

Stakeholder Email Update December 22, 2020

Have Your Say on the £25m Shipley Town Investment Plan Projects

Between December 22 and January 4, you can have your say on projects proposed for the Town Investment Plan (TIP) designed to transform Shipley's economic growth prospects.

Visit <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/regeneration/towns-fund/Shipley-town-fund/> and follow the link to the feedback form, where you can pick the projects you think are most important. This will help to develop Shipley's TIP for submission at the end of January.

Adam Clerkin, chair of the Shipley Town Deal Board and Head of Operations at CarnaudMetalbox Engineering, said: "I'm very excited by the way we've all pulled together and developed projects that will secure this crucial government funding. This work is going to deliver a lasting positive legacy for the whole town."

Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport, said: "The Towns Fund represents a fantastic opportunity to deliver real economic and social change for everyone in Shipley in the years to come. Please do have your say on our chosen projects."

The UK government's Towns Fund can provide up to £25m for Shipley to invest in capital projects designed to improve the town (eg property, connectivity, economic and cultural assets, skills and digital infrastructure).

The Shipley Town Deal Board, which includes businesses, the local MP, stakeholder organisations, the voluntary and community sector and representatives from Bradford Council and Shipley Town Council, is leading the work, with the support of many other local businesses and community stakeholders.

After agreeing a vision and objectives for the Shipley TIP, the Board gathered more than 35 initial ideas for projects. These have now been assessed against government criteria for projects suitable for inclusion in a TIP, resulting in a list of 25 projects under seven themes that could all make a real difference to the town.

The Board now needs to understand everyone's preferences, to help to inform Shipley's TIP submission, alongside key criteria such as deliverability and sustainability. The proposed projects are:

Town Centre Improvements. Ensuring the town centre is a thriving place for people to live and work, with an improved public realm, better accessibility and walkability, and preserved assets:

- Market Square Improvement (cost £1m to £5m): Refurbish the Clock Tower, new homes in space above shops, retain market hall, improved pedestrian and cycle connectivity and public realm improvements.
- Public Toilets Across Shipley (cost less than £1m): Reinstating public toilets in Shipley.
- Tree Planting Programme (cost less than £1m): A tree planting programme across Shipley, increasing greenery, absorbing pollution and reducing urban heat effects.

Skills. Ensuring the town has the space to support skills for local employment and entrepreneurship, including by increasing the capacity and accessibility to new or improved skills facilities:

- Future Technology Centre Shipley (cost £1m to £5m): New Centre at Shipley College that will support the development of digital skills across a range of disciplines (multimedia immersion, cyber security, medical technology, robotics).

Community and Enterprise. Supporting small business and the third sectors' development, improving commercial space and strengthen their impact on the local economy and community:

- Shipley Library Enterprise Hub (cost less than £1m): To develop and upgrade the exhibition space in Shipley Library to create a Business and IP Centre offering a space to showcase local entrepreneurs, craftspeople, makers and small businesses to include point of sale opportunities, offer support, mentoring and training opportunities, networking events and workspace facilities.
- Capital Assistance to Business Growth (cost £1m to £5m): A grant to support small businesses
- Community, Arts and Future Technology Centre Saltaire (cost £5m and over): A new multipurpose centre that combined a Future Technology Centre alongside a Heritage Hub and a Community Arts Centre.

Culture and Heritage. Supporting the arts, creative activity, local heritage and landmarks, cultures and sub-cultures, in order to sustain the development of strong communities, strengthen identify, build a local place-brand, promote tourism and create economic opportunities:

- Shipley United Reformed Church (cost less than £1m): Improve access by fitting a platform lift and incorporating a Visitor's Centre

Health and Sport. Develop assets and infrastructure that promote healthy habits, such as encouraging residents to walk or cycle daily and practice sports, and better value existing natural assets such as parks and rivers for leisure and physical activity:

- Wrose Quarry Wetlands (cost less than £1m): Regenerating the heritage site at Wrose Hill/Quarry as Wrose Quarry Wetlands, including adding accessible footpaths, improving biodiversity by creating new wetland features and tree planting, adding new recreational features.
- Active Sports Centre (cost £1m to £5m): Developing an all-weather football pitch and water sports centre.
- Windhill Wild Park (cost £1m to £5m): Improve facilities at Windhill Wild Park to provide safe, attractive facilities for meeting, play and activities all year round.
- Wrose Conservation Area (cost less than £1m): Restoration of conservation area including replacing damaged footpaths and public realm improvements including information boards
- Health and Wellbeing campus (cost tbc): Create a hub with a wide range of integrated support services.

Infrastructure. Developing key infrastructure to improve the town's connectivity – both physical and digital – and ensuring economic attractiveness and prosperity:

- Shipley Streets for People (cost £5m and over): Transform traffic-dominated Shipley Market Square into a brand-new public space that features a multipurpose event square with terraced gardens.
- Sustainable Travel Improvements in Shipley (2x projects) (cost £5m and over): Providing high quality walking and cycling facilities linking the town centre to periphery and Canal Road Corridor.
- Sustainable Travel Improvements in Saltaire (3x projects) (cost £1 to £5m): Including traffic calming measures, improve pedestrian safety, building a new “green” walking route north of Saltaire Rd.
- Real Time Bus Information - Phase 2 (cost less than £1m): Extending the existing real time information system across the town.

- Windhill and Wrose Community Projects (cost less than £1m): Five small community projects including accessibility improvements (Wrose Quarry, Claremont Park), footpath improvement ('Big Plant' area) and enhanced landscaping (Windhill Wildlife Park).
- Shipley and Saltaire Railway Station Improvements (cost tbc): Improvements to rail stations including wayfinding, seating areas, lighting, artwork and cycle facilities.
- Naturalising Bradford Beck (cost £1m to £5m): Re-naturalise Bradford Beck by repairing damage caused by industrial modifications: mitigate flood risk, create a new accessible park with areas of open water, wetlands, meadows and woodland planting and cycle facilities.
- Roberts Park Bridge (cost £5m and over): Re-instating the landmark pedestrian and cycle bridge at the Victoria Road entrance to Roberts Park.

Commercial and Residential Property. A fund to restore and repurpose buildings, or remediate and redevelop sites for commercial and residential use in these areas:

- Shipley Business Development Zone (cost £5m and over): Building refurbishment and repurposing including HMRC office, Dockfield Road, a new green manufacturing space and waterfront redevelopment.
- Market Clock Tower Site (cost tbc): Restoration of the freestanding clock tower in Shipley's market square.
- Market Square Commercial and Residential Redevelopment (cost tbc): Redevelopment at Market Square
- Town Centre Property Improvements (cost tbc): Refurbishment/repurposing of key buildings across the town centre.

The government has put together a website about the Towns Fund Initiative and is encouraging local people to comment to inform the bidding process.

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