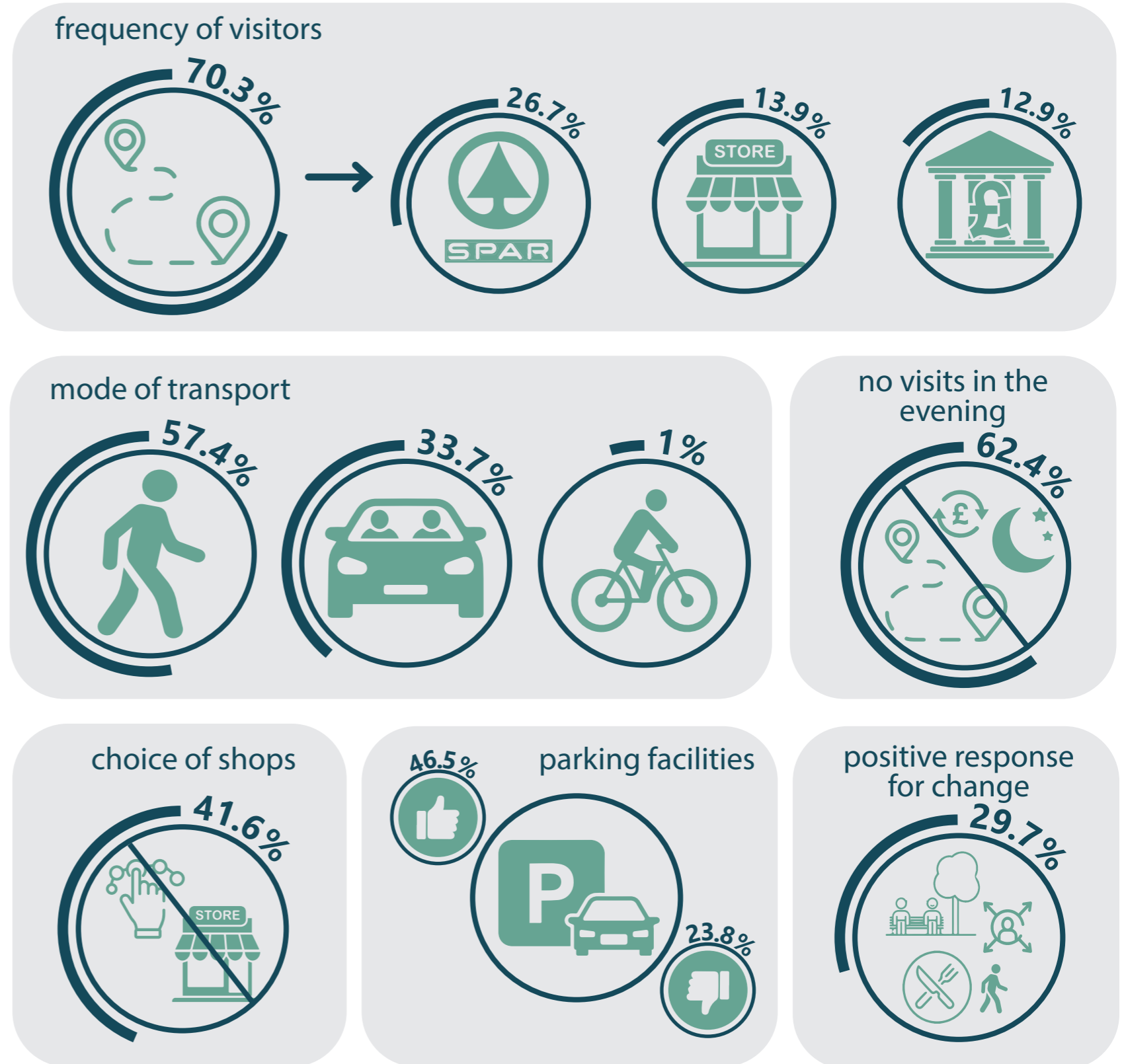
70.3% of people chose to visit and shop in Penwortham due to its close proximity to their homes. The main reason for choosing to visit the centre on the day of the survey, and selected by 26.7% of respondents, was to shop at the Spar on Liverpool Road. 13.9% of respondents were in Penwortham to browse in the shops, whilst 12.9% of people were there to visit the bank, building society or post office.

The majority of people, and over half of respondents (57.4%), had walked into the town centre. 33.7% had driven into the centre, whilst only 1% of people had cycled.

The survey concluded that the Penwortham district centre was perceived poorly in respect of the choice of shops, with 41.6% of respondents indicating that the centre's offer was worse than other similar centres. Additionally, over half (50.5%) of respondents stated that the choice of national multiples was worse in comparison to other centres and lacked a choice

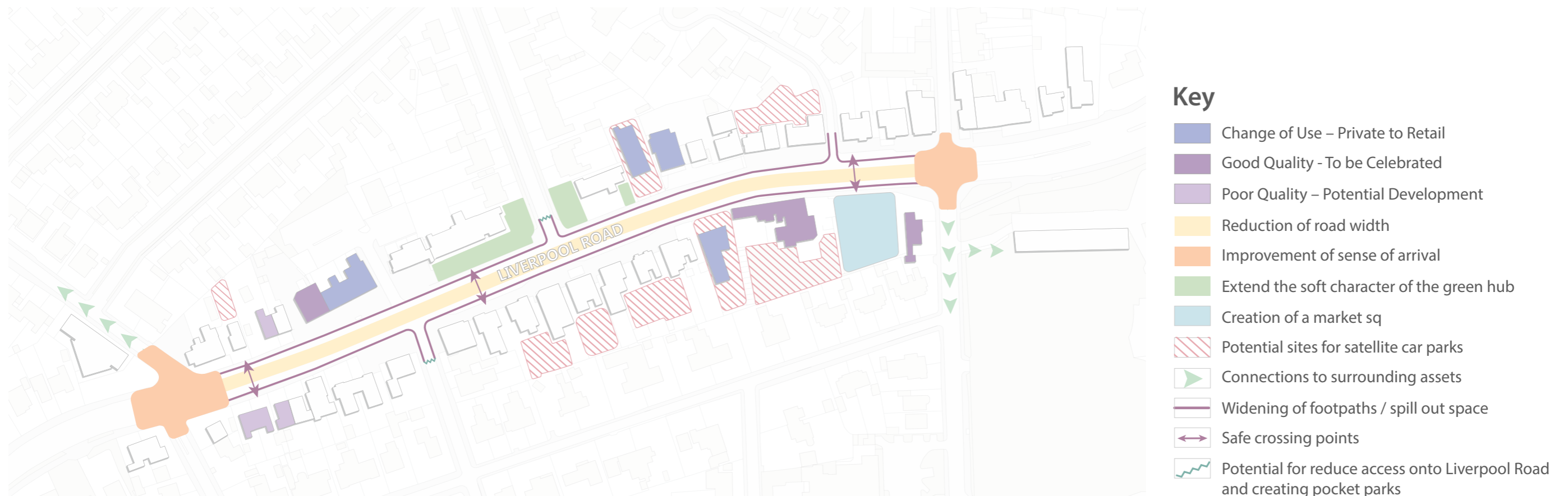
of recognised high street retailers. However, 46.5% of people believed that Penwortham's car parking facilities were similar to other centres, whilst 23.8% responded that facilities were worse than other areas.

People stated that the preferred type of leisure facility they would like to see in Penwortham town centre were more restaurants and cafes, with improved entertainment and activities for young people. In terms of identifying measures which respondents considered would help to improve Penwortham district centre, nearly one-third of respondents (29.7%) mentioned that Liverpool Road needed a general face lift to improve the identity of the area; fill the vacant units and improve the quality of shops; and reduce traffic congestion within the centre. The largest perceived weakness of Penwortham was the choice and range of non-food shops. As a result, and due to a limited night-time economy at the time of the survey, 62.4% of people never visited Penwortham in the evening.



# OPPORTUNITIES LIVERPOOL ROAD

	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
<b>HERITAGE &amp; HISTORY</b>	Quality Historic buidling such as the Fleece, Water tower, Costa Coffee buildings	Celebrate these buildings by providing a suitable setting
<b>INDEPENDANT RETAIL</b>	A mixed retail offer predominaly owned by community businesses	Create infrastructure that allows these shops to flourish and promote community startups.
<b>COMMUNITY SPACE</b>	Opportunity to create a community focal point	Create a Civic Square in the heart of the area that can cater for community events
<b>COMMUNITY ASSETS</b>	Accessible local assets such as Hurst Park, Priory Leisure and Health Centre	Improve linkages, signage and promotion of these facilitie
<b>ROAD / FOOTPATH ALIGNMENT</b>	The current carriageway is too wide for current traffic volume	Reduce the carriageway and widen the public realm
<b>GREEN INFASCTRURE</b>	Quality soft landscaping is limited to the spaces around the Queensway / Liverpool Road junction	Extend this character along the whole length of the District Centre
<b>SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL</b>	Cycle routes cycle parking and accessible public transport to comply with LCC's	Safe, quality cycle routes that are integrated into the public realm
<b>PARKING</b>	keep parking in key locations rather than spread across site	Reduce on road and forecourt parking as much as possible through the creation of satellite car parks
<b>CAFE / SPILL OUT</b>	Active frontages and café spill outs add animation to the streetscape	Create the setting and infrastructure for more
<b>GATEWAYS</b>	Create a sense of arrival for visitors to the know they are entering a new place.	Suitable gateway locations would be at the Priory Lane and Crookings Lane junctions





# CONSTRAINTS LIVERPOOL ROAD

	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
<b>VEHICLES</b>	Liverpool Road is currently dominated by vehicles, both in the road and within the public realm	Reduce the vehicle speed and amount of forecourt parking, safe crossing points, potential side road closure
<b>PARKING ON PAVEMENT</b>	Car Parking dominates the public realm, creating an unsafe and unattractive environment	Consolidate through the creation of satellite car parks
<b>POORER QUALITY BUILDINGS</b>	A small number of poor quality building have a negative affect on the overall character	Consider demolition or refurbishment
<b>TOPOGRAPHY</b>	Level changes around the Fleece Inn need to be addressed in a more attractive manner	Extend public realm and incorporate into design
<b>SHOP FRONTAGES</b>	Shop frontages are uncoordinated and have a negative impact on character and perception	Adopted design guidance
<b>PUBLIC REALM</b>	The public realm is formed from poor quality and uncoordinated materials	New materials and coordinated furniture

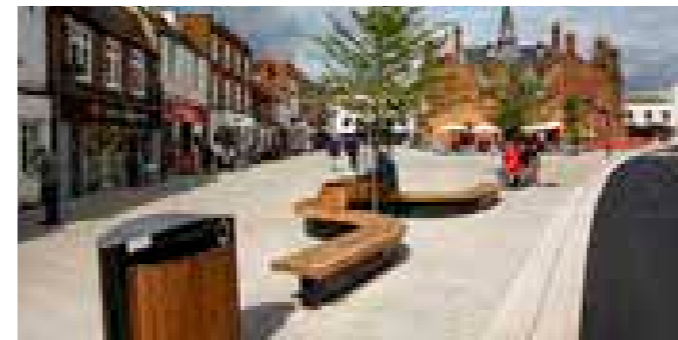


## Key

- Poor quality – detrimental effect on character
- On street & forecourt parking has a negative impact on the streetscape
- Unsafe crossings
- Busy Junctions
- Over Engineered Junction
- Level change by Fleece Inn
- Negative impact on character

# OPPORTUNITIES KINGSFOLD

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<b>INDEPENDENT RETAIL</b>	A mixed retail offer predominally owned by community businesses	Create infrastructure that allows these shops to flourish and promote community startups.
<b>COMMUNITY SPACE</b>	Opportunity to create a community focal point	Create a Civic Square in the heart of the area that can cater for community events
<b>COMMUNITY ASSETS</b>	Accessible local assets such as Hurst Park, Priory Leisure Centre and Health Centre	Improve linkages, signage and promotion of these facilities
<b>GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	Room for more trees and shrubs and general greening	Street trees, planters and increase biodiversity within the green space adjacent to library
<b>SPILL OUT AREA</b>	Active frontages and café spill outs add animation to the streetscape	Create the setting and infrastructure for more outdoor seating

