

# What would you like Temple Street to look like in the future?

Have your say about the proposals for Temple Street

## Introduction

Keynsham's High Street Heritage Action Zone (HS HAZ) is a four-year partnership programme between Historic England, **B&NES** Council and Keynsham Town Council.

Through this heritage led programme we will enhance Keynsham's Conservation Area to create a more attractive, engaging and vibrant High Street. For more information go to HiKeynsham.co.uk

Following on from the separate Phase 1: Core High Street Public Realm Improvement project, one of the key focuses of Keynsham's HS HAZ is Phase 2: Temple Street **Improvements.** Initial ideas have been created for the area (see strategy diagram on the right), using Keynsham High Street Masterplan's placemaking themes.

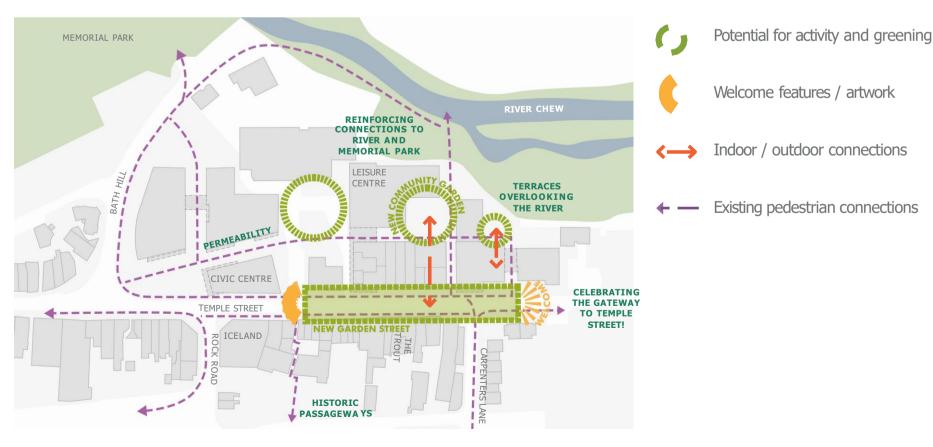
We want to get your feedback on the initial proposals on the next pages.

The proposals have been created by Landscape Architects Macgregor Smith, working with a group of representatives from the Town Council, local community, B&NES Council and Historic England. The project is part of B&NES Council's High Streets Renewal Programme.













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## What are these proposals based around?

Placemaking themes from Keynsham High Street Masterplan

Strategy diagram for the Temple Street area



# What are the key opportunities for Temple Street?

## What does Temple Street look like now?

**Pedestrian experience** 



On-street parking on both sides dominates the street



Narrow pavements reduce potential spill-out



Lack of safe crossing point





Empty units reduce footfall to Temple Street



The overall pedestrian experience of Temple Street is currently poor. On-street

parking to both sides of the street creates a vehicle dominated environment,

without a dedicated crossing point. Non-compliant disabled parking bays and

lack of step-free access to some units mean that accessibility in general is poor.

