

## Appendix B - Lutterworth Town Centre Masterplan - Proposed Changes & updates – March 2021

### Revised recommendations

- **Church Street** – a strong focus on redressing the balance between pedestrians and vehicles, which would include widening pavements, traffic slowing, raised street crossing areas, retaining limited short-term on-street parking, introducing design and materials which enhance the Conservation Area, all of which aim to enhance pedestrian priority and maximise dwell time.

The Church Street area should support the Conservation Area and enhance the historic street pattern that the town has developed around. Church Street and George Street should be improved to further focus activity in the core of the town centre. The aim of the proposals would be to create greater pedestrian priority through footway widening, informal crossing points and traffic calming along the narrow and compact streets. Public realm proposals should enhance the architecture, features and spaces through bespoke design and detailing.



- **George Street** – the proposals generally include widened footways, raised street crossings and some limited tree planting, in order to make walking and cycling more attractive options.



- **Northern and Southern Gateways to the town** – proposals include a possible 20mph zone, (subject to LCC approval), threshold road detail, floral planting, crossing points and public realm improvements including new paving, street furniture and street trees.



- **Market Place** – whilst the original proposals included introducing a raised crossing point, Yorkstone paving, some limited tree planting and seating, the main change in emphasis is that all stakeholders are now keen to have a much greater focus on the Market Place and Town Hall car park area. This is the historic focal point of the town, particularly with the new Lutterworth Museum being developed in this area. There is strong support for exploring whether the Market Square could be redesigned to have Station Road joining High Street in front of the Town Hall, (albeit leaving some space outside for wedding photos etc.), which would enable the Market Place to be developed as an overall public space, from the Town Hall northwards, rather than it being dissected by Bell Street, which currently limits the use of the area, and can be an awkward junction. Early indications suggest that Leicestershire County Council would be open to selling/ transferring the Town Hall car park area and discussions suggest that the loss of parking in this area would only have a very limited impact on overall parking capacity in the town.



**Existing Layout**



**Indicative Proposed Layout**

- Lutterworth Lanes projects** – these proposals originally included replacing the well-used Chapel Street car park and another privately-owned parking with new public squares, market stalls and seating areas. However, there is now general agreement that these proposals were unrealistic. Whilst they may be nice features in the future, within the current financial climate, they are too expensive, would result in the loss of one of the key town centre car parks, had major challenges in relations to deliverability and do not fit in with the scale of Lutterworth or current priorities.

The next steps for the Lutterworth Town Centre Masterplan are as follows:

- 25 March – Report to Communities Scrutiny Panel
- 27 April – Report to Pre-Cabinet Meeting
- 10 May – Report to Cabinet
- Late June/ early July – Final adoption by Council
- Summer onwards – Implementation, (including taking forward LLEP funded projects)

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