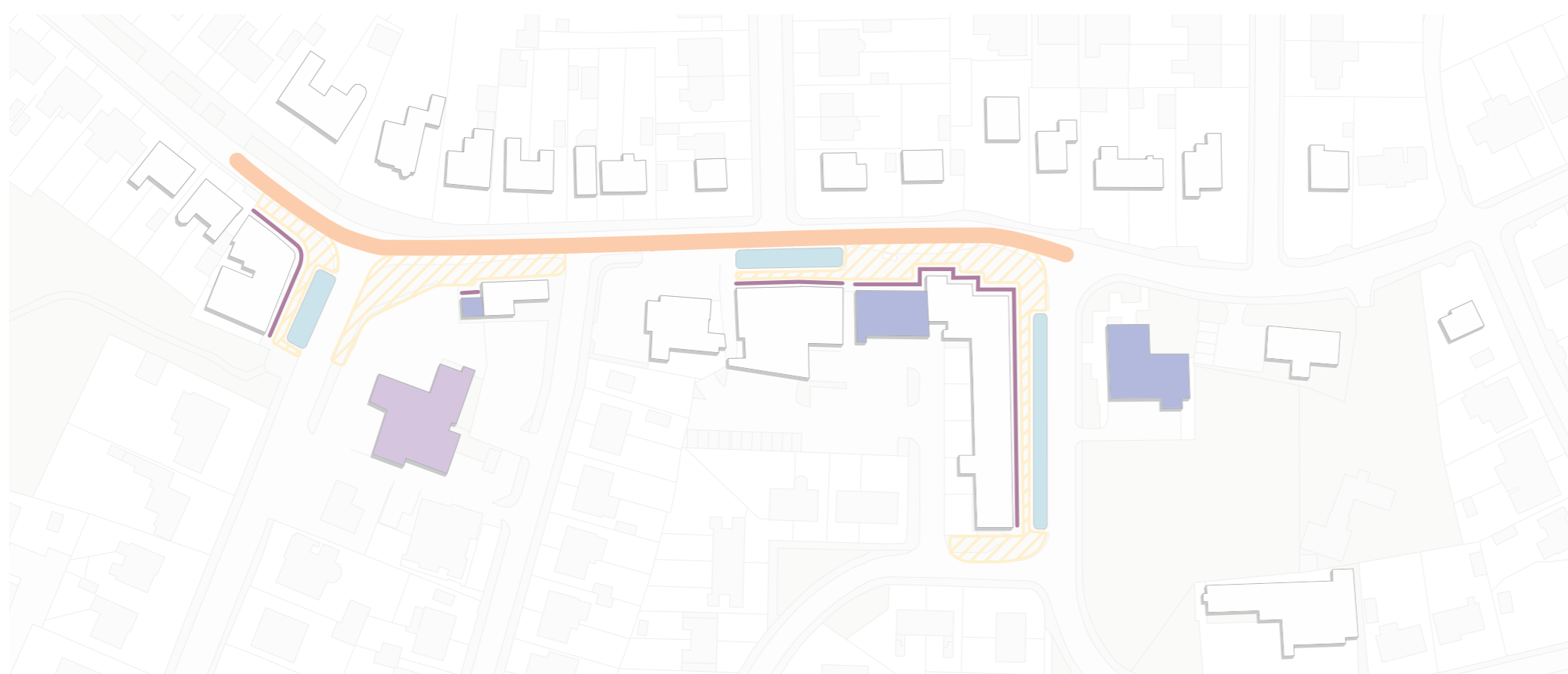


## Key

- Change of Use – Private to Retail
- Poor Quality – Potential Development
- Traffic Calming & Improved Connections
- Improvement of sense of arrival
- Extend the soft character of the green hub
- Creation of a market sq
- Potential sites for satellite car parks
- Increased public realm
- Spill out space

# CONSTRAINTS KINGSFOLD

	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
<b>POORER QUALITY BUILDINGS</b>	A small number of poor quality buildings have a negative affect on the overall character	Refurbishment, artwork, green-walls
<b>SHOP FRONTAGES</b>	Shop frontages are uncoordinated and have a negative impact on character and perception	Adopted design guidance
<b>PUBLIC REALM</b>	The public realm is formed from poor quality and uncoordinated materials	New materials and coordinated furniture



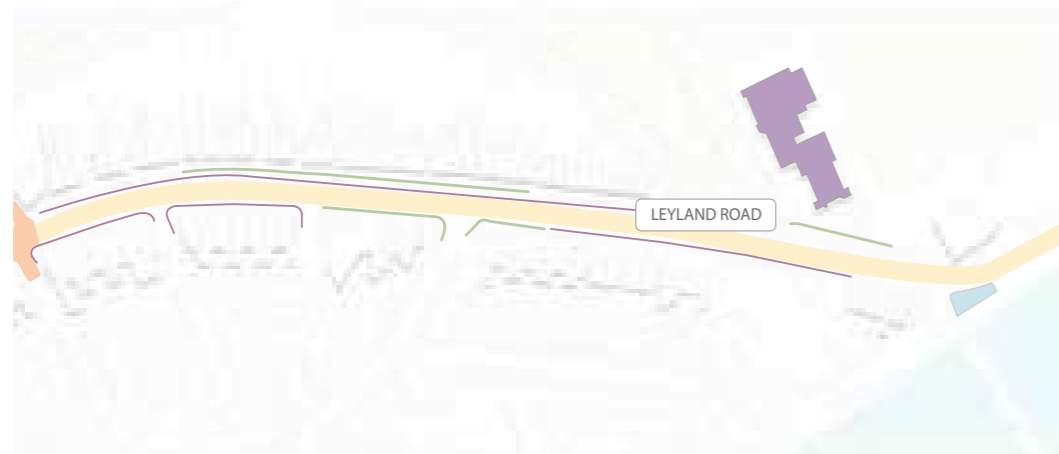
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- Poor quality – detrimental effect on character
- On street & forecourt parking has a negative impact on the streetscape
- Poor transition from private to public
- Uncoordinated materials



# OPPORTUNITIES MIDDLEFORTH

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<b>HERITAGE AND HISTORY</b>	Quality Historic building such as St Mary Magdalen and the Fire Station	Celebrate these building by providing a suitable setting
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<b>GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	Room for more trees and shrubs and general greening	Introduce street trees, planters and boundary hedging
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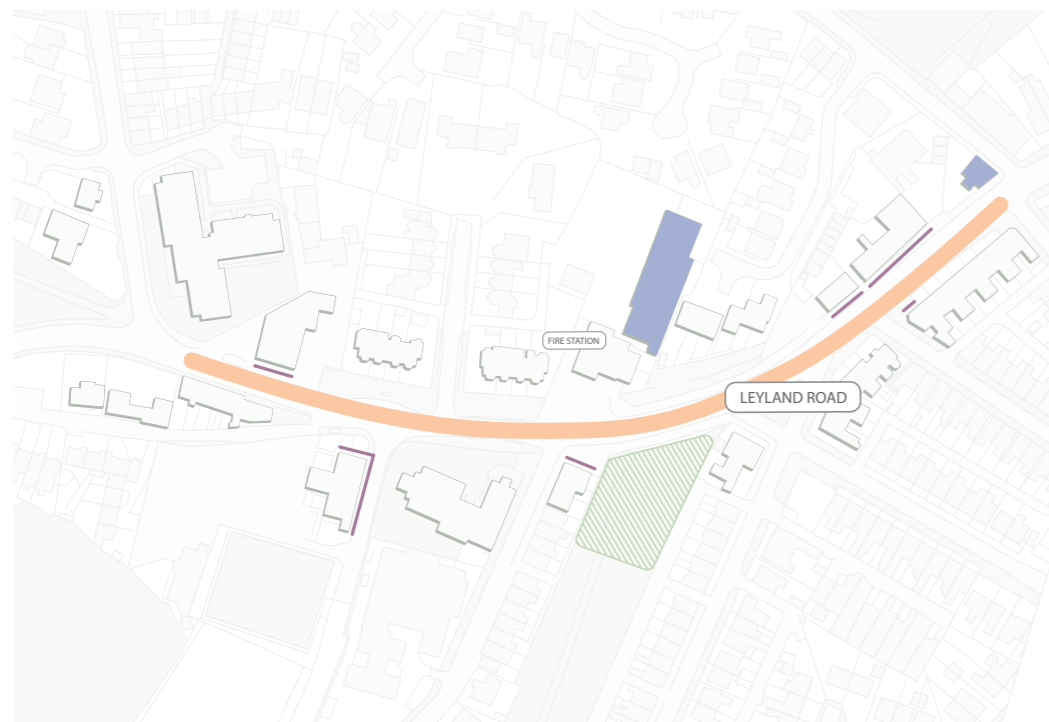
## Key

- Poor Quality – Potential Development
- Good Quality - To be Celebrated
- Traffic Calming & Improved Connections
- Improvement of sense of arrival
- Extend the soft character of the green hub
- Pocket space potential development
- Open up existng green space
- Connections to surrounding assets
- Widening of footpaths / spill out space



# CONSTRAINTS MIDDLEFORTH

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<b>POORER QUALITY BUILDINGS</b>	A small number of poor quality buildings have a negative affect on the overall character	Refurbishment, artwork, green-walls
<b>SHOP FRONTAGES</b>	Shop frontages are uncoordinated and have a negative impact on character and perception	Adopted design guidance
<b>PUBLIC REALM</b>	The public realm is formed from poor quality and uncoordinated materials	New materials and coordinated furniture



## Key

- Poor quality – detrimental effect on character
- Lack of connection to existing green space
- Poor transition from private to public
- Uncoordinated materials



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# VISION & OBJECTIVES

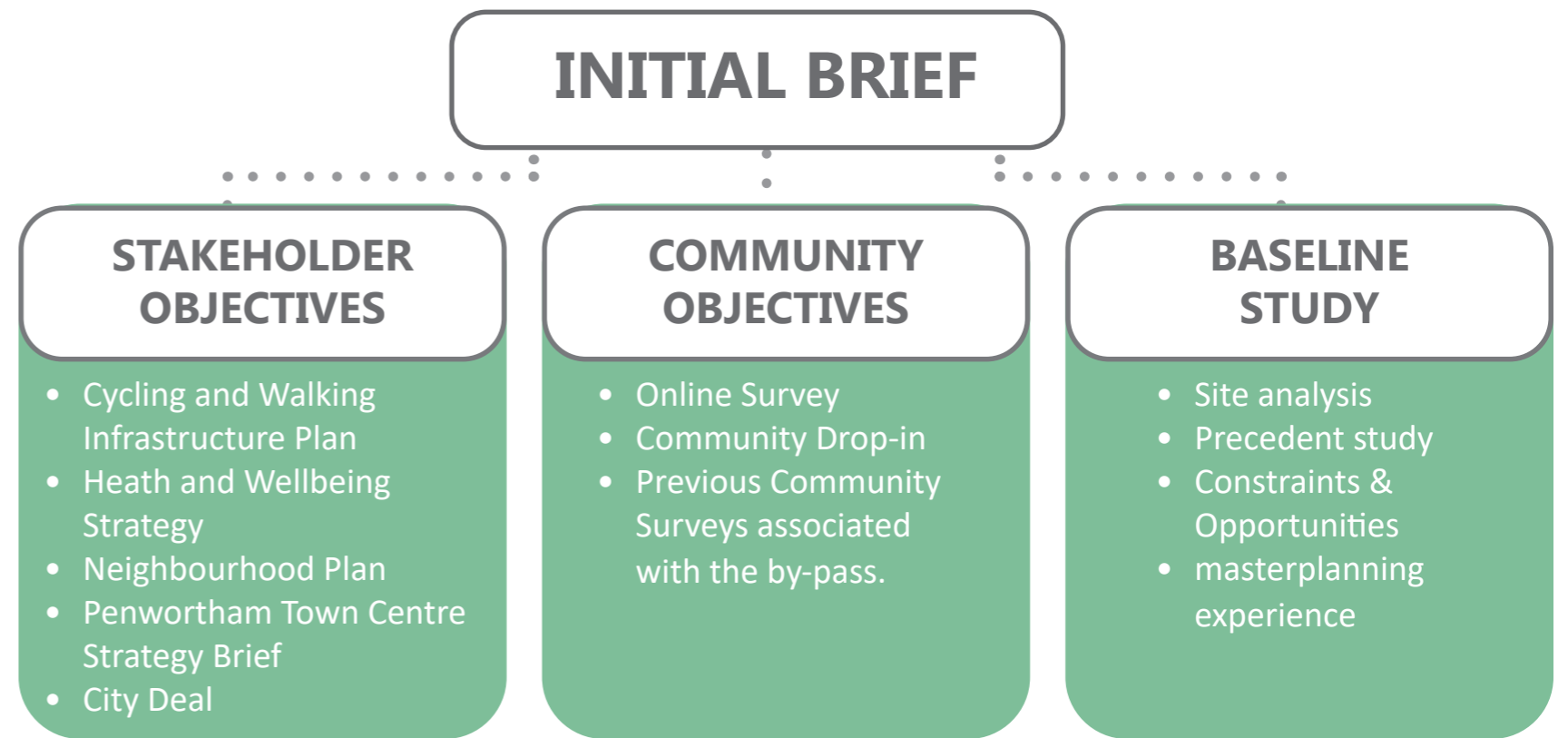
This unique vision is ambitious, long term and far reaching yet ultimately practical, pragmatic and deliverable.