Legibility / wayfinding



Public realm does not respect heritage



Uninviting walkways create poor connections



Locked gates to riverside and Memorial Park limit connections

Accessibility



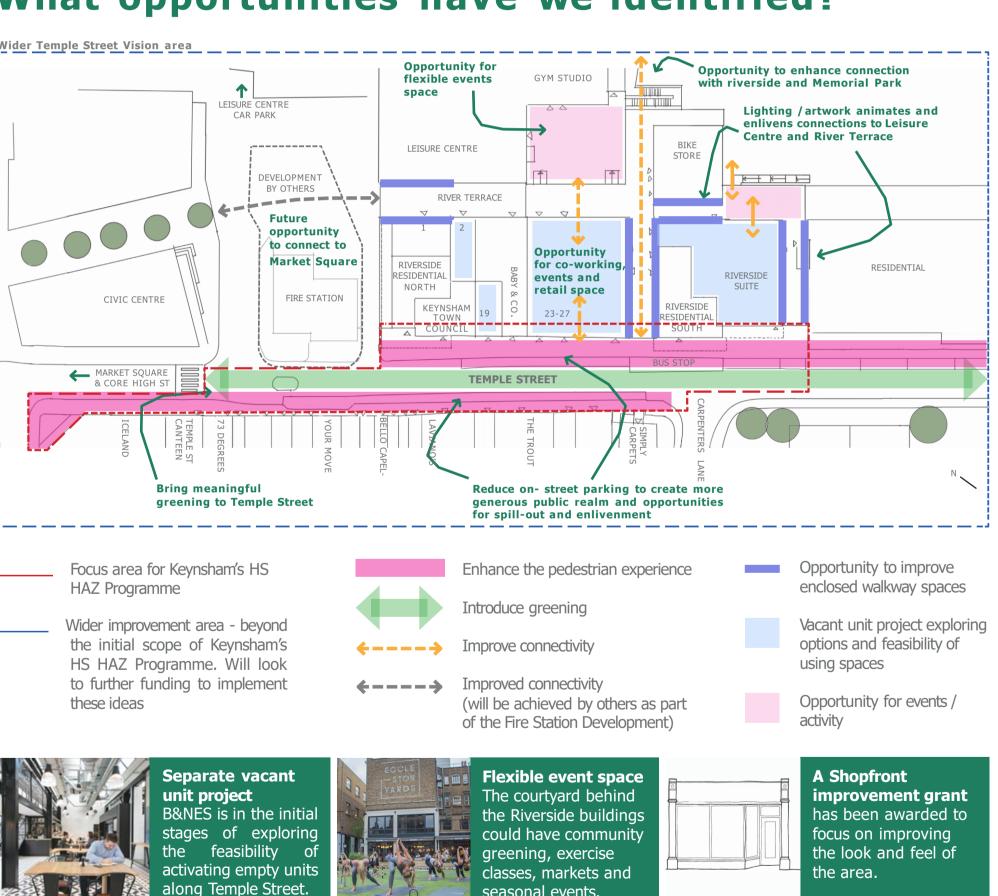
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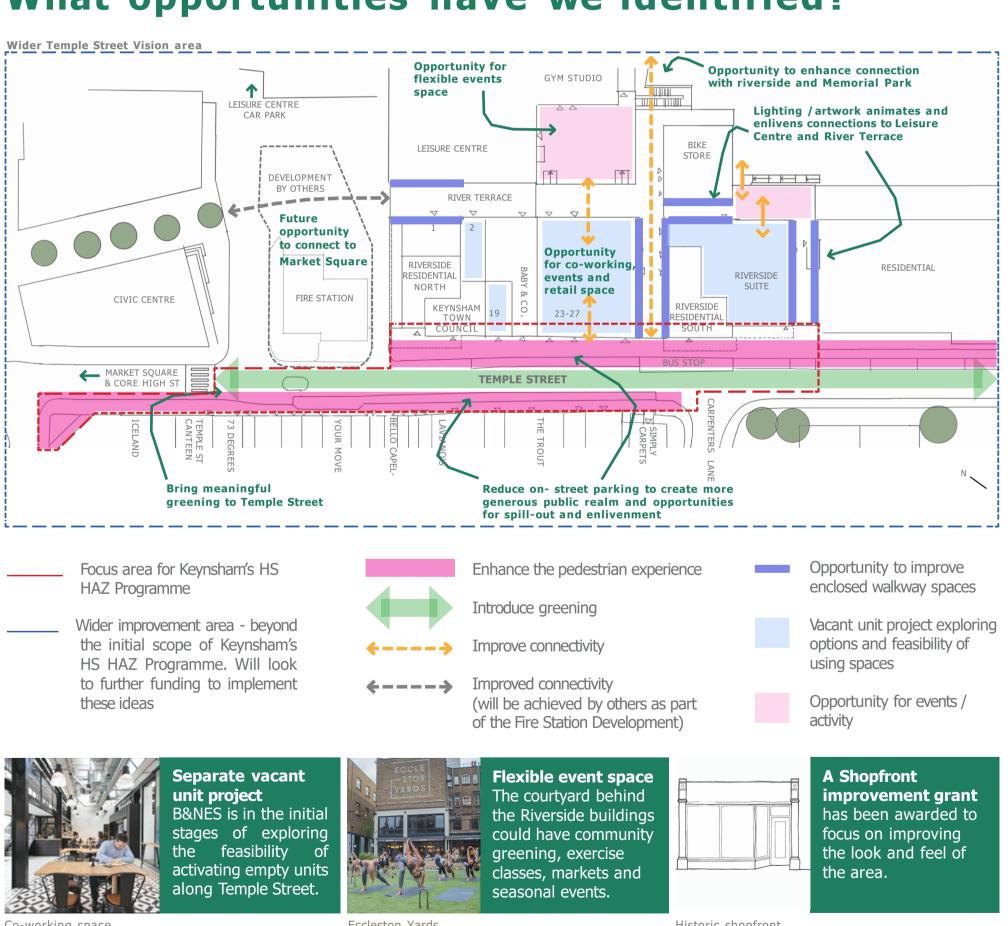


