

TOP OF TOWN PUBLIC REALM

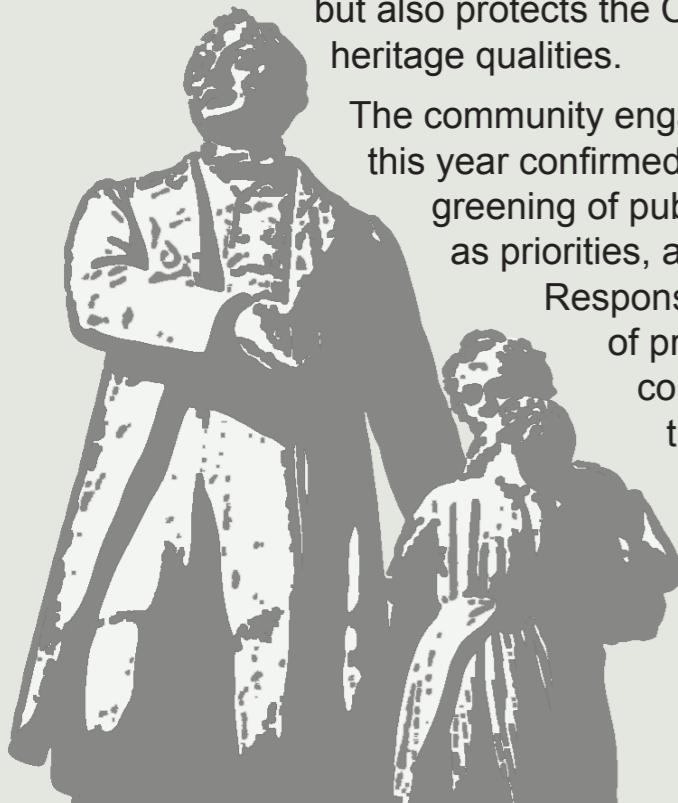
Bradford Council has secured funding to carry out highway improvements and sustainable landscaping works to an area of the City Village locally known as the 'Top of Town', focused on North Parade, Rawson Square and Northgate.

Funding has been secured from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and European Regional Development Fund to develop plans for improvements to the public spaces at the 'Top of Town' with a view to these public realm works being rolled out to the wider City Village area in the future. The public realm improvement project will be used to deliver improvements that help tackle climate change, the risk of surface water flooding, as well as helping to preserve and protect the environment of the conservation area.

The plan is to create a safe, healthy, attractive and community friendly environment with a high quality public realm which supports existing and new businesses, but also protects the City Centre Conservation Area's inherent heritage qualities.

The community engagement programme conducted earlier this year confirmed that there is overwhelmingly support for greening of public spaces and creating new public spaces as priorities, along with reducing anti-social behaviour.

Responses to the consultation on the question of provision of on-street parking proved more complex, with a clear split of opinion between those who favour retaining local parking, and those who favour a significant reduction of provision, or even the pedestrianisation of North Parade. There is also a sizeable amount of people who want to be better able to walk or cycle around 'Top of Town'.



The designs developed reflect the public consultation, by introducing street trees and raingardens, and creating better public spaces on Northgate and Rawson Square. On-street parking and loading bays have been retained on North Parade to serve the businesses, but the amount of pavement area will be significantly increased by narrowing the space given over to vehicles as much as is practical, to create a more visitor friendly environment. Rising bollards are proposed on North Parade to allow the space to be more easily pedestrianised for street events. With a high quality

public realm, it is believed that footfall will increase and anti-social behaviour will be challenged.

A network of 'rain gardens' will be established as part of a drainage system designed to help mitigate local flooding risks. Rain gardens are areas of planting designed to temporarily hold, filter and soak away any rain water that runs off buildings and paved areas in a more sustainable manner rather than straight into sewers not preventing overloading the sewers. Whilst planting semi-mature trees will contribute to the physical landscape, it will also create new habitats and increase biodiversity. Providing wildlife corridors and connections between green spaces. Providing options for wildlife to travel is extremely important to urban biodiversity.

The hard landscape components of the project will see the re-introduction of natural stone paving on main pedestrian routes.

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The statue of Richard Oastler is retained in its current location and a pocket park is created around the historic landmark, which has been in this location since the 1968. The statue of the 'Factory King', a social reformer, who was at the heart of the campaign to limit the long hours worked by young children in mills and factories that grew out of the industrial revolution, was previously located in Rawson Square, and originally in the old Forster Square.