This vision encapsulates an aspirational yet, ultimately, deliverable set of objectives which are based upon its current successes and takes into account significant stakeholder and community feedback and current adopted planning strategies.

The analysis of information detailed to the right, when combined with the design team's experience, has allowed us to formulate the draft masterplan vision. At the early stage of the masterplan process, the vision was still under development and was subject to further consultation with both stakeholders and the wider community.

This established final vision is ambitious, long term and far reaching yet ultimately practical, pragmatic and deliverable. The vision will lead the development and has helped to confirm the validity of all interventions and proposals outlined in the rest of this document.

For a masterplan to be successful all interventions must work towards a common goal and throughout this document all our work will be benchmarked regularly against the masterplan vision and design principles.



## THE MASTERPLAN VISION

The creation of vibrant safe and successful centres for those who live, work and visit the area, and that continue to thrive under the stewardship of the community. Places that celebrates their history but also looks to the future; evolving to meet changes in retail use, demographics and environmental awareness and to recognise the area as a sustainable heart of the community.

The delivered vision will create high quality public realms, accessible to all, regardless of age or ability. A re-energised network of streets and spaces which are attractive and flexible creating a setting for successful businesses to add all year round activity and contribute to the area's existing independent identity.

Proposals will promote sustainability, the environment and wellbeing through green infrastructure, encouraging walking and cycle, facilitating community interaction and carbon reduction.

# VISION & OBJECTIVES

This masterplan will provide a clear structure to guide and validate the implementation of a set of key development opportunities, public realm improvements and smaller scale 'easy win' projects which will work together enable Penwortham to continue to flourish.

It will be guided by a set of priorities which will be set out to deliver the vision. Below are the draft objectives and proposed 'tactics' to progress these aims for the area. These will be further developed and amended as necessary throughout the masterplan consultation process.



## Health & Wellbeing

Promote healthy lifestyles and create a safe place for the community

- Promote cycling and walking via safe footpaths and cycle ways
- Increase access and awareness of surrounding health and activity facilities.
- Promote and create the infrastructure for community gatherings and places to meet.
- Reduce car dominance to create safer, more pleasant streets.
- Inclusive, diverse and welcoming
- Access to high quality green space within the heart of the community.



## Vibrancy

A successful and robust high street offering activity and attractions.

- Promote community use of buildings and opportunity for entrepreneurship.
- A retail offer for all ages and abilities.
- An active street; places for shop spill out, meeting places and pocket parks,
- Reduce the dominance of the road to maximise the public realm
- A flexible space to cater for a range of events
- Branding and event promotion
- Support and build the independent culture



## Character and Place

Enhancing the quality of the local environment, embracing Penwortham's heritage and culture

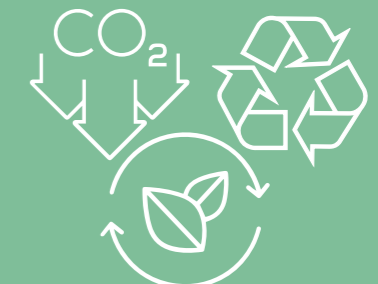
- Strengthen the current sense of place and character
- Celebrate the existing built assets; the Water Tower and Fleece Inn
- Identify opportunities to improve the visual aesthetic of the areas.
- Green infrastructure: street trees and gardens.
- Gateways and a sense of arrival
- High quality materials and coordinated street furniture
- Pocket parks and meeting places
- A Market Square for events and gathering



## Viability

Realistic and deliverable proposals that will change the future of Penwortham

- A scheme that complies with the relevant funding requirements.
- Realistic and achievable interventions
- A considered phasing plan
- Promoting economic growth and job creation.
- Flexible design solutions that can cater for changes in lifestyle and uses
- Forward thinking to ensure any proposals meets the future needs and wants of the local community.



## Sustainability

Contribute to carbon reduction and playing our part to reduce climate change

- Promoting sustainable travel
- Green Infrastructure and Sustainable Urban Drainage Solutions
- Recycled materials and sustainable design specification
- Promote renewable energy
- Increase biodiversity
- Improved air quality and pollution reduction
- Reducing waste
- Local products and local shoppers
- Community initiatives
- A robust retail offer

OPTION  
TESTING

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# FINAL CONSULTATION **LIVERPOOL ROAD**

## LIVERPOOL ROAD

Testing of sketch designs in order to identify and develop a preferred option took place through a series of engagement meetings. Presentations initially to Council officers and members helped shape the design prior to presentations to stakeholders and local residents.

Jan - March 2022 - Presentation to Council and Council Members

June 2022: Stake Holder Presentation and engagement event (attendace 42)

June 2022: Public drop in event (attendance 103)

Digital Engagement website: Penworthamfutures.co.uk July - August 2022. (211 digital visitors)

LCC consultation via emails and Teams meeting throughout design development. Formal feedback received on 9th August 2022. See appendices for further details.

Engagement and presentation to Galloway's took place on 16th June 2022.

The stake holder event on 28th June, 2002, at the Venue was advertised through a letter drop for every business, social media

postings, shop front posters and announcements via the Liverpool Road Business Community. The event took the form of a formal presentation followed by a live Q&A. Paper feedback forms were also provided.

The public consultation took place on the 30th June, 2022, also at the Venue, and took the form of in informal drop in with 4 staff on hand to individually present the proposals and answer any queries. Paper feedback forms were again available.

A website containing all the consultation information and a page to leave feedback went live following the public consultation and ran throughout July.

Overall feedback was very positive and the process was extremely valuable to the design process. The following comments were re-occurring themes and have been adopted by the preferred option masterplan.

- Do not close Queensway
- Make the road safer for pedestrians
- Make the street greener
- Provid safe crossing points
- Allow adequate room for deliveries

- Introduce short stay car parking
- Disable bays to be included throughout the street
- Promote F&B and the night-time economy

## KINGSFOLD AND MIDDLEFORTH

Due to the scale of the Kingsfold and Middleforth interventions these engagment sessions were carried through two drop in events. One at Kingsfold Library on the 1st April, 2022, and at St Mary Magdalen's Church on 28th April, 2022.

Again valuable feedback was received that influenced the final design.

See appendices for further details.

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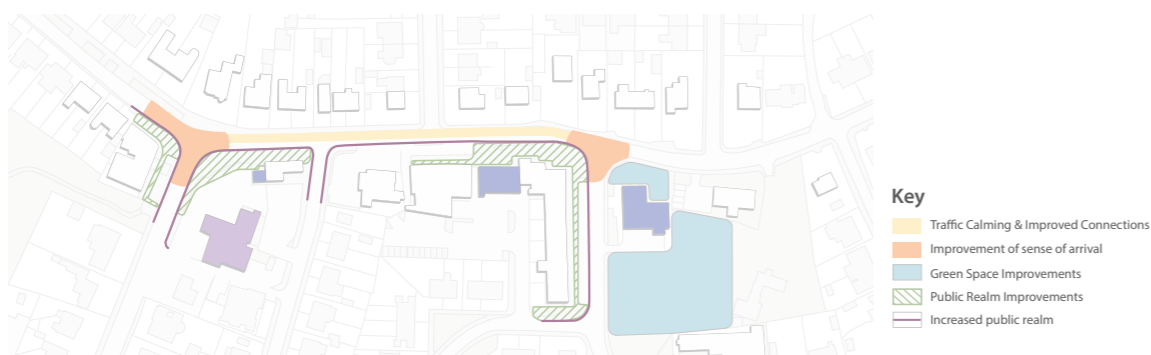


# FINAL CONSULTATION **KINGSFOLD AND MIDDLEFORTH**

## MASTERPLAN

### CONSTRAINTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
<b>INDEPENDENT RETAIL</b>	A mixed retail offer predominantly owned by community businesses	Create infrastructure that allows these shops to flourish and promote community startups.
<b>COMMUNITY SPACE</b>	Opportunity to create a community focal point	Create a Civic Square in the heart of the area that can cater for community events
<b>COMMUNITY ASSETS</b>	Accessible local assets such as Hurst Park, Priory Leisure Centre and Health Centre	Improve linkages, signage and promotion of these facilities
<b>GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	Room for more trees and shrubs and general greening	Street trees, planters and increase biodiversity within the green space adjacent to library
<b>SPILL OUT AREA</b>	Active frontages and café spill outs add animation to the streetscape	Create the setting and infrastructure for more outdoor seating
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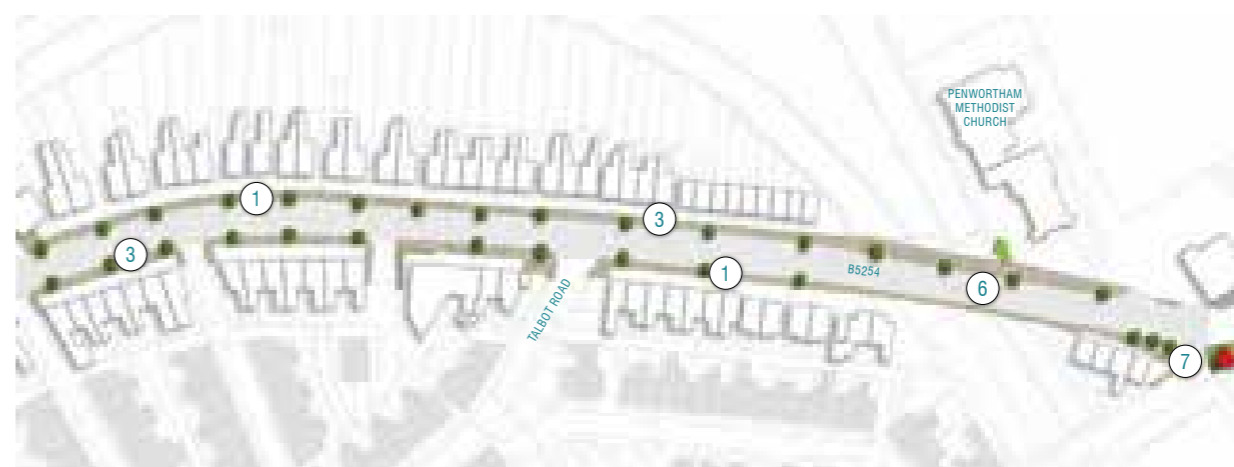
### PROPOSALS



- 1 STREET TREES
- 2 SHRUB PLANTING
- 3 NEW PAVING AND STREET FURNITURE
- 4 CANOPY
- 5 RESURFACED PARKING BAYS
- 6 COMMUNITY GROWING AREA
- 7 READING GARDEN
- 8 COMMUNITY GREEN
- 9 RESURFACED CARRIAGEWAY AND TRAFFIC CALMING
- 10 GATEWAY FEATURE

## MASTERPLAN

	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
<b>HERITAGE AND HISTORY</b>	Quality Historic buildings such as St Mary Magdalen and the Fire Station	Celebrate these buildings by providing a suitable setting
<b>INDEPENDENT RETAIL</b>	A mixed retail offer predominaly owned by community businesses	Create infrastructure that allows these shops to flourish and promote community startups.
<b>COMMUNITY SPACE</b>	Opportunity to create a community focal point	Create a Civic Square in the heart of the area that can cater for community events
<b>COMMUNITY ASSETS</b>	Accessible local assets such as Hurst Park, Priory Leisure Centre and Health Centre	Improve linkages, signage and promotion of these facilities
<b>GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	Room for more trees and shrubs and general greening	Introduce street trees, planters and boundary hedging
<b>SPILL OUT AREA</b>	Active frontages and café spill outs add animation to the streetscape	Create the setting and infrastructure for more outdoor seating
<b>SHOP FRONTAGES</b>	Shop frontages are uncoordinated and have a negative impact on character and perception	adopted design guidance
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- 1 STREET TREES
- 6 20MPH SPEED LIMIT
- 2 SHRUB PLANTING
- 7 GATEWAY FEATURE
- 3 NEW PAVING AND STREET FURNITURE
- 8 NEW GARDEN AREA
- 4 NEW BOUNDARY TREATMENT
- 9 NEW PAVED POCKET PARK
- 5 RESURFACED CARRIAGEWAY AND TRAFFIC CALMING
- 10 POTENTIAL CAFE SPILL OUT

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# FRAMEWORK **LIVERPOOL ROAD**

Liverpool Road today is a successful District Centre that provides the community with an balanced mix of retail, services, and leisure facilities. The public realm is tired, the built environment is uncoordinated, and the vehicle holds too much dominance but the street functions as well as can be expected. The number of independent shops and a pro-active community ensures that Liverpool Road is robust to economic change and has a bright future regardless of any interventions. But, due to the reduction of traffic since the introduction of the new by-pass, and the new parking spaces provided by the recent Tesco development, there is an opportunity to transform Liverpool Road into an exemplar street that focusses on the user's experience, promotes sustainability and ensures that the street will continue to thrive for the foreseeable future.