No seating along street or at bus stop



Inaccessible building thresholds





Co-working space

Narrow pavements on the historic side create confined walkways and restrict potential activity like pavement seating. Wider pavements on the modern side lack activity and there is a lack of greening to the whole of Temple Street.

The public realm does not currently enhance the setting of the historic shopfronts and there is a lack of legibility to wider connections. In contrast, many of the units along the contemporary side of the street are currently vacant, making this an underused area.

## What opportunities have we identified?

Eccleston Yards

Historic shopfront



# How has Keynsham's history inspired the design?

## **Building on Keynsham's history**

As this is a Heritage Action Zone Programme, the concept design ideas have been inspired by Keynsham's past. The concept design aims to:

### Unite the two sides of the street

During the prosperous 19th Century, terraced buildings lined both sides of Temple Street - one side has since been demolished and redeveloped. The design aims to reunite the two sides through pavement and planting materials, alongside an additional pedestrian crossing.

### Enhance the setting of historic buildings within the conservation area

Widening and improving the quality of paving materials and street furniture would enhance the look of Temple Street. In turn, creating improved views to the historical side of the street.

### **Increase greening in the area**

Street greening, a community garden and an edible bus stop nod back to Temple Street's former allotments and orchards.

### Highlight Temple Street as a local and independent High Street

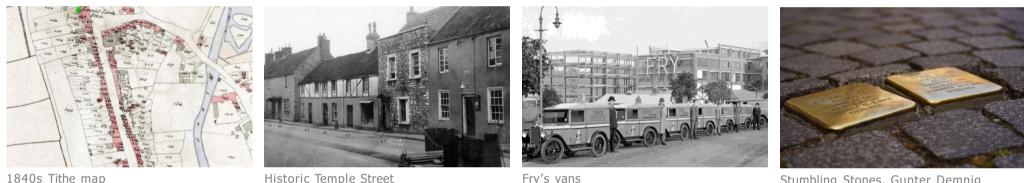
Temple Street has traditionally been home to local traders supplying everyday items to the community. This scheme will support independent traders into the future. This would be reinforced through improving access and cycling provisions.

### Share local stories

Celebrating the day-to-day social history of the area through a range of interpretation methods. Seating and greening would encourage dwell time, encouraging people to share new and old information.

### Have your say...

We have the opportunity to include more of Keynsham's heritage into the details of the design. The below themes could be included in shapes, paving details or pops of colour on materials or planting. Please see the final board with details on how to contribute your thoughts or go to HiKeynsham.co.uk for more information.



What heritage themes would you like to

• The history behind Temple Street's buildings

• Temple Street's people, past and present

• Keynsham's industrial heritage

• Keynsham's natural history

see represented? What other ideas do





Willoughby's Stores



llotment gardens



Historic Temple Street residents

Stumbling Stones, Gunter Dem





Avon Valley brass industry

you have?

