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INTRODUCTION TO A629 HALIFAX TOWN CENTRE PROPOSALS

The transport infrastructure investments proposed for Halifax Town Centre comprise three key elements, the delivery of which is targeted to be completed for 2021:

- Upgrade of the eastern corridor (Church Street, Bank Bottom, Berry Lane, Charlestown Road) including developing an 'Eastern Gateway' through the creation of a public square and provision of improved pedestrian and cycle facilities from the Rail Station into Halifax Town Centre.
- Upgrade of the Northern Gateway (Northbridge, Broad Street, Cross Hills) into Halifax Town Centre and extensive public realm improvements in Halifax Town Centre including improvements to Market Street and the reconfiguration of bus movements.
- Enhanced Southern and Western Gateways (Wards End, Bull Green, Cow Green) in Halifax Town Centre.

THE VISION FOR HALIFAX

Enhancing the Historic Heart of Halifax through....

- Safety – reducing potential for conflict between vulnerable road users and motor vehicles
- Environment – reducing noise and air pollution
- Accessibility – increasing pedestrian and cycling activity and creating an environment where children and mobility impaired users feel more confident
- Economy – evidence from elsewhere demonstrates that improvements in the quality of Streetscape have led to a more vibrant local economy

KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

In order to deliver the improvements to the Town Centre, it is necessary to undertake highway improvements to the eastern corridor and western corridor. This will result in improved journey times for through traffic, especially at peak times.

The key areas of focus for the proposed improvements to Halifax Town Centre are shown below.



HALIFAX TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS



THE WEST YORKSHIRE PLUS TRANSPORT FUND

The West Yorkshire Plus Transport Fund (WY+TF) has been created to specifically increase housing, employment and economic good growth across the West Yorkshire region and York. Part of this funding is designated to the 'A629 Halifax - Huddersfield Corridor' programme which will create an even better place to live, work and visit through road junction improvements and improvements to access and movements for all types of vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians.

Great progress has been made to date by Calderdale Council working in partnership with stakeholders to secure the necessary funding to take the proposals for Halifax Town Centre from concept ideas through to detailed design.

What is the WY+TF?

- £1bn investment in transport schemes across West Yorkshire & York to unlock 'Good Growth'
- Coordinated alongside LEP investment
- Once in a generation opportunity
- Calderdale have secured 15% of the fund value (for 8% of population)
- Calderdale's WY+TF schemes are:
 - The A629 corridor - £150m value scheme
 - Station Gateway
 - A641
 - Elland Station
 - A58

NEXT STEPS

Over the coming months, the planning application will be finalised and submitted to Calderdale Council for determination.

Prior to the submission of the planning application there will be a further opportunity to view and comment on the proposals.

If approved, a full Business Case for the scheme will be prepared and submitted to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) to release the funds required to physically deliver the Town Centre scheme, which is in the region of £40m.

GIVE US YOUR VIEWS

If you have taken away a comments form to complete at your leisure, please ensure to return it to the address stated on the form by 1st August 2017.

All comments will be reviewed and further updates on the proposals will be available ahead of submitting a planning application to Calderdale Council later in 2017.

Indicative timeline

-  **Late 2017** - Progress update and planning submission
-  **Mid 2018** - Submission of full Business Case to WYCA
-  **Late 2018** - Approval and release of funding
-  **Early 2019** - Start on site
-  **Completion 2021/2022** - Phased construction programme to minimise disruption

Get in touch

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