Loughborough Town Centre Masterplan

Charnwood Borough Council

De-clutter the street through

Enabling a new privately funded

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Re-design Devonshire Square;

Extend the public realm scheme

Heritage assets such as Taylor’s Bell Foundry and Great Central Railway.

Improve the condition of

Potential use of shared surface

Redesign the street surfaces to

The railway station along Nottingham Road; and

The restriction of vehicles

Re-design Bedford Square.

Allowing Granby Street Car Park

Enhance the setting of the Beacon

Introducing two way working

Explore opportunities for planting

Potential use of shared surface

Redesign the street surfaces

Tree planting from the gateway

Where possible increase the

Connectivity to Destinations Outside the Centre

The masterplan promotes longer term public realm improvements linking the town centre to:

- The University along Radmoor Road, William Street and along Wood Brook;
- The railway station along Nottingham Road; and
- Heritage assets such as Taylor’s Bell Foundry and Great Central Railway.

1. The Rushes

- Where possible increase the width of the pavements and improve the paving;
- Tree planting from the gateway at the Canal Basin through to the town centre; and
- De-clutter the street.

2. High Street

- Redesign the street surfaces to indicate pedestrian priority and restricted vehicular access more clearly;

3. Baxter Gate

- Redesign the street surfaces to indicate pedestrian priority and restricted vehicular access more clearly;
- Enhance the setting of the Beacon Bingo Building; and
- Improve the condition of buildings at the north end of Baxter Gate.

4. Biggin Street

- Potential use of shared surface to indicate increased pedestrian priority;
- De-clutter the street through rationalisation of signage and street furniture; and
- Explore opportunities for planting to soften the streetscene.

5. Derby Square

- Potential use of shared surface to indicate increased pedestrian priority;
- Re-design Devonshire Square; and
- Re-design Bedford Square.

6. Market Place to Bedford Square

MOVEMENT STRATEGY

To support the improvements to the pedestrian network the Masterplan proposes a number of changes to the vehicular movement network. These include:

- Introducing two way working on Southfield Road – this would allow traffic to be removed from Bedford Square and for it to be transformed into an attractive public space;
- The restriction of vehicles entering Ward’s End to give more priority to pedestrians;
- Allowing Granby Street Car Park to be accessed from the west to facilitate restricted vehicular access along Wards End; and
- Enabling a new privately funded town centre car park at Baxter Gate.

Bedford Square

The sketch layout indicates how the space could be transformed through traffic management that routes traffic around the space on Southfield Road, rather than across it and rationalises car parking. This reorganisation of the space could provide a significant new gathering area for the public.