① NUTTER PLACE



② NORTH PARADE FROM DARLEY STREET



③ NORTHGATE FROM RAWSON ROAD



④ JUNCTION OF NORTHGATE WITH NORTH PARADE



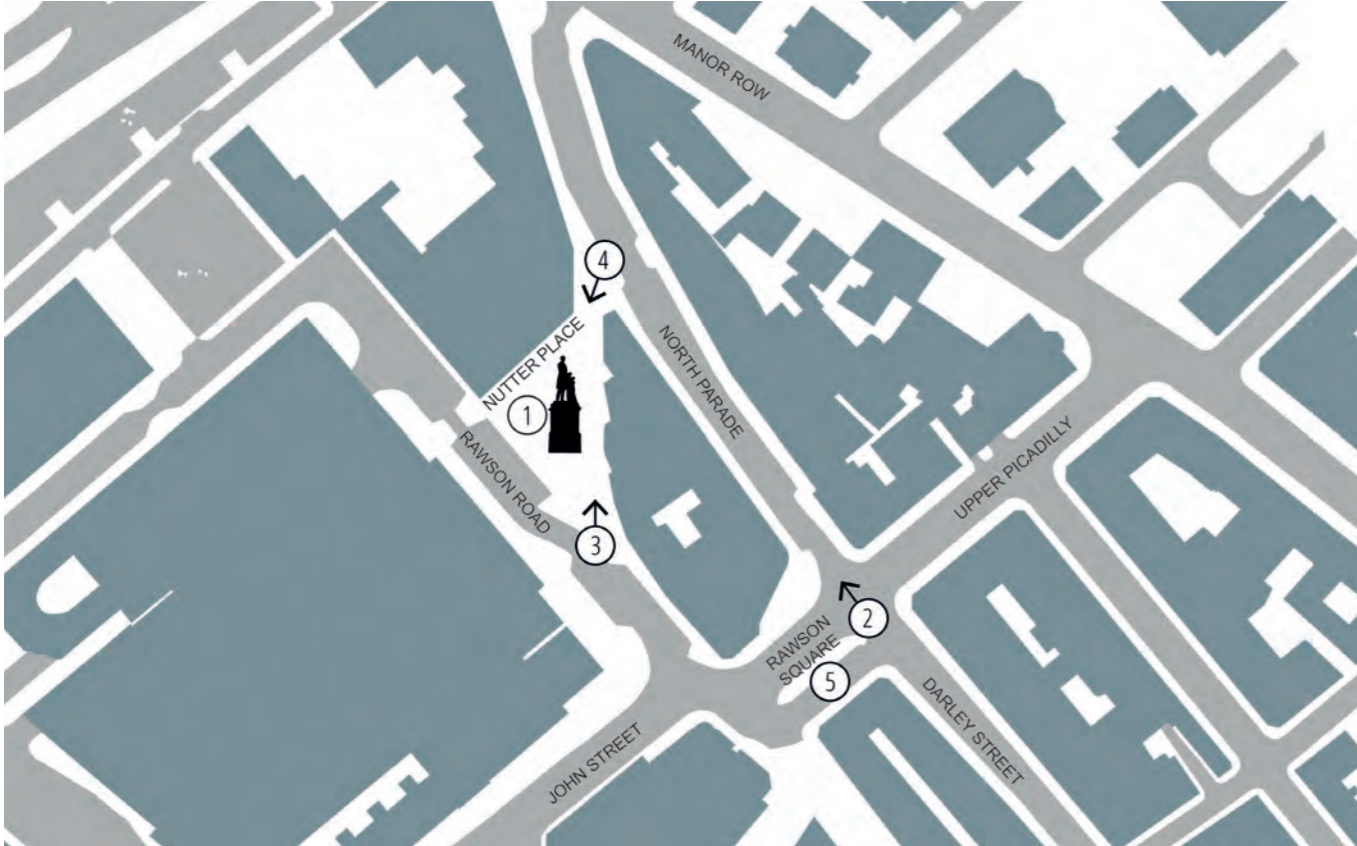
⑤ RAWSON SQUARE

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The statue of Richard Oastler is relocated to Rawson Square, where it would be seen looking up Darley Street and Upper Piccadilly, as visitors arrive at the 'Top of Town'. A new green space is created on Northgate.



