

SALTAIRE WORLD HERITAGE SITE INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday 30 September 2015 at 7pm

Saltaire Methodist Church Hall

Present: Paula Truman (Chair and Ward Officer); Helen Thornton (World Heritage Site Officer); Cllr Val Slater; Cllr Martin Love; Cllr Hawarun Hussain; Simon Alderson (Assistant Landscape Architect)

Apologies: Philip Davies MP; Cllr Kevin Warnes; Lord Wallace; David Hanson

And 34 members of the public

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Paula Truman (Chair and Ward Officer)

Paula welcomed everyone to the meeting and made introductions.

2 VICTORIA ROAD PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Helen Thornton (World Heritage Site Officer)

Helen provided an update on current and recent works on Victoria Road.

Questions/Comments:

Q: How was the work funded?

A: The majority of it was paid for from Council capital with some smaller elements funded through a S106 scheme.

C: The work so far looks fantastic. I'm concerned about how you will stop 4x4s and wagons parking on the pavements and possibly cracking them.

A: The construction method is such that we wouldn't expect vehicles to damage the pavements.

ACTION: Cllr Slater asked if notices could be put on the vehicles asking them to desist from parking on the pavements.

Q: The weekly dray wagon parks on the pavement outside Don't Tell Titus. If they damage the pavement could you bill the company?

A: We could talk to them – a bit of friendly persuasion.

Q: I'm concerned about the longevity of the pavements. What happens when utility companies need access?

A: We did issue a notice to the service providers asking if they were planning any work within the next five years. If they do need access then they have to apply for a permit and they have to repair it to

current standard. If it's an emergency repair then it may be patched with tarmac temporarily.

Q: Can anything be done to stop students dropping chewing gum on the pavement outside the college?

ACTION: Talk to the college.

C: Lorries and parents park on the pavement at the bottom of Victoria Road, particularly at the end of school in the afternoon.

ACTION: Pass on to Council Wardens to monitor.

Q: What's the practical purpose of the setts at the junction of Saltaire Road and Victoria Road?

A: To increase the conspicuousness of the junction along with other measures (additional advance warning stop signs and a trigger for the pedestrian lights) – all of which were response to the Coroner's report on the fatality at this location.

Q: Are the original setts still under the tarmac?

A: We don't know but they are probably unusable if they are.

Q: When it's frosty the setts could become like an ice rink. Could that be taken into consideration when choosing the new ones?

A: The new setts have a skid factor rating but the area would be considered in the same way as the highway in terms of any de-icing needs for pedestrians.

Q: Do you worry about the visual trajectory with people leaving Victoria Hall and thinking it's a pedestrian area or a shared space?

A: It's not a shared space. The normal kerb check height would be maintained on most of the new setts. A kerb check needed by disabled people would be implemented on the access strip and that would be appropriately marked too in some way – yet to be decided. It will be unmistakeable that you'll be stepping from the pavement onto the road.

Q: Could the 20mph speed limit be painted onto the road surface on Victoria Road?

A: Because it's a World Heritage Site and a conservation area we try to minimise signage and lines on the road.

C: At the consultation I thought you were putting cobbles in. They slow traffic down. Decorative cobbles are nice but they don't have the same effect.

A: The final decision hasn't been made about what kind of setts will be used. It may have a slight traffic calming effect.

Q: Doesn't the choice of setts have to be 'like for like'?

A: The Council as a planning authority has permitted development within the conservation area. We are considering reclaimed yorkstone and/or new yorkstone setts.

3 UPDATES FROM LOCAL GROUPS

A number of local groups provided an update on recent and forthcoming activities.

Brown wheelie bins (for green waste) can be requested online at http://www.bradford.gov.uk/bmdc/recycling_and_waste/gardenbin

A number of charities will collect unwanted furniture which can be reused rather than it going to the Council's household waste recycling centre. Further details can be found online at http://www.bradford.gov.uk/bmdc/recycling_and_waste/furniture_reuse

4 MANAGEMENT PLAN

Helen Thornton (World Heritage Site Officer)

Helen provided an update on the management plan. This was approved in 2014 and actions achieved in partnership were listed. There is still lots to do. Executive Summary documents are available from Helen for those involved in voluntary groups or management committees etc.

5 OPEN FORUM

Paula Truman (Chair and Ward Officer)

Paula invited any further questions or comments from the audience.

Cllr Hussain asked if a link to the episode of Countryfile filmed in Saltaire could be put on the Council website and Facebook page.

Questions/Comments

Q: Will you be consulting on the new bins going on Victoria Road?

A: No we wouldn't normally consult on a design feature such as this.. They were chosen for their simple design and durability. They are quite small so don't take up too much room on the footpath.

Q: Is the street furniture going to be place road-side?

A: Yes, wherever possible all street furniture has been placed front of footpath but within regulation distance from the kerb.

C: People are putting up notices and signs, particularly at the bottom of Victoria Road on the railings.

A: If these are Council railings the signs can be removed. All signage must adhere to the Advertisement Regulations – this does allow for temporary signs under special circumstances however the public can also complain about temporary and permanent signage to the Enforcement Team: planning.enforcement@bradford.gov.uk

Q: Now the plan for the weir has changed, is that the end of that or is there a further proposal? Will the £1.2m be available for further work contained in the management plan?

A: The business case no longer stacked up. If we get back onto green tariffs then we may look at it again. There's no money available – the £1.2m was to be borrowed and then paid back.

The meeting closed at: 8.45pm