Bronze roundells, Rebecca Gouldson





The Circles, Atelier Scale



# What is the project trying to achieve?

## Aims and objectives of Keynsham's HS HAZ - Phase 2: Temple Street

## **Project aims**

To improve the Conservation Area by enhancing the streetscape of Temple Street, including public space, the setting around the historic terrace of shops and the Grade II listed Trout Tavern building.

We want this design to support this area's aim to become a more appealing and vibrant independent quarter of Keynsham High Street.



Visualisation of how Temple Street could look in the future

## The objectives of the project are to:

- 1. Unite key spaces including:



Keynsham Farmers' Market

- the two sides of Temple Street with interventions at street level that reduce the scale and dominance of the sixties Riverside block over the historic, two-storey terrace, and in doing so, enhancing the setting of historic shopfronts;

- Temple Street and interconnecting spaces;

- internal courtyard spaces (behind Riverside buildings and Temple Court), and

- Keynsham Memorial Park, the river and wider areas

2. Introduce planting and trees to green the street, drawing on the area's former allotment gardens and orchards;

3. Strengthen Temple Street's identity as an independent part of Keynsham's High Street through story telling, interpretation, wayfinding, art and lighting;

4. Increase linger time and street activity by revitalising underused spaces, creating opportunities for outside seating through pavement licences and street furniture;

5. Reduce traffic speed along Temple Street and encourage public transport and active travel to reinforce the street's role as an active part of the High Street. Prioritising the pedestrian experience and improving accessibility.

### In addition to the above, Keynsham has been awarded funding to deliver;

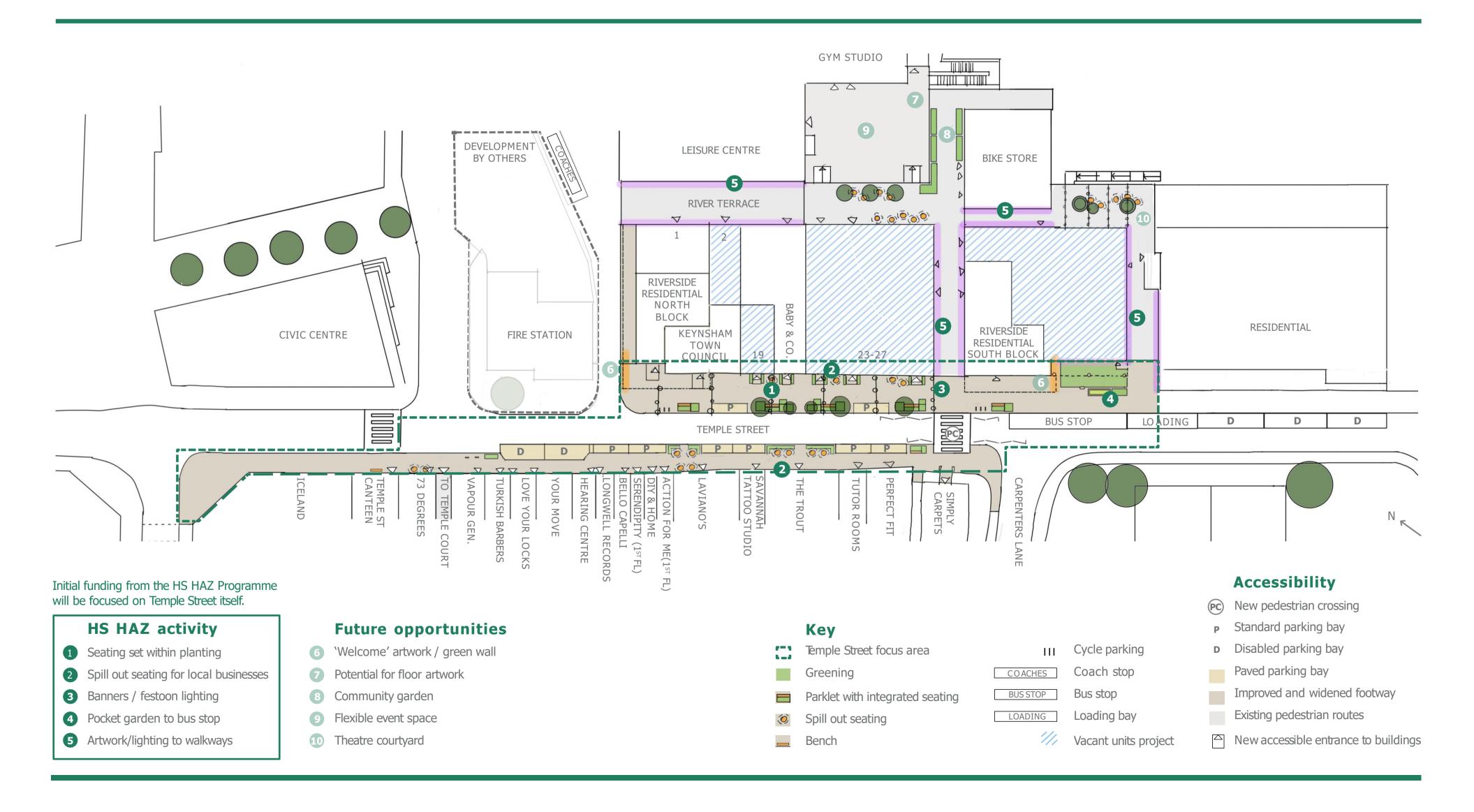
- a Shopfront Improvement Scheme that will focus on improving the look and feel of the area

