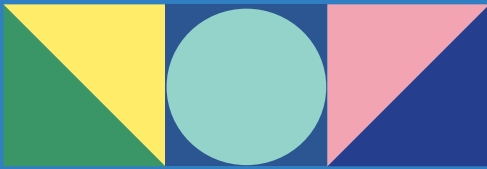


# Hastings Town Centre Public Realm and Green Connections

Public consultation brochure  
22nd January - 1st March 2024



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This brochure outlines what we are proposing as part of the Hastings Town Centre Public Realm and Green Connections project as well as outlining the potential benefits and impacts of ideas behind the proposals.

These proposals are early concepts - we are asking for your input so that they can be considered for the next stages of design.

To provide feedback on the proposals you can complete the survey by scanning the QR code below. Please note, the equalities impact assessment is also available via this link.

<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/hastings-greenconnections/>



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# Background

The Hastings Public Realm and Green Connections project is one of seven projects within the Hastings Town Investment Plan. The project sets out early ideas to improve public spaces in our town centre and make the area more green, attractive and healthy. We're outlining plans we think will improve the use of the town centre and make it a place for people to mingle, meet, play, shop and live.

We want your views on these ideas and value your contributions to the project. This public consultation is an opportunity to provide feedback on the early design ideas shown in this brochure and add your comments to the plans. Construction of the overall scheme may be phased based on the funding available, but we want your feedback on the entire area.

## The project aims to:

1. Develop safe, vibrant and inclusive public spaces whilst promoting active and sustainable travel via walking and cycling.
2. Encourage better use of public spaces with more seating and more room for public art.
3. Promote biodiversity and greening to contribute to the health and wellbeing of people and to help protect against a changing climate.





# What are we trying to do with Hastings Public Realm and Green Connections?



Put people first, creating healthy places that promote wellbeing and improve social connectivity, air quality and active travel



Build identity, highlighting and preserving heritage, character and charm of the town



Optimise function of the town centre through intuitive wayfinding and improved connections



Facilitate community led design through local coproduction and staged project implementation



Enhance sense of place by creating distinctive destinations for activity at the heart of the town



Design with nature for ecological and help to protect against a changing climate



Hastings town centre illustrative plan



# Work to date and future programme

Below is the timeline of the project, with key dates for how you can get involved in the engagement consultation