Local and District Centres today face pressures and opportunities that are new to society:

## **ONLINE**

The typical high street contains several vacant units, and the market is starting to reflect that we have more shops than are needed. Over 1000 stores have closed in Britain's top 500 high streets in the first 6 month of 2020 and the trend is showing no signs of slowing. A major reason for this is the rise in online shopping which can offer cheaper and a more convenient

service. Although it is estimated that 80% of all retail is still within traditional shop units.

## **COVID**

District and Local centres seemed to have fared much better than big cities during the pandemic. From 1st March to 30th June, district centres saw footfall drop by only 34.5%. This compares to a drop of 75.9% in cities over the same period. Through the research Future High Streets has done they have seen a trend in District or Local centres being rediscovered through COVID-19. This is may be due to the increase in working from home or the continuation of trends establish during lockdown where only small local walks were allowed.

## **CARBON REDUCTION AND WALKABILITY**

Every aspect of life needs to be reviewed to ensure we are cutting carbon and promoting sustainability. Practical implemented measures do not mean that we need to compromise on our quality of life or convenience, in fact it is the opposite. Promoting sustainable travel, locally sourced grown and purchased products, increased green infrastructure and sustainable energy will all contribute to carbon reduction.

Walkability is one of the High Streets Task Force's top 25 priorities for vitality and viability. During



COVID-19 towns have been prioritising walking and cycling over the car.

Vehicles and parking are not an essential factor for a successful high street. Where towns are removing motor vehicle traffic the results are an increased investment and appreciation of the public realm, of existing shopping areas, and an increase in footfall.

## **LOCAL**

Consumers are buying more local foods than before the Covid crisis. Trends are moving away from visiting out of town supermarkets

and moving towards local produce shops. This has been instigated by recent travel restrictions but has retained since lockdown rules have been removed. A new appreciation of community was also an unexpected benefit.

## **EXPERIENCE**

Younger generations expect more from a high street than just a place to buy products. A high-quality public environment can have a significant impact on the economic life of Local Centres, and is therefore an essential part of any successful regeneration strategy. As towns increasingly

compete with one another to attract investment, the presence of quality public realm and other public spaces becomes a vital business and marketing tool.

The most successful streets have an indoor-outdoor quality where indoor activity spills onto the street - from outdoor café/restaurant seating to programmed events and sporadic activity. Allowing and encouraging existing and new cafes and restaurants to spill out on to the high street and create spaces that encourage sporadic activities such as small scale performances or busking.

# ILLUSTRATIVE MASTERPLAN LIVERPOOL ROAD





## Key

	<b>Two way carriageway</b>
	<b>Pedestrian paths</b>
	<b>Two way cycle lane</b>
	<b>Pedestrian crossings</b>
	<b>Parking bays</b>
	<b>Spill out spaces</b>
	<b>Deck areas</b>
	<b>Wooden benches</b>
	<b>Shrub areas</b>
	<b>Proposed trees</b>

The masterplan's Site Layout achieves the objectives and vision defined within this strategy and responds to the engagement feedback.

Note that the arrangement is only illustrative and only one of a number of ways the vision can be achieved. The design will need to be developed during technical design, and informed by site surveys, to ensure safety and precise compliance with relevant guideline



# SPILL-OUT AND PUBLIC REALM LIVERPOOL ROAD

One of Liverpool Road’s main issues that needs to be addressed by this masterplan is the amount of car parking within the public realm. This parking hampers clear and safe pedestrian movement, creates a visual screen to shop fronts and restricts any auxiliary uses associated to the adjacent retail units.

We propose to address this issue by reducing the width of the carriageway which creates space for new parking spaces away from the shop fronts and leave room for the public realm to expand. The carriageway is on average circa 14m wide. This is appropriate for traffic volumes prior to the by-pass. The new by-pass has significantly reduced the amount of through-traffic on Liverpool Road’s retail area and therefore has created an opportunity for reduction in width. Our proposal is to reduce the carriageway width to 6m, the minimum that is still compliant with Lancashire County Council’s (LCC) adoptable standards.

Moving the parking away from the shop fronts creates space for wide pedestrian routes that removes the conflict between pedestrians and vehicles and creates further room for spill out areas.

The spill out areas will:

**1) Bring life to the street:** people now expect and need more than just retail from their Local Centres,



they want an experience. Outdoor seating areas will bring animation and activity to the streetscape. These outdoor activities also act as a live advertisement for individual shops and the street experience as a whole.

**2) Provide spaces for retail** units to personalise and expand: A place for shop owners to display their stock in a creative way or create

seating areas for their customers. Our proposal positions these spill-out areas away from shop fronts to create clear walkways and room for the shop fronts to breath. A shops frontage is their primary marketing opportunity and this gives the shops room to “show off”

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# SPILL-OUT AND PUBLIC REALM LIVERPOOL ROAD

### 3) Promote community interaction:

New seating areas will provide places for the community to meet and socialise. This is currently evident in the spaces outside the F&B units of Bread and Butter, 1260 Craft and Crust and No.16 On The Hill. The three individual seating areas are a massive success; adding life to the street and are very popular, but together they are more than the sum of their parts, they create an outdoor hub where people move from shop to shop, each unit benefitting from their neighbour and provide an opportunity to meet like minded people.

### 4) Promote Food and Beverage (F&B) offers and strengthen the evening economy:

Units offering F&B have increased on Liverpool Road during the past 5 years and it is beginning to become a destination for the wider community. A healthy F&B offer has several benefits to the high street; it attracts visitors outside of the usual retail hours, it creates an "atmosphere" that brings life to the street and raises its profile, and it also acts as a catalyst for supplementary businesses opportunities. Lockdown has proven al fresco dining can work in this county and isn't limited to the "continent".

### 5) Spaces for shelter and ornamental planting

We could only provide spill out areas outside shops that currently provide F&B but this wouldn't allow the street to grow and evolve. Instead we propose flexible zones that can work as spill outs but also a small gardens or sheltered seating areas

Note that our proposals intend to build the infrastructure to these spill out spaces only, including electrical points and any fixing foundation to fencing and shelter structures. We expect the individual shop owners to personalise the space and populate with furniture, display stands etc. Also, as with all our masterplan proposals, it is the principles that need to be implemented rather than the specific layout as unknown constraints may become apparent during technical design and further survey work. We acknowledge that due to potential ownership issues further engagement with the land owners will be necessary to fully implement the vision.



# SPILL OUT LIVERPOOL ROAD



# FLEXIBLE SPACE LIVERPOOL ROAD

Similar to the spill-out spaces, but at a larger scale and with no direct association with any specific retail unit, the flexible space will provide an opportunity to add life to the street, contribute to visitor's experience and facilitate community interaction. This space will also provide an element of surprise and variety for the visitor which will encourage people to visit Liverpool Road to see what is on even if they do not need to visit one particular shop.

This area will be relatively open with landscape features, including electrical power points, to define the space and create an enclosure. This will be the site for pop-up events such as street markets, live music, Christmas trees and community events.

Careful detailed design and further engagement with land owners is required to ensure that the space doesn't feel redundant during the times when events aren't taking place.



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# FLEXIBLE SPACE LIVERPOOL ROAD



# GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE LIVERPOOL ROAD

Liverpool Road contains many trees and shrubs that provide amenity to the street but it is all within private residential boundaries. The green infrastructure element of our proposals aims to fully green the street with a mix of trees, shrub planting and wildflowers all within the public realm.

## Street trees:

Trees are proposed along the length of the Liverpool Road retail core and will provide many benefits to the area:

## Biodiversity:

An increase in tree diversity will benefit a host of insects, birds and mammals.

## Aesthetic:

We all agree that trees bring a sense of place and maturity to schemes, whilst larger species trees help to create a more human scale to the road

## Energy Saving:

It has been proven that large trees located alongside buildings can act as a secondary insulating layer, regulating temperatures around buildings. Deciduous trees can also help keep buildings cool in the summer and warmer in the winter.



## Cooling:

Trees provide cooling by shade and evaporation from their leaves; which means that larger canopy species are better. All trees require adequate rooting space and a water source. Direct contact with the earth is preferable.

## Property Value:

Tree lined streets have been proven to increase house prices by as much as 15%. Most people choose to live in and/or around trees wherever possible.

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# GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE LIVERPOOL ROAD

## Air Quality:

Trees can help to filter fine particles from the air.

## Detailing:

The cost of tree pit construction can be kept to a minimum by providing the appropriate amount of soil in an open tree pit rather than an expensive systems under paving. Wherever possible we've proposed trees in large open beds with supplementary shrub planting.

## Shrubs:

As with trees, shrub planting has many benefits apart from the obvious aesthetic improvement. We've used shrubs throughout the street to help define spaces and create enclosures. Using evergreen species we can create year round visual and physical barriers between the carriageway and seating areas that reduce the impact of the vehicle and create spaces that are more welcoming to users. This is particularly important outside 12-16 Liverpool Road where extending the public realm isn't feasible. We also propose a herbaceous mix to supplement the evergreen structure planting to add colour in the summer months that provides a changing aesthetic during the season. Other benefits to shrub planting include increased biodiversity and their benefits to wildlife. The detailed planting

schedule needs to be developed in partnership with SRBC's maintenance department to ensure the beds are maintained to an acceptable standard.

## Wildflowers:

We are proposing a long linear line of wildflower planting to separate the carriageway and parking from the cycle lane. In addition to their functional properties wildflowers will again increase biodiversity and provide pollinating insects with a food source.

## SUDS:

All planting beds and tree pits will have the additional benefit of providing the infrastructure for rain gardens and SUDS features. This will provide multiple benefits – not only will it form high quality place making, it will also provide water quality improvements for the area as well as amenity and biodiversity benefits too. The beds will reduce surface water runoff and aid surface water treatment – providing water quantity and quality benefits.

These solutions will provide many more benefits than grey piped systems and incorporate the 4 pillars that SuDS components can offer; water quantity, water quality, biodiversity and amenity.



# CIRCULATION LIVERPOOL ROAD

Our masterplan proposes clear and independent circulation routes for cyclists, cars and pedestrians. In accordance with statutory guidance the carriageway will remain 2-way but reduce in width to 6m and the cycle way, located on the northern side of the carriageway, will also be 2-way with a width of 3m. Pedestrian routes vary in width but are now free from parked cars and significantly wider than the current arrangement.

## Crossings:

We are proposing to increase the amount of formal crossing across Liverpool Road, ideally these will be located on raised carriageway tables to provide easier access and to signal the pedestrians take priority over vehicles. The should be designed in collaboration with LCC to ensure compliance with their design guidance.

## Accessibility:

We are also proposing a new controlled crossing along Cop Lane to improve access from the Tesco car park. Again our preference would be for a raised carriageway table.

## Visually Impaired:

The design has been reviewed by the sight loss charity, Galloways. Recommendations that need to be incorporated into the detailed



**Key**

- Two way carriageway
- - - Two way cycle lane
- Pedestrian paths
- ↔ Pedestrian crossing

design include changes in texture and colour between different circulation routes, a small lip to edgings that separate circulation routes, tactile paving at crossings and ensuring the appropriate lux levels for street lighting.

## Private Access:

Access to private land has been catered for within the design proposals. Further work is required during detailed design to ensure acceptable visibility splays are adhered to.

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# CIRCULATION LIVERPOOL ROAD



# PARKING LIVERPOOL ROAD

The current parking strategy for Liverpool Road consists of on road parking, parking within shop forecourts and satellite car parks located behind shops, adjacent to the Fleece Inn and at the new Tesco development. The current quantity is adequate and, while busy, spaces are always available.

Our proposed parking strategy is to keep the existing number of spaces but relocate the current on road and forecourt spaces away from the shops and adjacent to the carriageway. We also propose to improve the signage to increase awareness of the satellite car parks, especially at Tesco.

