

Kirklees Council Huddersfield Town centre Blueprint

Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Consultation Statement

1. Introduction

1.1 This statement of consultation sets out the early engagement carried out to inform the preparation of the Huddersfield Town centre Blueprint Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The statement has been prepared in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 to support the adoption of the Huddersfield Blueprint SPD.

1.2 The Consultation statement provides information on the consultation that was undertaken to develop the SPD. In particular, this statement sets out:

- The Purpose of the consultation
- Who was consulted
- How they were consulted
- A summary of the main issues raised during the consultation
- How those issues have been taken into account in the adopted SPD

2. Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

2.1 The National Planning Policy Framework states that planning policy should be shaped by early, proportionate and effective engagement between plan-makers and communities, local organisations, businesses, infrastructure providers and operators and statutory consultees.

2.2 These principles are defined within the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which was adopted in December 2019. It outlines how the Council will work with local communities and stakeholders in developing planning policy documents, including SPDs. Consultation on the Huddersfield Town Centre Blueprint SPD has been prepared in line with the principles of the adopted SCI.

3. Supporting documents and Information

3.1 Further information on the early engagement and feedback can be found in the following documents which are available to view on the council's website:

Huddersfield Town Centre Blueprint SPD – Summary of on-line responses October 2019
<https://development.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/pdf/huddersfield-blueprint-survey-feedback.pdf>

How do you feel about Huddersfield? - How good is our place
<https://howgoodisourplace.org.uk/huddersfield-town-centre/>

Early Engagement on the preparation of the draft Huddersfield Blueprint

4.1 The council commissioned AECOM to prepare the Huddersfield Blueprint based on research, and early engagement with both internal and external stakeholders. This section sets out the activities undertaken by AECOM as part of the early engagement.

Inception Meeting - Issues and discussion (9th August 2018)

4.2 The following issues were discussed.

- Huddersfield and Dewsbury Town Centres allocated £45m of council funds for regeneration.
- Heritage assets and conservation area – Huddersfield has 349 listed buildings and a conservation area. The Huddersfield Blueprint offers an opportunity to explore how these assets can be celebrated and capitalised on to bring new uses to the town centre. Awareness that building stock is not suited in the main to commercial uses. 2020 centenary of the Town that bought itself provides opportunities to assist regeneration.
- While there is some private sector development in the town centre, this is not being looked at in a joined-up way to look for wider benefits. The focus for the Huddersfield Blueprint should be to set out a vision, objectives and framework to co-ordinate development and look for shared outcomes.
- The Blueprint needs to join up with other town centre activities such as the Huddersfield Business Improvement District, Thinking Places.
- Huddersfield Blueprint will form part of the early engagement process and framework for a Huddersfield Town Centre Area Action Plan.
- The boundary of the Blueprint will be the ring road but sites to the south west of Waterfront hold potential for edge of town centre living.
- Relationship with University of Huddersfield needs to be considered.
- Housing generally driven by student accommodation.
- Legibility – poor wayfinding and low quality environment undermines town centre movement.
- Markets – opportunity to rethink function and identity of markets as anchor points of town centre.
- 8 key themes to consider and develop include: transport and connectivity, culture and special places, leisure and retail including the markets, A town to grow including university growth, commercial and skills, living in the town centre, wellbeing and social interaction and sustainability.

4.3 The issues identified were further considered as part of the scoping of the Blueprint and the shaping of the vision, the boundary of the Blueprint and the themes to be considered.

Meeting with Councillor McBride (20th August 2018)

4.4 AECOM representatives met with members of Kirklees Council and Councillor McBride (Economic and Regeneration Portfolio holder) to discuss and agree methods of engagement for the Blueprint, and for a further discussion around the influences on the town centre and intended purpose of the document.

4.5 At this meeting, there was further discussion around the issues identified in paragraph 4.2 and on the future of the High Street both nationally and in the context of Huddersfield town centre. A series of internal and external stakeholder workshops were agreed together with council member engagement. External stakeholders are identified in Appendix 1.

Site long-list workshop with Officer Group (4th September 2018)

4.6 A group of officer representatives were invited to a workshop session led by the AECOM/ Cushman and Wakefield project team with the intention of curating a long-list of potential opportunity sites within the town centre. The officer attendees were split into four groups, with each group asked to discuss the eight identified drivers affecting the town centre (transport and connectivity, culture and special places, leisure and retail including the markets, a town to grow including university growth, commercial and skills, living in the town centre, wellbeing and social interaction and sustainability).