### Where we've come from

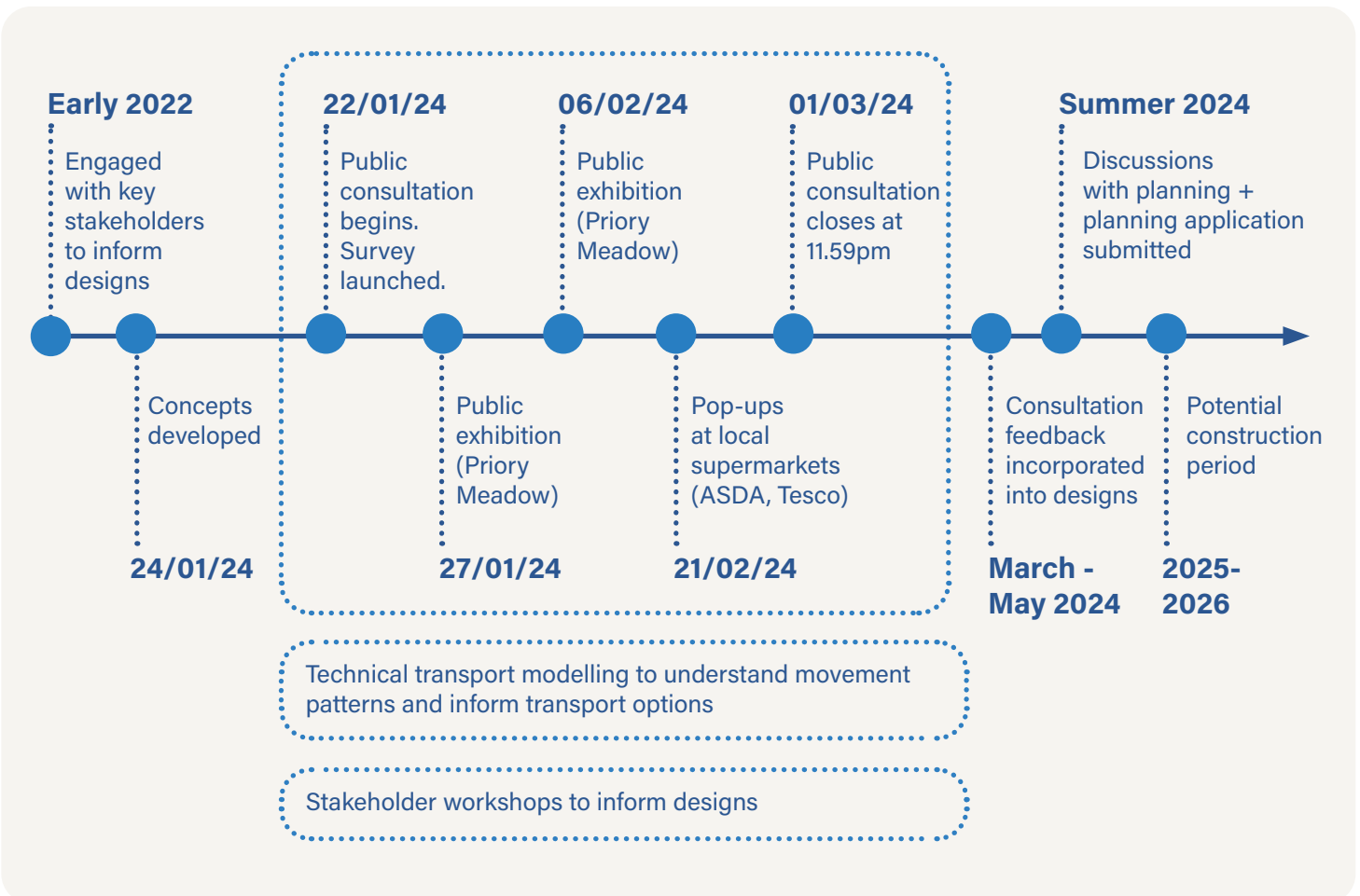
Planning and concept design

### Where we are now

Engagement  
January - 1st March 2024

### Where we are going

Detailed design stage





# Overall concept design

Here are some features and possible design concepts which form the vision for the town centre;

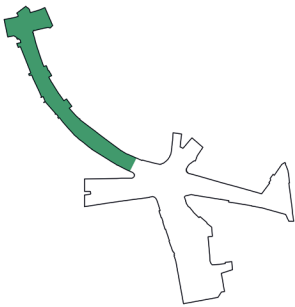


1. Extension of footway
2. Revised crossing, prioritising pedestrian and cycle movement
3. New, segregated 2-way cycle lane
4. Additional street trees
5. Removal of carriageway and integration of SuDS, a sustainable drainage system
6. Retention of northbound bus movement
7. Improve accessibility for pedestrian crossings on Havelock Road
8. Meadow planting around central space
9. New public space
10. New public art
11. Realignment of Queens Road
12. Pedestrian promenade
13. Seating areas immersed in planting
14. Places to meet
15. River park and play space
16. Coastal link and play space
17. Shingle banks
18. Realignment of Pelham Street
19. Regrading of underpass
20. Signal controlled pedestrian and cycle crossing to/from the seafront promenade

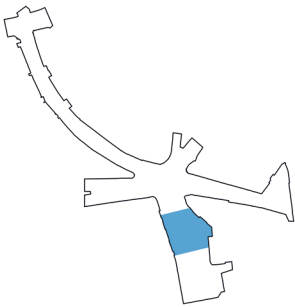


# Connecting north to south

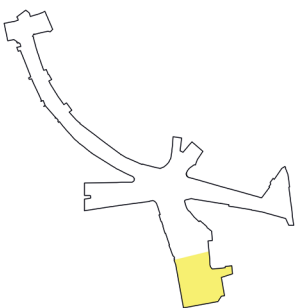
At the heart of this plan are proposals to connect parts of Hastings Town through more effective walking, cycling and wheeling routes, clearer wayfinding, safer crossings and less traffic. From north to south there are three character areas; Havelock Road, Lost River Park and Coastal Link (both in Harold Place).



