

ShIPLEY Towns Fund Project B

SHIPLEY TOWN CENTRE AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Progress report November 2023

Market Square – Streets for People

Public realm project for the existing Shipley Market Square that will improve air quality and safety, reduce speeds and improve public transport accessibility, support walking and cycling, provide greener streets and more pleasant places to stop, spend time and relax.



Shipley Market Square public realm improvements proposals are progressing. The design so far has been reviewed and updated several times to take into consideration comments from all the earlier public consultations, new feedback from stakeholders and all other relevant interested parties within the Council. This process of seeking feedback from key stakeholders has continued throughout the development of the proposals.

Value engineering is an ongoing process to ensure that the vision and ambitions for this scheme are still met, despite an increase in the cost of building materials of over 30% since the Towns Fund budgets were set.

The main project works are in the final stages of being assembled into a tender pack for procurement. Procurement will be via the YorTender procurement portal.

Planning permission is needed for changes to the outdoor market trading arrangements.

Site investigations to date have not revealed any high risk challenges for the project. Designs have reconciled the challenges of trees restricting CCTV coverage, and accessibility for the outdoor market traders.

The designs have been reviewed by Planning and Highway Access Forum (PHAF) in respect of the accessibility of the scheme, which is now barrier free.

This project has £1m of match funding from West Yorkshire Combined Authority – Streets for People programme.



Public Toilets

Provision of much needed town centre public toilets to be managed and maintained by Shipley Town Council.

Bradford Council have been continuing to advise Shipley Town Council on the delivery of the public toilets they will operate, making this element of Project B the only part that is not wholly project managed by Bradford Council.

To assist Shipley Town Council, an additional project management resource from Bradford Council has been put in place.

The current public toilets design, by architectural consultant Alex Green, requires only half the existing building. The remaining half of the existing building has also been requested by Shipley Town Council for storage. This impacts on the size of extension needed as a Markets Service to accommodate pop-up stalls and service installations, and hence the budget needed to facilitate this work.

These changes in the overall design of the building may need planning consent.

Canal Road Corridor – Naturalising Bradford Beck

A redesign of Bradford Beck to reduce flooding on the key road corridor connecting Shipley to Bradford, whilst also creating a new park with enhanced amenity and wildlife value. The design will involve removing an 80m long concrete culvert, re-naturalizing the flow of Bradford Beck. Towns Fund resources will be used to reinforce the routes from the de-culverting site to Shipley town centre.

The project to de-culvert a section of Bradford Beck, which brought £3.4m of match funding to Shipley Towns Fund has lost its European Structural & Investment Funding. Bradford Council still has ambitions to complete Naturalising Bradford Beck, but no timescales for delivery have been agreed.

The proposed use of Towns Fund resources to reinforce the routes from the de-culverting site to Shipley town centre can continue, and revised designs are under development.

Active Travel to better connect Shipley to surrounding areas and Saltaire

Deliver improved active travel routes to link the Market Square project to the railway station, as well as Shipley town centre to Saltaire (along the towpath) and surrounding neighbourhoods.

The first group of the Infrastructure Improvements project are being procured and delivered by the Highways Maintenance (North) Team.

Victoria Park (footway improvements on a route to school) is complete. Cost - £39,312.05

West Royd Avenue (reconstructed footway) is scheduled to be complete by the end of November. Projected cost - £15k

Wrose Brow Road (footway improvements on a route to school) is scheduled to be complete by mid-December. Projected cost - £16k

Further infrastructure improvements are under design development by teams in the Planning, Transport & Highways Service.

Plans to improve the canal towpath between Victoria Road Bridge and Salts Mill Road Bridge will only need limited Towns Fund resources. Sustrans have provided some funding to Canal & River Trust to resurface the towpath from Shipley to Hirst Lock, following a 2022 project in which the towpath from Appleley Bridge to Shipley was resurfaced. Conservation officers have been assessing the proposals with regards to their suitability for the Saltaire World Heritage Site. Tendering by Canal & River Trust has indicated that Sustrans funding will cover almost all the cost of

resurfacing the towpath, but the original vision in the Towns Fund Business Case also considered the need lighting under Otley Road Bridge, and improved signage to the towpath from between View Croft Road, Briggate, Dock Lane via Gallows Bridge and Otley Road, which will still need Towns Fund resources to complete. Sustrans investment may also be considered as match funding into Towns Fund.

Other proposals being developed include better connections from the centre of Shipley to the railway station across the A6038, improved connections to the Canal Road Greenway, improved footpath and cycleway signage, and secure cycle parking facilities.

Real Time Bus Information

A second phase of real time bus information brought to additional bus stops in Shipley.

Delivery of the additional real time bus information installations is from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, who manage the bus stops infrastructure. The West Yorkshire Combined Authority have completed seven sites in their latest phase of work, but only four are to be funded by Towns Fund

Bus Stop No.	Bus Stop Location
45018652	Bingley Road, Grosvenor Road – Shipley
45022854	Bradford Road, Ashfield Avenue – Frizinghall
45018660	Bradford Road, Norwood Terrace – Shipley
45020530	Bingley Road, Dallam Road – Saltaire
45018650	Bingley Road, Ferncliffe Road – Saltaire
45018649	Bingley Road/Bradford Road, Victoria Park – Shipley
45018861	Oatley Road, Green Lane, Baildon