-a Local Cultural Programme that will focus on bringing cultural community and arts activity to Temple Street



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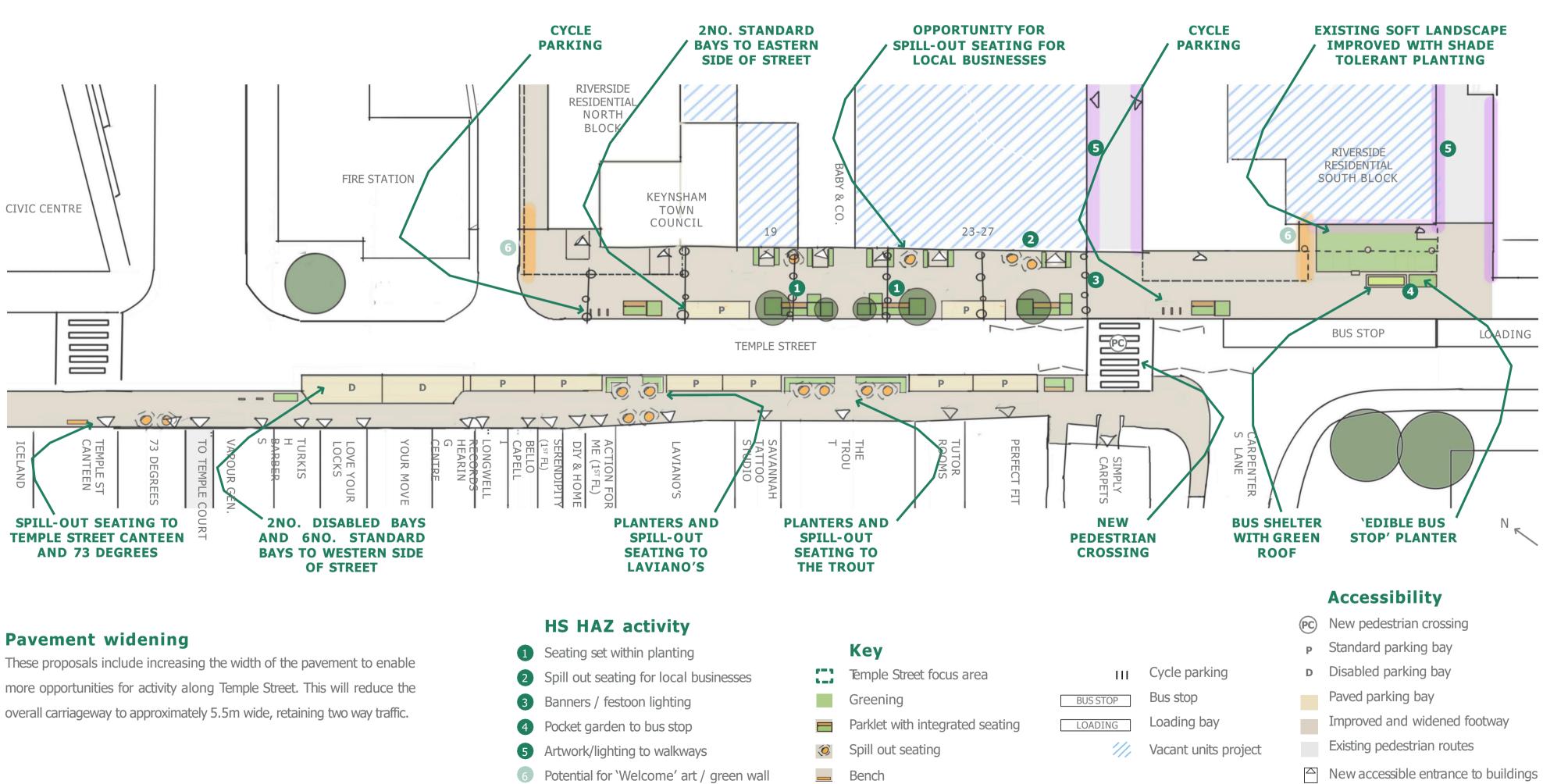
Summary of opportunities for the wider Temple Street area