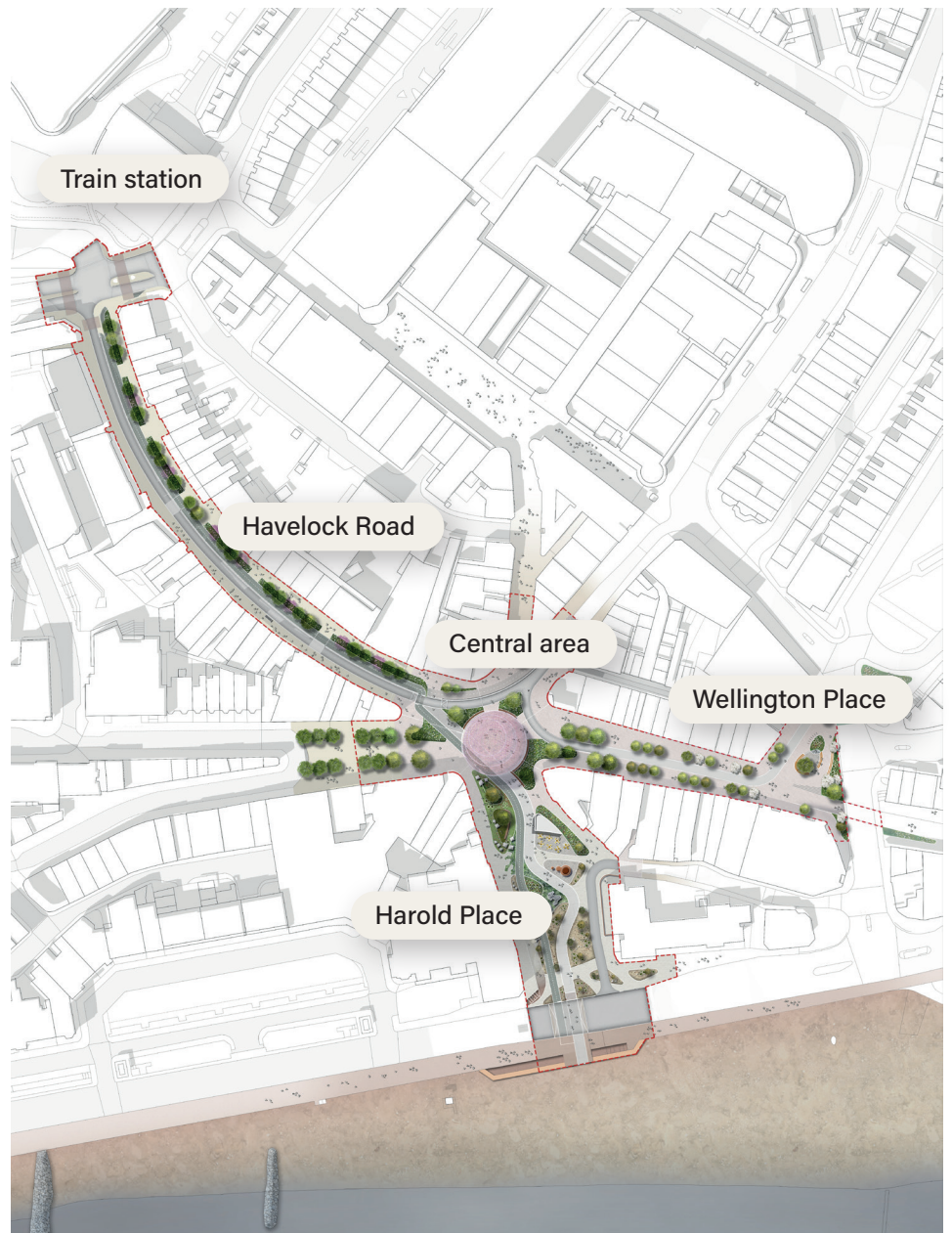
Havelock Road area plan



Lost River Park area plan



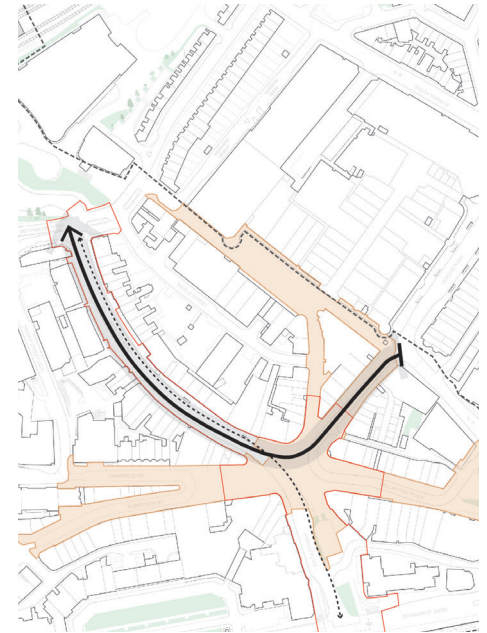
Coastal Link area plan





# Proposed changes to travel routes

Realising the vision of bringing the new town centre to life will mean some changes to how people move around the area. The proposals will include significant improvements for people walking and cycling, requiring some changes to vehicle movement patterns, including bus routes, in the town centre, so that new areas of public realm can be delivered in and around Harold Place.



Proposed bus route diagram

### The current proposals are:

- A new dedicated bus and cycle lane on Queens Road
- Removal of general traffic from Havelock Road/ Harold Place
- New and improved crossings throughout the town centre
- Creation of a new cycling route with segregated cycle lane connecting the station to the seafront, via the town centre
- Creation of a new town centre destination at Harold Place, including public realm and greening interventions, that can be safely travelled to by walking, cycling and wheeling.
- A new surface-level crossing to the seafront from Harold Place across the A259

### What this means:

- Relocation of Harold Place bus stops to Havelock Road and rerouting of some bus services through other parts of the town centre
- Taxi Rank: Removal of the existing taxi rank on Havelock Road. A strategy for the re-provision of taxi rank spaces will be developed, based on the outcomes of the consultation, stakeholder engagement and a review of historic data relating to usage of the existing taxi rank.
- Parking and disabled access: Possible removal of available on-street motorcycle and disabled car parking bays between Harold Place / Pelham Street. The current usage of those spaces and outcomes of the consultation will be reviewed and will inform the final design. Suitably qualified experts will be working with the design team to ensure that accessibility is being considered.

