

Re-imagining Helston's High Streets

A NEW FUTURE FOR CORNWALL'S HISTORIC TOWN

The Proposals for the Public realm and Landscape take their cues from history and evolution of Helston from a Medieval market town, to the centre of Cornwall's mining heritage.

The town is founded on this heritage with granite, water, and tin at its heart, and this is evidenced in the town's beautiful architectural character; the geometry of its wide granite streets with their flowing kennels and the cobbled opes and alleyways that connect the main streets to the back lanes and car parks.



- The Aims and Objectives of the 'Reimagining Helston's High Streets Project' are:**
- To re-activate the streets, creating a range of new public spaces for people to gather, rest and socialise, with space for events and markets by creating new key public spaces at Gylls Monument, The Guildhall and Cultural Quarter, Meneage Street and Trengrouse Car Park.
 - To reduce traffic through the town centre, with positive effects on air quality, reducing carbon emissions.
 - To restore and enhance the quality and materials of the streets, restoring and repairing historic granite pavements and kennels, replacing the tired, broken and poor quality pavements with new quality granite paving.
 - To create greener spaces and pocket parks within the town car parks.
 - To improve signage and access from the town car parks to the high streets.

- 1. Lower Monument road**
Traffic signing/ calming to indicate restricted access up Coinagehall Street.
- 2. Gylls Monument Corner**
Increased public realm space opened up in front of Gylls Monument to be paved in high quality granite.
- 3. Access maintained to Lady Street**
Access for residents only. (One way down Lady Street)
- 4. Coinagehall Street**
A new public realm to be created on Coinagehall Street, with traffic allowed one-way down only. Spaces for parking and loading maintained to the south of Coinagehall. Limited loading and trading spaces within the public realm.
- 5. Upton Ope and Coinage Ope**
To be re-surfaced with high quality granite and cobbles, in keeping with the historic character of Cobbled Ope and Wheelbarrow Lane, with a more welcoming and friendly approach.
- 6. Coinage Ope / Wheelbarrow Ope and Five Wells Lane**
Granite and cobbled surfaces to be restored and cleaned where needed. New cobbled surface at Five Wells Lane to provide continuity of the routes.
- 7. Guildhall and Market Place**
A new level access with new steps to the frontage of the Guildhall, and widened pedestrian realm. Remove fire escape steps and de-clutter Market Place to create a new public realm & trading space.
- 8. The Cultural Quarter & Drill Hall Yard**
(refer to plans by Alison Bunning). Provide a new access to CAST and Wendron Street car park.
- 9. Wendron Street**
Reduce on-street parking to lower Wendron Street. Continue cobbled footpath from Wendron Street Car Park and de-clutter car park signage and ticketing machines. Future Opportunities to restore and refurbish significant historic buildings including the Flora Centre Cinema and Godolphin House. Improve route to Trengrouse Way via Wendron Street Flats with new surface and signage.
- 10. Upper Meneage Street**
Improved pedestrian pavements to Upper Meneage Street.
- 11. Meneage Street**
A new public realm and trading space to be created on Meneage Street. Widen street pavements to the eastern side, and reduce on-street parking in this area to create a new public space at the intersection of Horse and Jockey Lane. There is also an opportunity to uncover and re-instate the historic kennels through this new public realm and reinstate the old water pump.
- 12. Meneage Street entrance at The Parade**
Provide a raised threshold to Meneage Street that indicates the street is pedestrian priority.
- 13. Horse & Jockey Lane**
De-clutter signage and electricity boxes to the bottom of Horse and Jockey Lane. Re-surface all of Horse and Jockey Lane with granite sets/ cobbles and relocate hand rail to the southern wall to create a wider and more accessible route, with new suspended lighting. Buildings on Horse and Jockey Lane to be painted in heritage colours. Opportunity to reinstate the original kennels and granite gatepost with water pump to the bottom of Horse and Jockey Lane.
- 14. Access space and Pocket Park to Top of Horse and Jockey Lane**
Provide a new green and accessible approach and link between Trengrouse Car Park and Horse and Jockey Lane. Terraced landscape to create a space for events as well as overflow parking when not in use.
- 15. Trengrouse Way car park. New public space for community building, and greener car park.**
The old Budgens supermarket is earmarked for re-use as council offices and community hub building, creating an opportunity for a new public space and frontages to all community service buildings to the car park.
- 16. Proposed Sustainable 'Transport Hubs' located at Trengrouse Way and possibly at The Fairground car park.**
Town Service 'Hopper Bus' terminal with e-bike & Scooter hire. 2 no. locations at Trengrouse Way and The Fairground car park.



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