# What do you think about the suggested **improvements to Temple Street?**

Summary of opportunities to be delivered by March 2024 with HS HAZ funding





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**Visual summary of improvement opportunities** 

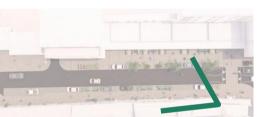




# What do you think about how Temple Street wouldlook with the proposed improvements?



**Existing view** 



Location plan



**Existing view** 



Illustrative view from near the Trout looking towards the eastern side of Temple Street View taken from 3D model of Temple Street showing pavement width increased and carriageway width reduced (with two way traffic maintained).





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Location plan

Illustrative view looking north along the eastern side of Temple Street View taken from 3D model of Temple Street showing pavement width increased and carriageway width reduced (with two



# Have your say...

We'd like to know what you think and hear your views before the project team finalise the designs later this year

## What is the process?



SURVEYS & INITIAL IDEAS

**BUDGET APPROX. £80k** 

YEAR 2 **BY MARCH 2022** 

**CONCEPT DESIGN DETAILED DESIGN** PURCHASE OF MATERIALS

**BUDGET APPROX. £200K** 

YEAR 3 BY MARCH 2023

PURCHASE OF MATERIALS INSTALLATION

**BUDGET APPROX. £300K** 

YEAR 4 BY MARCH 2024

**PURCHASE OF MATERIALS** INSTALLATION

**BUDGET APPROX. £100K** 

# Between now and 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

### We'd like to hear from you on...

- 1. What would you like Temple Street to look like in the future? Is there anything we have missed in these concept designs that you would like to see included in the public space?
- 2. Do you agree with the opportunities we've identified? Are there other opportunities you'd like to tell us about?
- 3. Which aspects of local history and heritage would you like to see included in the design?
- 4. What do you like about the suggested vision for Temple Street? Are there things you would like to change?
- 5. Do you have any other comments you'd like to share?

### How to provide feedback...

### **Digital engagement options**

- A series of Zoom engagement sessions, will be advertised on **HiKeynsham.co.uk**
- Detailed information about proposed concept designs will be available on the
- **HiKeynsham.co.uk** website with a feedback form where you can share your thoughts

### **Physical engagement options**

- Paper copies of this information and the feedback form will be available at Keynsham Town Council, Keynsham Library and Temple Street Canteen
- Drop-in sessions will be held on the following dates between 13.00 16.00 at **Temple Street Canteen;** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Novemberr 2021. Additional face to face sessions will be advertised on HiKeynsham.co.uk



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Keynsham High Street, public engagement event Colourful Minds