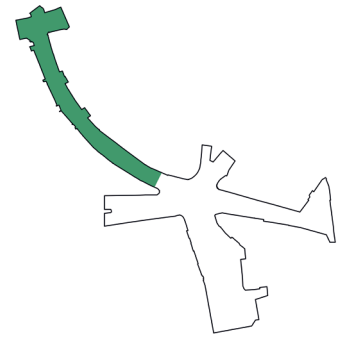


# Havelock Road

At Havelock Road we are prioritising active travel (walking and cycling) and connecting the station to the seafront.

## Proposals

1. More tree planting
2. Surface flood infrastructure / Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)
3. Wider pavements
4. Safer crossings for pedestrians
5. Segregated cycle lanes
6. More street lighting to promote safety



Havelock Road area plan



Havelock Road





# Harold Place Lost River Park & the Coastal Link

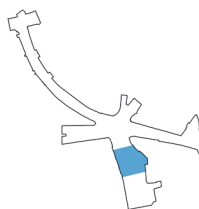
At Harold Place, we want to create the Lost River Park, an interpretation of the historic rivers which used to exist in the town centre; a pedestrian space with play areas and more seating. We want to better connect the town to the seafront with safer crossings and more integrated spaces.

## Proposals for Lost River Park

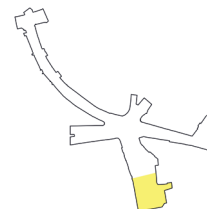
1. New pavements
2. Rock features for playing
3. Two-way cycle lane
4. River play park
5. Surface water drainage / SuDS
6. Pedestrian spaces
7. Coastal play park
8. Places to meet

## Proposals for Coastal Link

1. New pavements
2. Two-way cycle lane
3. Shingle bank to the sea
4. Play spaces
5. Coastal planting



Lost River Park area plan



Coastal Link area plan



Lost River Park



Coastal Link



# Connecting east to west

Improving east-west movement across the town and introducing additional planting would establish a green corridor between St. Leonards, White Rock, the Castle and the Old Town beyond. A green corridor will also reduce urban heat temperatures and create green links between open spaces.