To ensure availability of spaces at all times we are also proposing to introduce time restrictions to the new on road parking spaces.

In some circumstance it may be appropriate to provide residential permits to ensure that residents are able to park conveniently close to their home.

Other opportunities for increasing parking is to work with the landowners who have hard standing at the rear of their properties. While parking at the rear of properties is available for customers of the specific shops, they are under utilised and can be easily expanded. This tends to be focussed on the shops around Salvatores and Priory Lane.



Loading bays and refuse collection points have been positioned at 3 key locations along the road and will avoid the current "on road" arrangement that causes congestion and conflict with pedestrians.

Circa 10% of the total 64 parking bays have been allocated for disabled badge users and have been

located throughout the road and specifically adjacent to shops frequented by the elderly, i.e the post office, opticians and dentist,

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# MATERIALS LIVERPOOL ROAD

## Paving

A variety of materials should be used across the site to define a legible hierarchy of spaces. This will help to support the character, function and design intent of the specific character area (pedestrian transition, spill out, parking, cycle lane, flexible space, crossings and carriageway) and to create a unified landscape through a palette of high quality and durable materials. This will in turn reinforce a sense of place.

These materials will be used in a contemporary manner to provide a robust and functional public realm. The aim in these locations is to create distinct patterning, with different textures and tones to complement the architecture and reflect the landscape character areas.

These subtle changes may be defined by a simple change in unit size, banding, change in orientation or tactile indication.

Paving finishes would provide comfortable surfacing for wheelchair and pushchair users with adequate slip resistance. All service covers to inspection/manhole chambers would be recessed to take the adjacent paving finish. All covers will be aligned to co-ordinate with the paving orientation.

Ideally the narrowed carriageway

will be surfaced with a buff surface treatment to signify a change from the typical road, with formal crossings raised to slow traffic and provide a flush junction with footpaths.

The cycle lane surface needs to be smooth and in accordance with LTN 1/20 but ideally with a material that feels part of the public realm palette. A contrasting and raised edging must be used for safety reasons.

## Street Furniture

A coordinated range of street furniture is proposed to add interest but maintain clarity of design. A palette of contemporary street furniture including way finding signage will be provided with careful coordination of design, colour and location. Good quality furniture will be selected for its robustness, ease of maintenance and aesthetic value. Durability will be vital to achieving a successful public realm ensuring its longevity.

A range of timber seating typologies for individuals and groups would be provided to include; integrated seating fixed to dwarf walls; benches and individual chairs with backs and armrests. The style and location of benches, litter bins, signage and cycle stands will be carefully located and ensure a clutter free environment. All seating and

planting is integrated into spill out zones to create enclosure and define the spaces. Raised planters and carefully positioned bollards will offer protection for the public realm and pedestrians.

## Wayfinding

Liverpool Road needs a clear wayfinding strategy to create easily navigatable pathways and inform users of surrounding community facilities.

Wayfinding initiatives will support and encourage journeys on foot and guide drivers to the appropriate car parking.

- Create easy to follow walking routes with good sightlines and forward visibility to contribute to personal security and wayfinding.
- Design signage to be appropriate to Liverpool Road's character and add to the sense of place.
- Help to assess and reduce visual clutter.
- Inform visitors of the areas heritage and history.
- Multi-purpose; combine with art, lighting columns, benches, bollards paving and bins.



# KINGSFOLD





# FRAMEWORK **KINGSFOLD**

Kingsfold is a thriving local centre that provides convenient retail and community services to the local residents. Unlike Liverpool Road it will never be a regional destination but however it does provide a vital role for the local community.

Kingsfold contains a mix of shops covering all convenience needs including a small amount of Food and Beverage. A chemist and library also provides health and wellbeing facilities that are all serviced by local parking.

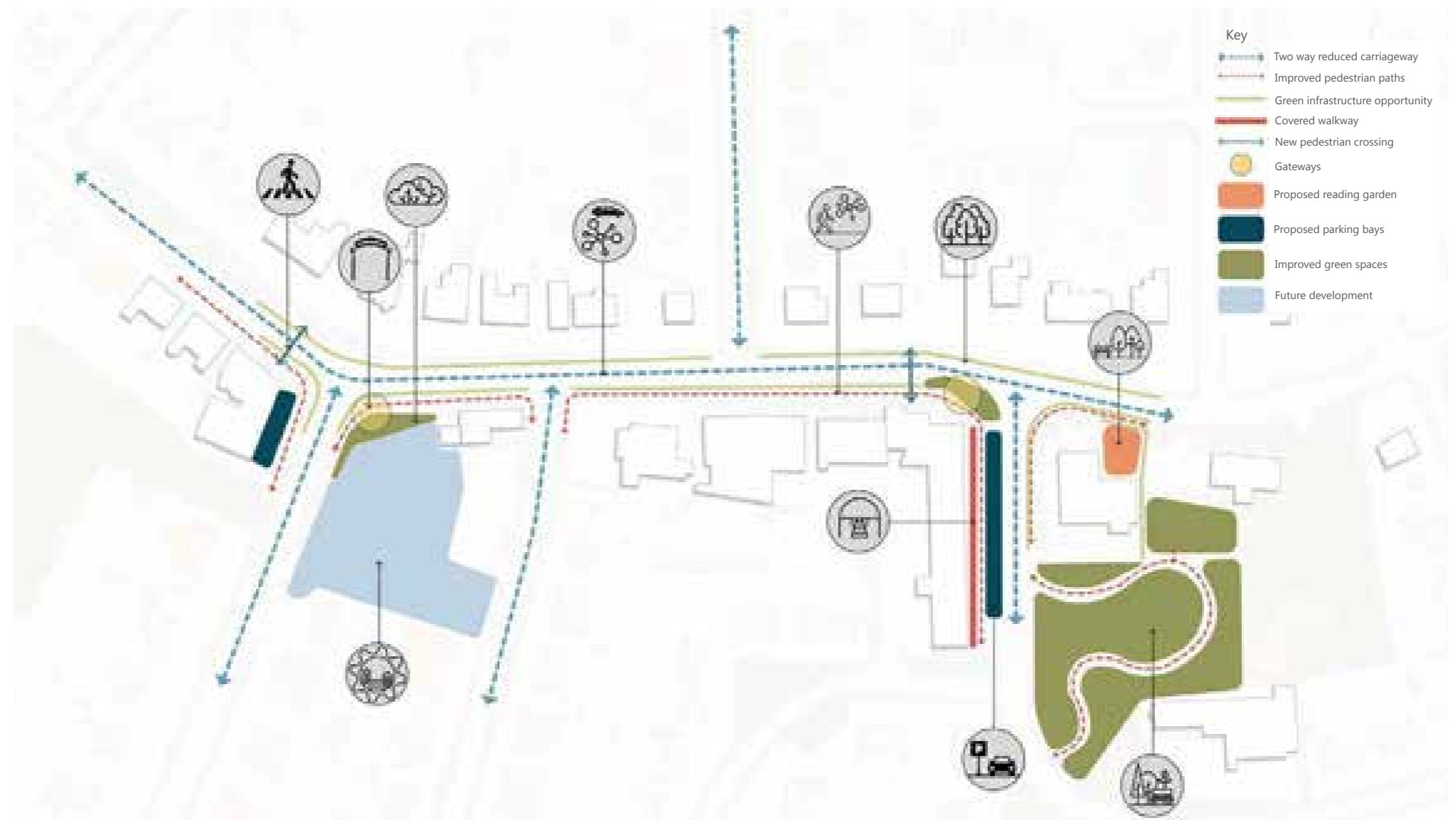
The following proposals combine improving the aesthetic, without making significant changes to its function, improving safety and making the most of the available open space and library building.

## Environmental Improvements:

General resurfacing and refurbishment of the public realm and street furniture, including new street trees and ornamental planting.

## Safety:

Reduction of the vehicular speed limit on Cop Lane to 20mph and new formal pedestrian crossings. Rationalise parking to limit pedestrian and vehicular conflict.



## Perception:

Gateways to signal arrival at Kingsfold Local Centre. Strengthen and celebrate its unique identity and improve its "sense of place"

## Open Space:

Kingsfold contains a large open space consisting of amenity grass and mature trees. Small scale intervention can transform this space and turn it into a greater asset to the local community.

There is also an opportunity to improve the service that the library building offers to residents. Apart from improving its setting though public realm and planting interventions there is an opportunity to create a reading garden that is access directly from the library.

Please note that at the time of producing this report the Shampan development is in the planning stage only. Our masterplan has used the validated planning drawings as the baseline.

# ILLUSTRATIVE MASTERPLAN **KINGSFOLD**



# PUBLIC REALM **KINGSFOLD**

Kingsfold will be transformed just by resurfacing with quality materials and a introducing a new range of coordinated street furniture. Our masterplan proposes natural stone paving to all pedestrian areas with smaller unit sizes (<100x200mm) for area at risk of vehicular traffic. Parking areas should be paved with a 100x200 tegular type sett and permeable where possible to introduce SUDS to the area.

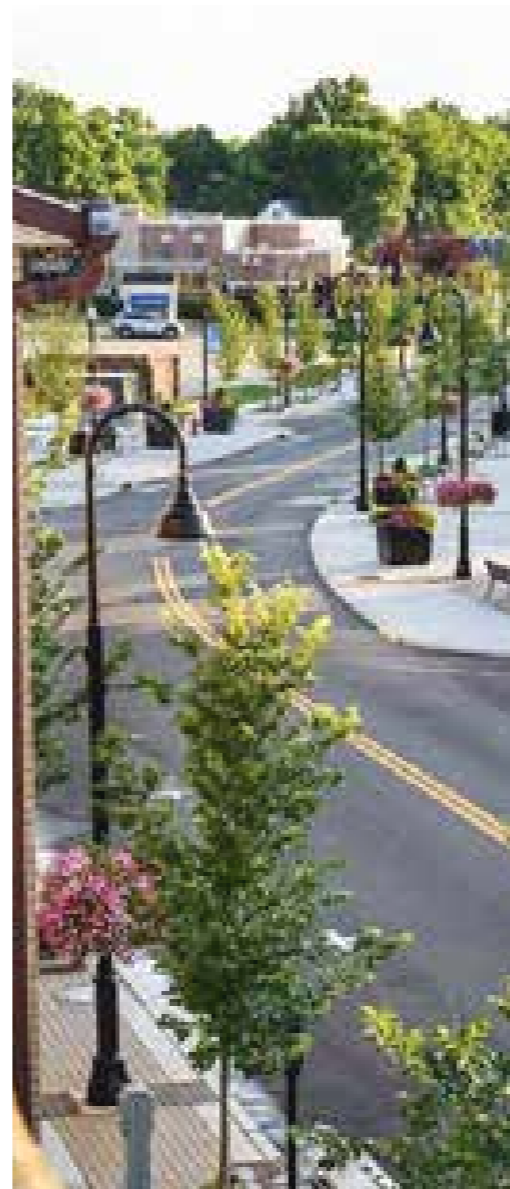
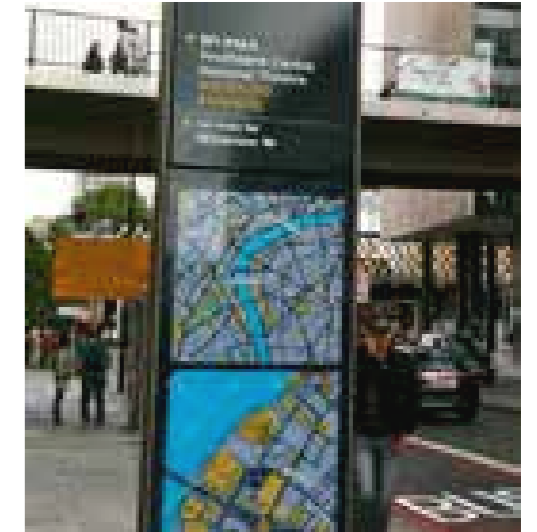
New street furniture, consisting of benches, bollards, signage, bins, cycle stands, tree grilles and lighting columns, should be selected from a single off-the-shelf product range to ensure coordination and reinforcement of the site's character.

Limiting vehicular speed to 20mph is critical to improving safety and this should be done via a raised table with a contrasting colour. This will warn motorists of a change in priority and also have a positive impact on place making. Formal crossing should also be introduced to provide safer circulation.

Gateway features should be introduced at either end of the centre. Bespoke vertical signage containing "Kingsfold" and combined with the new 20mph speed limit will reinforce its identity and provide a sense of arrival for visitors.

