

**Town Centre and Town Traffic Sub Group (T&F)
July 2020**

Proposed by Cllr Richard Vos

I would like to propose we set up a small group consisting of (at this stage) *only* Town Councillors to bring together the many disparate views and thoughts on how the Town Centre should develop in the medium to long term.

The key focus will be broadly on '*Town Centre/Traffic*', looking at developing a progressive, consensual and realistic plan which will achieve the following:

- Sustainability
- Economic Opportunity
- Social Cohesion
- Environmental Responsibility

Already a great deal of work and thinking has already gone into this and in particular in the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). It is clear to all of us that over the last few months much has changed and whilst the NDP presented a very strong vision, I believe that this can be built on and moved from vision to hard, practical, agreed action.

The NDP covers huge areas from housing, the built environment, diversity, employment, leisure and more.

The most sensitive, current issue is the Town Centre.

This is a 'window of opportunity', with a need to focus on how, when and what will happen to the Town Centre (not over the next few weeks & months), but on a medium to long term basis.

As a Town Council, although we have limited resources and authority, we do have an opportunity to press other local authorities (WCC) to take note and action.

The key sections in the attached NDP - which relate to Town Centre / Traffic / Parking / Pedestrianisation / Cycling etc. are:

Objective E (p79 - 83): Improving access and movement within the Town Centre.

TC Project(s) 5,6,7,8,9

Objective D (p123/124): To redistribute traffic destined for the Town Centre with appropriately sited car parking which avoids congested routes and cross town trips.

INF Project(s) 2,3,4

Objective E (p125): To calm traffic on access roads in the interests of safety, convenience and environmental improvement.

INF Project 5

Objective F (P126): To improve pedestrian and cycle connectivity.

INF Project 6

I propose that a group of up to 6 Town Councillors form this group. (Note – see Terms of Reference for further details.)

The Group will need to meet using remote technology and work within a short timeframe to produce a 'plan' by the end of August 2020.

Proposed Time Scale

22 July 2020	Present proposal to for inclusion in Town Council papers prior to Town Council meeting 28 July 2020.
28 July	Debate and Vote on proposal at the Town Council meeting
28 July	If the proposal is seconded and agreed Town Councillors to put their names forward to be on sub group
31 July	1 st sub group meeting (time to be arranged)
August	Agree dates for future meetings
1 September	Updates presented to Planning Consultative Committee
29 September	Final proposals presented to the Town Council meeting on 29 September 2020

Review Process

Considering Stratford upon Avon Town Centre including traffic and parking arrangements

Pre COVID-19

COVID-19 Temporary arrangements

NDP vision

Other visions/plans eg TTG / Stratford Society / Cycling Forum / BID etc

Involvement

Initially Town Councillors

Followed by 'Stakeholders' eg Retailers / Residents / Lobby Groups / SDC / WCC

It should be noted that Cllrs J Fradgley and Rolfe, who are also County Councillors and District Councillors, will continue to represent and update the Town Council over ongoing matters relating to the temporary town centre arrangements already in place in response to COVID-19.

The work undertaken by the new sub group would be referred to the Town Centre Strategic Partnership through the Town Council's appointed representatives.

To Consider

Parking for visitors / day workers

Parking for residents

Park & Ride

Bus Stops

Provision of additional bus services to residential estates

Working in conjunction with Rail companies

Taxi Bays

Bridge St reconstruction (e.g. removing central raised area)

Cycle lanes

Access to Hotels

Delivery Management

Disability access

One-way systems

Pedestrianisation

'Shared Space'

Impact on those coming to SuA from North, East, South, West

Environmental (sustainability)

Infrastructure (e.g. Clopton Bridge)

Project timing (start / finish)