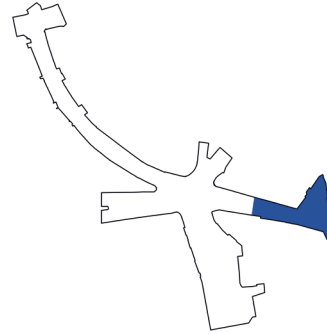


# Wellington Place

Here we want to improve east-west movement across the town and introduce additional planting to establish a corridor between St. Leonards, White Rock, the Castle and the Old Town.

## Proposals

1. Playful bench framing central space
2. Feature tree
3. Buffer parking
4. Cycle parking
5. Planting bed
6. Realignment of carriageway
7. Extension of tree planting
8. Removal of clutter
9. Stepped and ramped access



Wellington Place area plan

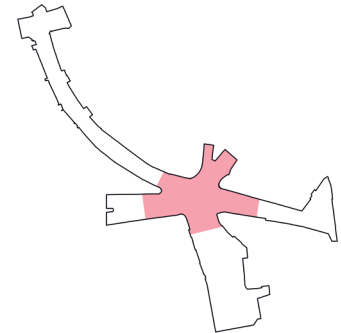


Wellington Place



# Convening in the central area

At the heart of this plan is a vision to define the central area of the town as a new destination, a space designed for flexible use that could accommodate a range of activities, such as pop-up events, activities and festivals. To encourage gathering, the vision proposes more seating, open space and public art to create a focus space. To help protect against a changing climate, greening measures will help to reduce the impacts of surface water flooding.



Central area plan

The Central space is where Wellington Place, Harold Place, Robertson Street, Havelock Road and Queens Road meet

Here we want to create more for you and your family to do, see and enjoy in the town centre

### Ideas

1. New green space and meadow planting
2. Outdoor seating
3. More public art
4. Outdoor market space
5. Resurfaced footway
6. Segregated, two-way cycle lane
7. Central plaza
8. Expanded pedestrian realm
9. Tree planting



Central area





# Imagine a new name for our town centre

This is your chance to be part of shaping a new area with a new name in the town centre. What would you like this central area to be called?

The name of the space has been left intentionally flexible at this stage. Due to its prominence at the heart of the town and its current lack of title, the name of the space is open to your suggestions!



**What would you name this area?**

Albert Circus?  
The Haven?

Your ideas here!



Scan the QR Code to share your ideas via the survey!





# Have your say

We want your views on the proposed plans as part of the Hastings Town Centre Public Realm and Green Connections Project. Your views are important to us, and this public consultation is an opportunity to provide feedback and comments on the latest plans to help shape the detailed design stage.

The consultation is open from the 22nd January 2024 to the 1st March 2024. You will have until 11:59pm on 1st March to respond to the survey.



## How to have your say

We have a number of ways that you can provide your views on the proposed plans. You can complete our online consultation survey and find out more information by scanning the QR code or visiting:

**Website:**

<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/hastingsgreenconnections/>

## Where to find the survey

Paper copies of the brochure and survey will be available at all public consultation events. If you would like to request a paper copy of the survey or have any questions and comments in relation to Hastings Town Centre Public Realm and Green Connections, you can contact us via:

**Email:**

[HastingsGreenConnections@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:HastingsGreenConnections@eastsussex.gov.uk)

**Phone:**

07514721387

If you would prefer this document as an easy read copy or in another language please email

**[HastingsGreenConnections@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:HastingsGreenConnections@eastsussex.gov.uk)**



## In-person sessions

We are hosting a number of in-person drop in consultation events during the consultation period. The project team will be able to answer your questions and provide you with more information about the proposed schemes.

**Saturday 27th  
January**

10:00 - 16:00

Public exhibition in Priory Meadow  
Queens Rd, Hastings, TN34 1PH

**Tuesday 6th  
February**

12:00 - 17:00

Public exhibition in Priory Meadow  
Queens Rd, Hastings, TN34 1PH

**Wednesday  
21st February**

13:00-15:30 ASDA

16:00-18:00 Tesco

Pop-ups at local supermarkets

Battle Road, TN37 7AA

Church Wood Drive, TN38 9RB



# Stay informed

You can stay informed about the Hastings Public Spaces and Green Connections project by visiting:

[www.hastingstowndeal.co.uk/town-centre-public-realm-green-connections](http://www.hastingstowndeal.co.uk/town-centre-public-realm-green-connections)

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