An additional intervention that could potentially change the way the Hawkesbury Drive shops operate would be to add a linear canopy cover the footpath between the shops and car park spaces. This shelter would be provide opportunities for shops to "spill out" on the public realm and initiate an element of al-fresco F&B.

If possible the Shampan development Planning Conditions should enforce a design palette that matches these public realm proposals.



# GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE KINGSFOLD

Kingsfold Local Centre is already relatively green due to the number of trees located within private gardens at the back of the footpaths, amenity shrub and standard tree planting within the streetscape. The open spaces associated with the Library and adjacent green also have a significant impact on the area's character.

Our masterplan proposes to increase the green infrastructure through additional street tree and ornamental planting at key areas within the public realm.

Shrub planting should be used to highlight key spaces, such as the gateways, provide enclosure to make a place feel more attractive and quieter or to guide pedestrian movement. Species should be a mix of evergreen, deciduous and herbaceous to offer all year round interest. Planting in raised planters may need to be considered depending on the location of underground services.

The location and detailing of tree planting needs to be carefully considered. Poor planning in the past has led to trees that have become a hazard or offer little in terms of placemaking. Trees should be of small scale when located



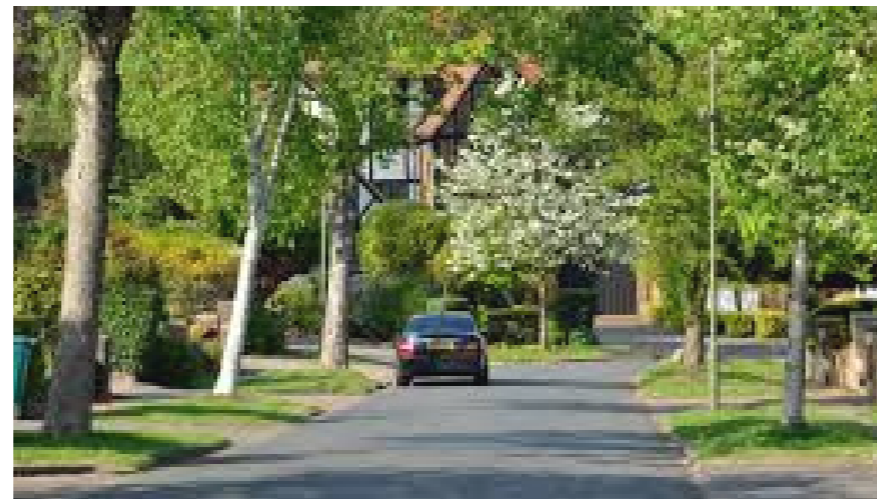
within the public realm and design with adequate soil and root-barriers to avoid future maintenance issues. The library gardens and adjacent greenspace offer opportunities for larger tree species.

Private shop owners should also be encouraged to green their shop fronts. Hanging baskets and the associated fixings could be provided to each shop with the maintenance duties falling on the shop owner.

Vision & Objectives				
Health & Wellbeing				
Vibrancy				
Character & Place				
Viability				
Sustainability				



# GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE KINGSFOLD



# PARK **KINGSFOLD**

The library building has a fantastic setting of parkland on one side and shrub & tree planting screening it from the carriageway on the other. Additional tree planting within the existing shrub beds and grass verges, with small sections of new paving, will reinforce the visual appearance of the main entrance and raise its profile for a relatively small expense.

There is also an opportunity to make a “reading garden” for users of the library. Accessed via the library building the space needs to include communal seating screened from Pope Lane by new secure fencing and planting to create a private and intimate courtyard space.

Located on Hawksbury Drive, adjacent to the Library is a large open space containing amenity grass and mature parkland trees around the perimeter. This space has the opportunity to become a community green for the local residents. Simple crushed stone footpaths and timber seating will provide the routes for circulation so the space can be used throughout the year. Areas of wildflower can also be introduced to define spaces, increase biodiversity, improve the summer aesthetic, and reduce maintenance requirements. All proposals need to be sympathetic to its attractive existing character.



There is also an opportunity to create a community focal point. This could be in the form of reinforced grass grids that provide the infrastructure for pop up markets or community events or as a secure community growing area.

Signage and info-boards along the boundary with Hawksbury Drive should be introduced to raise the space’s profile within the local area.

<b>Vision &amp; Objectives</b>				
Health & Wellbeing				
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# PARK KINGSFOLD



# MIDDLEFORTH





# FRAMEWORK **MIDDLEFORTH**

As with Kingsfold, Middleforth acts as a local centre providing convenient retail services to the local community. Shops and facilities are spread out in a linear manner along a 600m stretch of Leyland Road, starting at the north by Riverside Road and ending in the south at the junction with Marshall's Brow. The main community focal point along the road is the space around Margaret Road Hawkhurst Road junction.

The local centre contains a number of historically relevant buildings that contribute to create a distinct sense place. St Mary Magdelene Church and the opposite fire station in particular create a positive character for the central area of the road.

The masterplan proposes general environmental improvements focussing on improving the aesthetic of the area through improved public realm surfaces, coordinated street furniture, improved boundaries and more green infrastructure. There is also an opportunity to improve the small central civic space.

## Environmental Improvements:

General resurfacing and refurbishment of the public realm and street furniture, including new street trees and ornamental planting.



## Safety:

Reduction of the vehicular speed limit on Leyland Road to 20mph and new formal pedestrian crossing.

## Perception:

Gateways to signal arrival at Middleforth Local Centre strengthen and celebrate its unique identity and improve its "sense of place"

## Open Space:

Middleforth contains a small civic space adjacent to Margaret Road. The arrangement and treatment of this area can be improved so the space acts as a key focal point.

There is also an opportunity to improve the green spaces at the

entrance to the woodland walk path. Improved wayfinding signage can also help inform the local community and visitor of the existing amenity spaces.

Opportunities to create additional open space are limited due to the restriction of the carriageway and built environment.

# ILLUSTRATIVE MASTERPLAN MIDDLEFORTH



# PUBLIC REALM MIDDLEFORTH

Middleforth's public realm is predominantly bitmac, with a patched appearance due to years of works to underground services. In some areas the footpaths are over 6m wide providing opportunities to introduce new green infrastructure features. Ideally the whole of the footpath network should be resurfaced with natural stone paving but this may not be viable due to the cost. Instead we propose focussing on a resurfacing around the key areas of the street. These areas can be expanded if additional budget comes available. Note that any footpaths with potential for vehicle over-run should be paved with 200x100mm sets to avoid rocking and eventually cracking.

New street furniture consisting of benches, bollards, signage, bins, cycle stands, tree grilles and lighting columns should be selected from a single off-the-shelf product range to ensure coordination and reinforcement of the site's character.

Limiting vehicular speed to 20mph is critical to improving safety and this should be done via new surfacing with a contrasting colour and texture to the existing surface. There is also a potential for a raised table around the central space adjacent to Hawkhurst Road. Formal crossing should also be introduced to provide safer circulation.



Gateway features should be introduced at either end of the centre. Bespoke vertical signage containing "Middleforth" and combined with the new 20mph speed limit will reinforce its identity and provide a sense of arrival for visitors.

Boundary treatments to properties should also be reviewed with aspirations to create a single high quality consistent treatment along the length of the road.

Vision & Objectives				
Health & Wellbeing				
Vibrancy				
Character & Place				
Viability				
Sustainability				

# GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE MIDDLEFORTH

Middleforth's Local Centre lacks consistent green infrastructure and is only significantly present in private gardens, road side verges and at the entrance to the woodland footpaths.

Out masterplan proposes to increase the green infrastructure through additional street tree and ornamental planting at key areas within the public realm.

Shrub planting should be used to highlight key spaces, such as the pocket park, and where footpaths are wide enough to accommodate new planting beds. Species should be a mix of evergreen, deciduous and herbaceous to offer all year round interest. Planting in raised planters may need to be considered depending on the location of underground services.

The location and detailing of tree planting needs to be carefully considered to avoid and loss of parking. Trees should be of small scale when located within the public realm and design with adequate soil and root-barriers to avoid future maintenance issues. The spaces either side of the woodland path offer opportunities for larger tree species.

Private shop owners should also be encouraged to green their shop fronts. Hanging baskets and the associated fixings could be provided to each shop with the maintenance duties falling on the shop owner.



Vision & Objectives				
Health & Wellbeing				
Vibrancy				
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Sustainability				

Key	
	Improved green spaces
	Proposed street trees
	Proposed shrubs and hedges



# GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE MIDDLEFORTH



ADOPTION  
& DELIVERY

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# ADOPTION AND DELIVERY

Masterplans are of no value unless they can be delivered. Grand ideas are no more than that if they are not viable or cannot be funded. The masterplan has been developed with this very much in mind. We recognise that the Council will not be able to deliver the master plan on its own. Other public sector agencies will be important potential partners and can help access funding sources. However, the key to long term successful sustainable delivery will be to continue to engage with local people and businesses and share the delivery of the masterplan.

Our delivery plan is realistic and is informed by market intelligence, construction costs and the availability of public sector funds to close any funding gap.

For a masterplan to be complete it must be supported by, and identify, a clear delivery mechanism. If a masterplan is seen as little more than a map of the area, indicating different current and proposed usages, it will have less meaning for the communities affected. Without a clearly delineated time frame, it is unlikely to be effectively implemented. This masterplan is therefore a device for building

widespread support for a sequence of actions that will unfold over several years.

To take the masterplan proposals forward a delivery strategy has been prepared that includes:

Programme and phasing;

- Funding and finance.
- Delivery mechanisms;
- Policy interventions; and
- Nest steps and actions

The development strategy / phasing approach that underpins the masterplan is founded upon four key principles. These are:

- Establish early momentum – visible development activity on site, to retain community support / enthusiasm and realise the benefit of the commercial development sectors existing development ambitions. Early wins are crucial to win over those that feel let down by past delays and disappointments
- Maximise funding from existing partners such as Lancashire County Council's City Deal to support the delivery of key early win public realm and streetscape proposals.

- Prioritise early development opportunities on public land or third-party land in association with key partners.

- Support the development of interventions that conform with the overall masterplan Vision and Objectives.

The proposals shown in Chapter 4 range from relatively modest projects such as tree planting and wayfinding to more significant infrastructure changes such as narrowing Liverpool Road. The timeline for completion of these proposals is roughly 3 years and not all projects are mutually exclusive. Certain projects provide improvements to Liverpool Road, Middleforth and Kingsfold in their own right, while other projects are part of a critical phasing plan, and need all phases in order to meet the objectives.

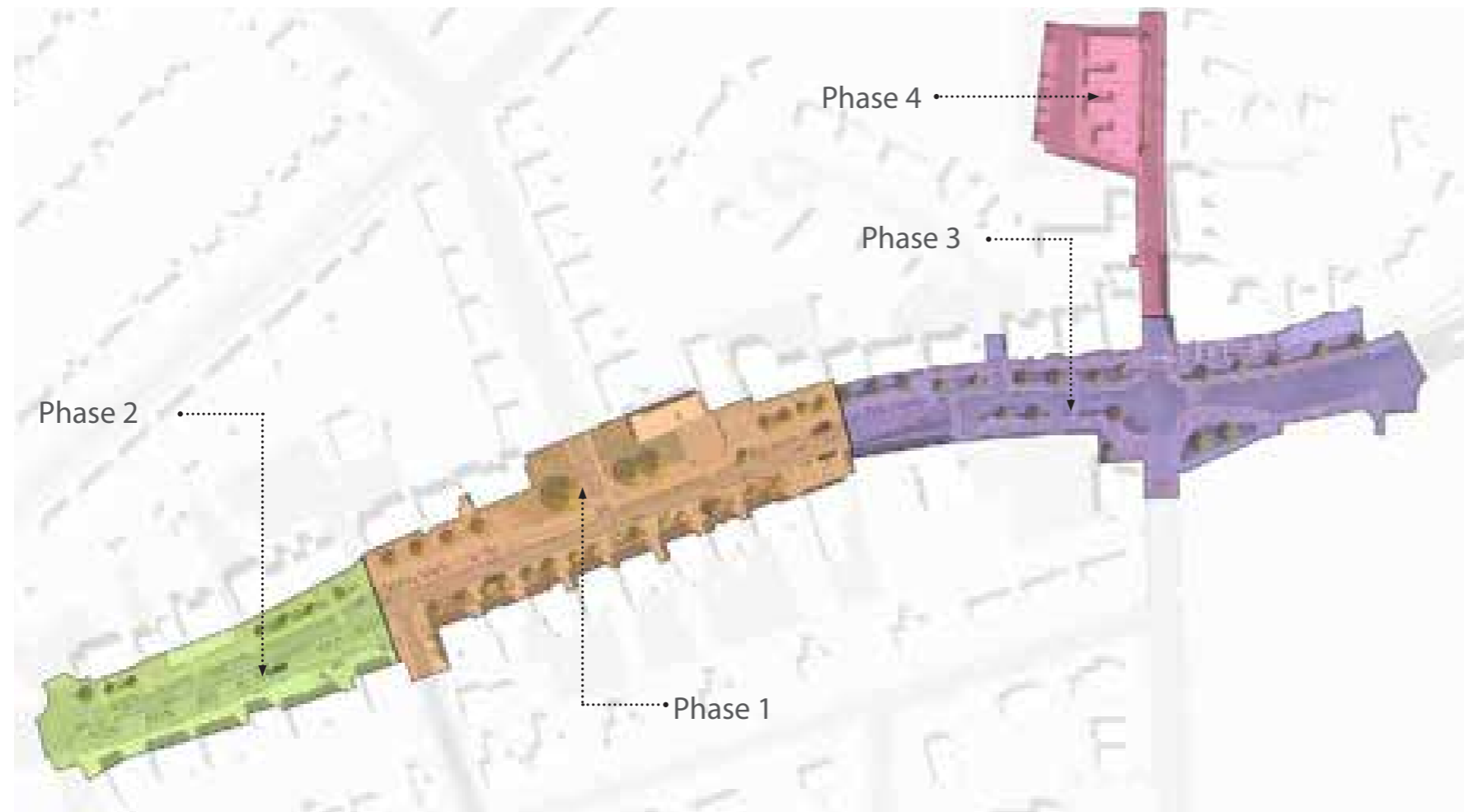
The phasing plan will be fluid and able to adapt to changing priorities, available funding and changes to the baseline.