① NUTTER PLACE



② NORTH PARADE FROM DARLEY STREET



③ JUNCTION NORTH PARADE WITH NORTHGATE



④ NUTTER PLACE SEEN FROM RAWSON ROAD



⑤ RAWSON SQUARE

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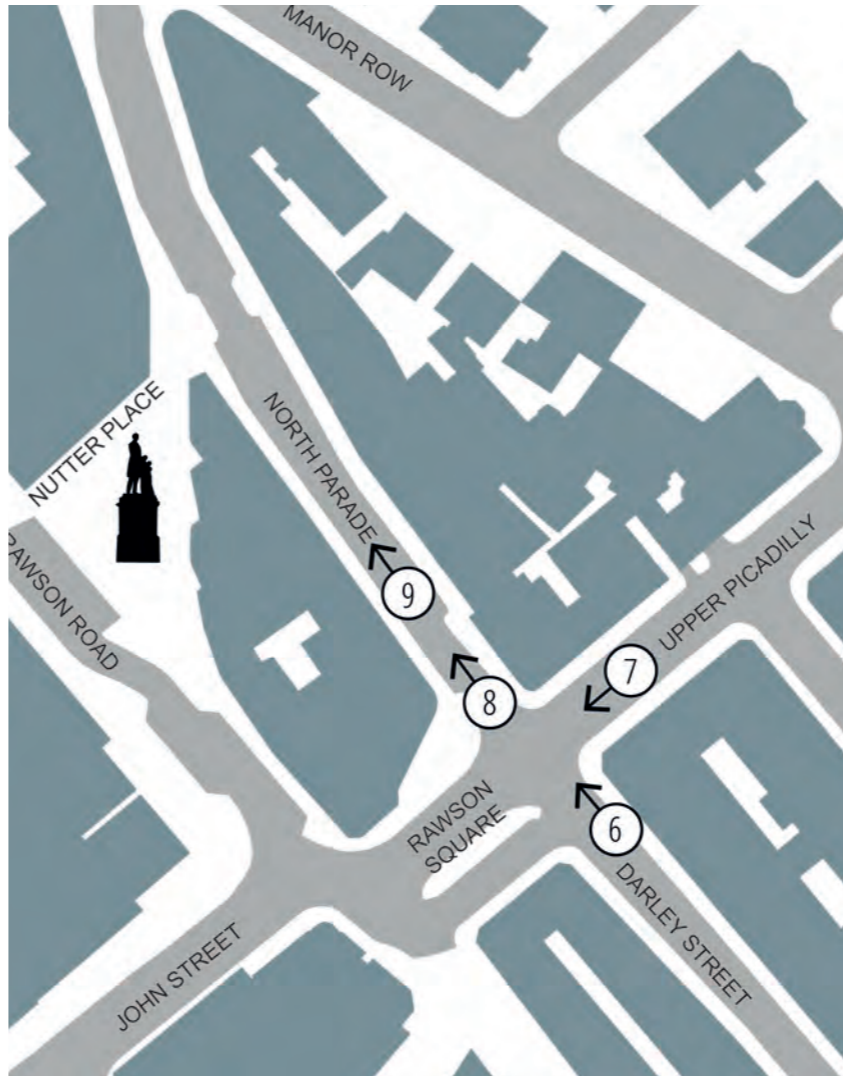
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⑥ NORTH PARADE AND RAWSON SQUARE FROM DAREY STREET - OPTION A



⑥ NORTH PARADE AND RAWSON SQUARE FROM DAREY STREET - OPTION B



⑦ UPPER PICCADILLY TOWARDS RAWSON SQUARE



⑧ NORTH PARADE



⑨ NORTH PARADE TOWARDS RAWSON SQUARE

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A city centre where our streets will be greener, more social, active and economically buoyant as people occupy them in ways that they previously could not.



⑩ NORTH PARADE FROM MANOR ROW



⑪ NORTH PARADE TOWARDS MANOR ROW



⑫ JUNCTION NORTH PARADE WITH NORTHGATE

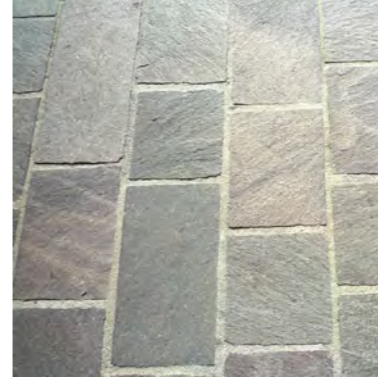


⑬ NORTH PARADE GOING INTO MANOR ROW

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Rustic Yorkshire slabs for primarily pedestrian areas with grey granite kerb detail and porphyry tiles for trafficked areas and parking bays.



Granite walls to create a series of terraces to create a sense of place and promote social interaction



Water from the carriageway and pavements discharges into the slightly sunken soft landscape.



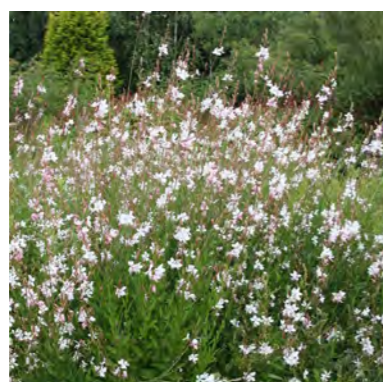
Echinops ritro 'Veitch's Blue'



Timber seats to be added to the surface of granite walls to create more comfortable seating.



Eupatorium purpureum



Oenothera lindheimeri



Perovskia atriplicifolia