# PROGRAMME AND PHASING

## LIVERPOOL ROAD



### PHASING STRATEGY

The first phase needs to set the tone of the development to gain momentum and create community excitement. Phase 1 focusses on the central zone of Liverpool Road and consists of spill out areas and the flexible space.

Careful consideration is needed to ensure the infrastructure is in place for future phases. i.e providing temporary additional parking prior to removing spaces in future phases, which can be seen in phase 2.

Phase 3 includes the eastern gateway and completion of the cycle lane and full provision of green infrastructure and spill out spaces. Note that works to the junction may be unviable and may cause community concern due to replacing recent infrastructure works. Retaining the existing junction will not have a significant negative impact on the vision of the masterplan.

To fully complete phase 4 further exploration of purchasing the land behind the retail row in order to remove on street parking that will facilitate wider footpaths and seating areas. Without this land purchase phase 4 may consist of a resurfacing project only.

#### **Phase 1: 6500m<sup>2</sup> / £1.25M**

Focusses on the core F&B area of the street and the creation of the flexible space. Parking number will remain constant due to the new bays included on the northern side of the road.

#### **Phase 2: 2670m<sup>2</sup> / £0.51M**

New spill out areas and the western gateway. This phase includes an increase in parking numbers prior to the works to stage 3.

#### **Phase 3; 4230m<sup>2</sup> / £0.82M**

Works around the Cop Lane junction to create the eastern gateway

#### **Phase 4: 1020m<sup>2</sup> / £0.21M**

Works extended to Cop Lane with an option for off road car parking.

Note that all phasing costs have been determined by applying a percentage of the overall cost estimate based on area.



# PROGRAMME AND PHASING

## KINGSFOLD



**Phase 1: £600,000**

Focusses on the main public realm areas around the shopping core.

**Phase 2: £150,000**

Phase 2 concentrates on improvements to the library area and the creation of the reading garden.

**Phase 3; £50,000**

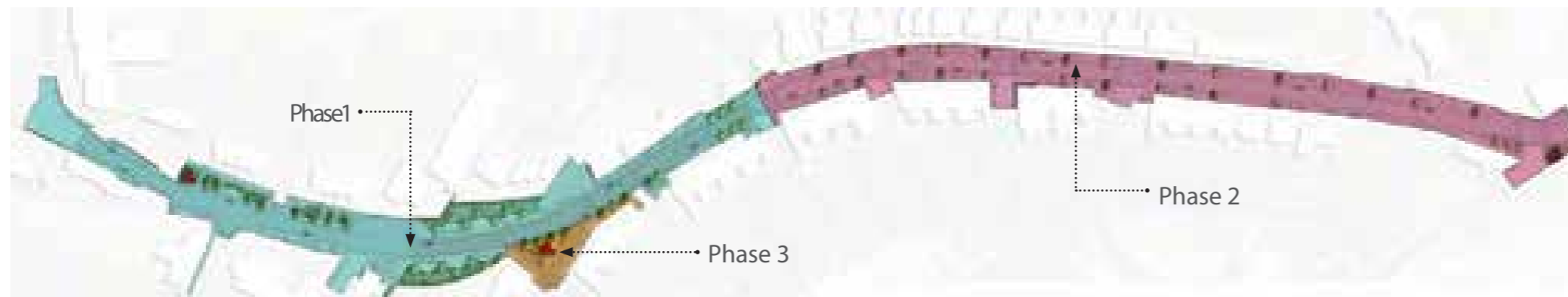
The community growing area.

**Phase 4; £200,000**

Improvements to the community green

Note that there are no specific dependencies between each phase at that the sequence can be changed to suit budget and community needs.

## MIDDLEFORTH



**Phase 1: £500,000**

Focusses on the central area of Leyland Road and consists of new surfacing and planting.

**Phase 2: £500,000**

Phase 2 see the extension of paving refurbishment and green infrastructure.

**Phase 3; £310,000**

The refurbishment of the community pocket space.

As with Kingsfold there are no specific dependencies between each phase at that the sequence can be changed to suit budget and community needs



# FUNDING AND FINANCE

In order to facilitate the delivery of the master plan it will be important to secure grant funding and finance. The Council, which has already been successful in attracting funding, will have a leading role in this and will be expected to be the main driver for securing further funding.

Where the Council is not the owner of the land it may still be possible to secure and provide grant funding for public realm works for private owners if this will contribute to the overall regeneration of the area. The council would normally fund and undertake public realm directly, and if the council adopted it, long-term maintenance costs would be incurred. Therefore, a grant award to allow the developer or private landowner to undertake the work directly, with no liabilities to the council, is an option where the Council does not want to acquire or control the land through tools such as compulsory purchase.

## **Levelling Up Fund**

A £2m bid was submitted in August 2022. The Levelling Up Fund is designed to provide support for Local Authorities in delivering essential development to support the vitality of town centres. The fund will support town centre and high street regeneration, transport projects, cultural and heritage assets. The Council have submitted their bid for the second round of the fund. If successful, the fund will help deliver the projects outlined within the masterplan, providing important investment.

## **Pension Fund Borrowing**

Alternatively, any gap in the project funding could be financed through a forward-funded income strip model with a pension fund whereby, in exchange for security based on income streams the Pension Fund covers capital costs of the development, drawn down as capital costs arise. Depending on the specific deal negotiated with the Pension Fund, the Council would likely receive back costs to planning as a form of return on equity, as well as the residual land value from the development. Pension Fund deals would be available to cover the full extent of capital costs of the development.

## **Business Improvement District Loan Fund.**

The Business Improvement District (BIDs) Fund is an initiative run by Government to assist in developing new BIDs throughout England. BIDs are business led partnerships which are created voluntarily to deliver additional local services and upgrade the local environment for the benefit of business. The fund offers loans between £10,000 and £50,000 which is awarded to successful applicants

## **Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Growth Deal**

The Growth Deal is building on the region's key economic assets including the universities and colleges, Lancashire's Enterprise Zones, the Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal and high-value business clusters.

Lancashire's Growth Deal programme is fully coordinated with major economic initiatives: the £450m Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal; the £20m Growing Places Investment Fund; and the Lancashire Advanced Manufacturing and Energy Enterprise Zone Cluster which together are delivering economic growth and prosperity in Lancashire



# FUNDING AND FINANCE

## **Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Growing Places Fund (GPF)**

The £20m Growing Places Fund (GPF) is supporting infrastructure, commercial, industrial, retail, leisure and housing development across Lancashire, particularly in areas which face specific economic challenges. To date, the GPF has successfully invested in eleven commercial opportunities in some of Lancashire's most deprived areas and has helped to generate over 2,000 new jobs, approximately 1,125,000 sq. ft. of industrial, commercial, retail and leisure floor space and over 600 housing units. The LEP is keen to hear from developers who are looking to bring forward schemes who may be able to use this funding to unlock their development.

## **Northern Cultural Regeneration Fund**

The Northern Cultural Regeneration Fund will provide blended loan and grant investments of up to £150,000 to creative and culture businesses who deliver social impact to disadvantaged communities and are operating in the 11 northern Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) areas. The fund is a partnership between delivery lead Key Fund, the Social Investment Business and Creative United.

The Fund provides access to investments of up to £150,000 where up to a third may be provided as a grant.

## **National Lottery Heritage Fund**

The fund distributes National Lottery grants from £3,000 to £5 million and over, funding projects that sustain and transform the UK's heritage. Heritage projects could include conserving and repairing historic building, monuments and the historic environment, as well as conserving museums, libraries and archives.

Money for Heritage Enterprise projects can be used:

- To buy a heritage asset in need of investment
- For essential conservation work, such as structural repairs to a historic building
- To repair and adapt empty and derelict buildings and sites so that they are financially viable and commercially viable if appropriate
- Fit-out of a building to a basic level
- Urgent repairs to prevent deterioration of the asset while you complete detailed planning work
- New temporary structures designed to be used for relevant project development, to support meanwhile uses during the project development phase.

The Masterplan will need to be delivered by a partnership of the public and private sectors and the local community. It is proposed that a Project Steering Group is established with South Ribble Borough Council as the lead alongside other key organisations that operate within the community to include:

## **South Ribble Borough Council**

The lead organisation in the delivery of the Masterplan proposals is the Council who will act as the accountable body in terms of strategy and where appropriate direct project delivery;

- Engagement with the community and stakeholders.
  - Land and property acquisition either through negotiation or via use of its compulsory purchase powers.
  - Funding bids and applications.
  - Establishing the policy basis for the delivery of the Masterplan through the Local Plan and associated Supplementary Planning Guidance.
- It is proposed that an existing officer or new officer is appointed to provide the day to day lead on the ongoing delivery of the Masterplan and to provide lead the Project Steering Group. The Project Steering Group will need to establish clear reporting and operating protocols agreed through a set of Standing Orders.





# DELIVERY MECHANISMS

When combined the range of projects proposed in the master plan will improve Penwortham through addressing the multifaceted factors that can make the area more attractive, popular and successful: They will improve the quality of the environment and spaces; how they are managed; and the way these come together to create unique places. The proposals create an appropriate and attractive built form that reflects local history, culture and landscape and provide more effective and accessible spaces and services. Crucially the success of the delivery has been greatly enhanced through the positive engagement and contribution of local people in the process of change.

The delivery strategy is based around the following principles:

- a comprehensive approach to the regeneration of Penwortham, linking together the physical, social, and economic attributes of the area placing the local community at the heart of the plan and striving for continuous rather than intermittent engagement
- generating the participation and commitment of a variety of stakeholders

- achieving a balance between long-term transformation and meeting immediate needs on the ground
- leveraging in a variety of public and private sector funding streams and giving attention to phased interventions
- providing local leadership and
- coordinating the role of different agencies

## POLICY INTERVENTION

In order to deliver the Masterplan vision and proposals, it will be important to embed the proposals within the statutory planning framework. This will ensure that applications that come forward in the Masterplan area are determined in relation to the agreed Masterplan objectives and vision. In addition, the provision in policy of the Masterplan proposals will encourage developers to bring forward appropriate developments by providing them with greater certainty of their appropriateness.

The Masterplan Vision document once adopted by the South Ribble Borough Council area will provide the starting point for informing

development and investment decisions in the area but will have little weight in terms of planning policy or development management decisions. It is therefore important that the overall objectives and strategy are reflected in the emerging Central Lancashire Local Plan. To provide further policy detail and weight in development management decisions it is recommended that a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is prepared for the study area to provide the policy basis alongside development and design guidance to the proposals.



# DELIVERY MECHANISMS

## PROCUREMENT ROUTES

On the assumption that the Council acquire/ gain control of all the land and property within the key masterplan intervention areas a number of delivery/procurement routes are available as follows:

### Self-Manage / Direct Delivery

The Council seeks its own planning permission and acts in a developer capacity. The Council would control all aspects and retain all proceeds. On completion of the development the Council could elect to dispose of the whole, or part or alternatively retain the units as rental properties to bolster Council revenue income streams.

### Procure Developer Partner

The Council would formally appoint a developer partner and enter into a contract with the partner to construct the development. The developer partner would seek planning permission, appoint contractor and complete development. Council would share in the proceeds and could seek other outputs from the partner as part of the procurement process.

It is important that the momentum and good will generated during the masterplan process continues

with the endorsement of the masterplan by the Council and key stakeholders as the basis for its delivery. The community of Penwortham have experienced a number of consultations aimed at improving the area and there is a risk that any current support will be lost if the project fails to progress past the masterplan. Delivery should be in accordance with the Phasing Plan, and the short term projects need immediate consideration. Note that all the designs of the projects shown within the document are for illustration purposes only. Any project that moving forward for delivery must follow the identified principles but the layout and arrangement may differ. All projects should follow the traditional design route of RIBA Stage 2-6. As long as the phasing and principles set out in this masterplan are followed then the objectives and vision will be achieved.

Following the endorsement of the masterplan the early next step actions include:

### Short Term

- Identify available funding
- Identify community groups
- Further engagement with shop

owners regarding works to their forecourts.

- Create a community initiative and partnership with local stakeholders
- Preparation of design guide for materials and street furniture
- Create a "sample scheme" to gain interest and momentum
- Site Surveys

### Medium and Long term

- Preparation of detailed development programme
- Preparation of detailed public realm and streetscape designs and associated costings to include utilities and traffic/parking regulations surveys
- Preparation of Supplementary Planning Document for the masterplan area
- Preparation of site development briefs



# COST ESTIMATE

## LIVERPOOL ROAD

The following cost estimates are based on the high level concept design using tested rates. Further development of the design informed by site surveys is necessary to determine costs with more certainty.

General assumptions have been made in terms of the retention and reuse of existing sub-bases, drainage network and levels.

Note that works to the Cop Lane junction have not been included within this estimate.

CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE - SEE SEPARATE BREAKDOWN					
<b>DEMOLITION &amp; ALTERATION:</b>					
1	SITE CLEARANCE	1.4	HA	£50,000.00	£70,000.00
3	SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE	1,500	M <sup>2</sup>	£40.00	£60,000.00
4	UTILITY DIVERSIONS (ESTIMATE)	1	ITEM	£50,000.00	£50,000.00
5	EARTHWORKS FOR PAVING	9,476	M <sup>3</sup>	£30.00	£284,280.00
6	EDGINGS AND KERBS	2,186	LM	£100.00	£218,600.00
7	PAVING TO PARKING BAYS	1,348	M <sup>3</sup>	£150.00	£202,200.00
8	PAVING TO FOOTPATHS	5,657	M <sup>2</sup>	£120.00	£678,840.00
9	PAVING TO CYCLE LANE	1,826	M <sup>2</sup>	£50.00	£91,300.00
10	PAVING TO SPILLOUT AND FLEXIBLE SPACE	490	M <sup>2</sup>	£120.00	£58,800.00
12	WORKS TO CARRIAGEWAY (SURFACE DRESSING)	3,936	M <sup>2</sup>	£20.00	£78,720.00
13	RETAINING WALLS	172	M <sup>2</sup>	£150.00	£25,800.00
14	WAYFINDING AND SIGNAGE	1	ITEM	£10,000.00	£10,000.00
15	STREET FURNITURE (ALLOWANCE)	1	ITEM	£100,000.00	£100,000.00
17	LIGHTING COLUMNS (ASSUMING BESPOKE)	1	ITEM	£70,000.00	£70,000.00
18	LANDSCAPING - 20 TREES + TREE PITS	20	ITEM	£4,000.00	£80,000.00
19	LANDSCAPING - SHRUB AND WILDFLOWER	1,500	M <sup>2</sup>	£35.00	£52,500.00
<b>CARRIED TO SUMMARY</b>					<b>£2,131,040.00</b>
PRELIMS					£426,208.00
CONTINGENCY					£213,104.00
SITE SURVEYS					£50,000.00
					<b>£2,820,352.00</b>
PROFESSIONAL FEES					£225,628.16
					<b>£3,045,980.16</b>

## MIDDLEFORTH

CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE					
1	SITE CLEARANCE	0.3	HA	£50,000.00	£14,500.00
2	SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE	500	M <sup>2</sup>	£40.00	£20,000.00
3	EARTHWORKS FOR PAVING	2,960	M <sup>3</sup>	£30.00	£88,800.00
4	EDGINGS AND KERBS	1,481	LM	£100.00	£148,100.00
5	PAVING TO FOOTPATHS	2,960	M <sup>2</sup>	£120.00	£355,200.00
6	WAYFINDING AND SIGNAGE	1	ITEM	£15,000.00	£15,000.00
7	STREET FURNITURE (ALLOWANCE)	1	ITEM	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
8	WORKS TO CARRIAGEWAY (SURFACE DRESSING)	1,425	M <sup>2</sup>	£20.00	£28,500.00
9	LIGHTING COLUMNS (ASSUMING BESPOKE)	1	ITEM	£20,000.00	£20,000.00
10	LANDSCAPING - 20 TREES + TREE PITS	30	ITEM	£4,000.00	£120,000.00
11	LANDSCAPING - SHRUB AND WILDFLOWER	400	M <sup>2</sup>	£35.00	£14,000.00
12	POCKET PARK	1	ITEM	£80,000.00	£80,000.00
13	FENCING	100	LM	£100.00	£10,000.00
<b>CARRIED TO SUMMARY</b>					<b>£919,100.00</b>
	PRELIMS		20%		£183,820.00
	CONTINGENCY		10%		£91,910.00
	SITE SURVEYS	1	ITEM	20,000.00	£20,000.00
					<b>£1,214,830.00</b>
<b>PROFESSIONAL FEES</b>			<b>8%</b>		<b>£97,186.40</b>
					<b>£1,312,016.40</b>

## KINGSFOLD

CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE					
1	SITE CLEARANCE	0.5	HA	£50,000.00	£27,000.00
2	SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE	500	M <sup>2</sup>	£40.00	£20,000.00
3	EARTHWORKS FOR PAVING	2,400	M <sup>3</sup>	£30.00	£72,000.00
4	EDGINGS AND KERBS	623	LM	£100.00	£62,300.00
5	PAVING TO PARKING BAYS	650	M <sup>3</sup>	£120.00	£78,000.00
6	PAVING TO FOOTPATHS	1,200	M <sup>2</sup>	£120.00	£144,000.00
7	WAYFINDING AND SIGNAGE	1	ITEM	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
8	STREET FURNITURE (ALLOWANCE)	1	ITEM	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
9	WORKS TO CARRIAGEWAY (SURFACE DRESSING)	2,400	M <sup>2</sup>	£20.00	£48,000.00
10	LIGHTING COLUMNS (ASSUMING BESPOKE)	1	ITEM	£10,000.00	£10,000.00
11	LANDSCAPING - 20 TREES + TREE PITS	6	ITEM	£4,000.00	£24,000.00
12	LANDSCAPING - SHRUB AND WILDFLOWER	500	M <sup>2</sup>	£35.00	£17,500.00
13	LIBRARY GARDEN	1	ITEM	£40,000.00	£40,000.00
14	GREENSPACE	1	ITEM	£150,000.00	£150,000.00
15	COMMUNITY GROWING AREA	1	M <sup>2</sup>	£15,000.00	£15,000.00
<b>CARRIED TO SUMMARY</b>					<b>£717,800.00</b>
	PRELIMS		20%		£143,560.00
	CONTINGENCY		10%		£71,780.00
	SITE SURVEYS	1	ITEM	20,000.00	£20,000.00
					<b>£953,140.00</b>
<b>PROFESSIONAL FEES</b>			<b>8%</b>		<b>£76,251.20</b>
					<b>£1,029,391.20</b>



APPENDICES

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# FINAL CONSULTATION LIVERPOOL ROAD

Feedback was received from Lancashire County Council. The table below summaries the comments, explains how the masterplan has addressed these issues and any residual notes for detailed design.

LCC Comment	Response / Action
<p>No area of protection for parked cars to access boot/tailgate. Large SUV's or vans will extend into footway/planted area or onto live carriageway. I have safety issue with vehicles accessing and egressing parking spaces.</p> <p>The perpendicular parking or echelon parking is a serious concern given the still significant amount of traffic using the road in both directions, I was under the impression that such parking required a set distance to allow vehicles to make a manoeuvre when exiting and not interfering the with traffic flows, but admit this may have changed many years past.</p>	<p>We requested further clarification on this issue and have amended the parking from perpendicular to echelon, all in accordance with the following additional feedback.</p> <p>“There is not actual guidance that I can recall about having a manoeuvring area next to the bays to allow the free flow of traffic to pass whilst vehicles enter and exit the echelon bays. The main guidance on the bays is within the Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 3 (13.6.9) which essentially discusses the angle of the bay being chosen to suit the road width and angled in such a way to encourage drivers to reverse into them so they can drive forwards out as this is safer.</p> <p>Essentially the bays should point away from oncoming traffic to encourage reverse in drive out. The need for a running lane is a weird on as we don't require it with parallel bays where cars stop in the carriageway and then reverse into a bay along the kerb edge!!</p> <p>There is requirement that the bays are able to contain a rectangle no less than 4200mm long and 3600mm wide for disabled bays and not less than 2000mm for normal bays (paragraph 13.6.2)</p> <p>Manual for street discusses echelon parking as well and on page 111 offer views on swept paths and road widths”</p>
What about mobility spaces	These have been added throughout the parking areas as demonstrated on P56/Parking
How will parking areas be managed.	We have proposed a time restrictions. See P56/Parking
Trees obscure visibility at junctions and parking areas	All trees should be specified as 1.8m clear stem and shubs <1m at junctions and crossings
Safety audit is required once we have agreed drawings	To be carried out at the technical design stage
Pallet of materials will need to be agreed with asset and be in line with those used in the vicinity such as Cop Lane	To be carried out at the technical design stage
Design needs to satisfy LTN 1/20 and other guidance	The outline proposal are in accordance with LTN 1/20 but need further development and consideration at technical design stage.
Design to satisfy vulnerable road users	Comments from Galloway's Society have been incorporated.
How will businesses be serviced (ie deliveries and waste collection)	Delivery / waste collections bays have been incorporated into the masterplan
Trees and planting not to interfere or impede on highway irrespective of user type (as presented impedes on motorised and cyclists)	We are confident our arrangement does not impede on highways but this needs to be reviewed at technical design and form part of the safety audit.
What thought has been given to location of all street furniture such as seating, bins, lighting and signs and their access/maintenance	All to be included but the exact location will be determined at technical design.
I note the cycle lane is kerbed which retains cyclists to the cycle lane but does cause issue with pedestrians (with prams) or mobility impaired crossing as per slide 6.	Regular crossing points with drop kerbs have been included.
Who maintains all planting – it shouldn't be the Highway authorityw	To be confirmed by SRBC

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Queensway should remain open, as Priory Lane is difficult to negotiate at times due to its layout leaving only Crookings Lane for the vast majority of vehicle access which experience congestion issues with the primary school and the vets generating traffic.	The masterplan has been amended and Queensway will remain open
The proposal shows lots of trading on the Highway which may not be approved and will require licences.	To be explored further at technical design stage
A delineation in the surfacing will be required if some frontage is to remain private and not part of the adopted highway network.	This can be addressed at technical design stage and following further engagement with the land owners.
How does the bi-directional cycle way tie in with uni-directional cycle lanes at the western extent of the Local Centre?	This can be addressed at technical design stage
More detail is needed to understand the proposal at the junction of Cop Lane/Priory Lane. Current arrangement will allow for upgrade for full CYCLOPS which would be the preferred solution, supporting the objectives of the cycle corridor.	This can be addressed at technical design stage
No detail on highway drainage and how this will work for the cycle lane, planting areas (at road level) for example	SUDS drainage is proposed throughout the scheme but detailing is outside of the scope of the masterplan
There will be overrun of green areas where no kerbing is provided. I am not happy with the detail of no kerbing and no protection of verges.	Kerb and edgings heights and protection of open spaces with street furniture will be developed at detailed design
What regard has been had to necessary TRO's	This can be addressed at technical design stage
Further detail is required on highway boundary matters and licencing that may be required	This can be addressed at technical design stage and following further engagement with the land owners.
I would like to see detailed drawing once they are available to enable more comments to be provided.	Noted