4.7 A multi-disciplinary AECOM/ Cushman and Wakefield project team helped to facilitate each of the tables with their specialist knowledge. Attendees were asked to locate sites relevant to these issues, with reference to those already identified in the Huddersfield Renaissance Plan (2018) but also any additional sites for consideration. The outcome was a series of maps which highlighted all sites with perceived potential to be brought forward within the Blueprint, based on the local and professional understanding of the officer group. A set of proformas were also produced which provided commentary against the identified sites, and how these could be influential against the eight themes. Together, the maps and the commentary formed the basis for understanding the availability of sites and their merits against the driving themes of the Blueprint.

Sites for discussion map



4.8 The following Internal council specialisms were consulted as part of the preparation and initial drafting of the Blueprint:

- Asset Management
- Business and skills
- Client Design

- Community safety
- Conservation and design
- Creative Economy
- Culture
- Development management
- Economic Resilience
- Education
- Energy and climate change
- Environmental Health
- Green Infrastructure
- Highway operations
- Inward Investment
- Landscape
- Major projects and infrastructure
- Markets
- Museum and Galleries
- Operational services
- Policy Planning
- Public Health
- Road Safety
- Waste & Street Cleansing

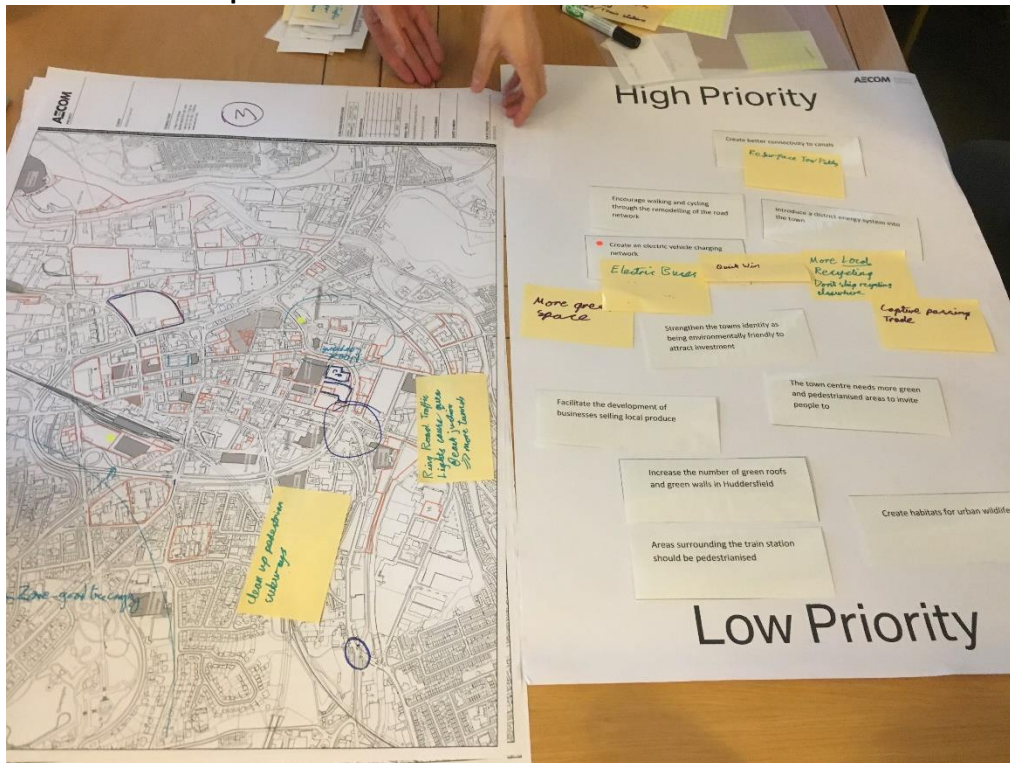
Stakeholder Workshop (19th October 2018)

4.9 Similar to the long list workshop with the officer group, a second workshop session was undertaken with wider stakeholders in Huddersfield (see Appendix 1). Identified stakeholder representatives from local businesses, institutes and organisations were invited to undertake a series of exercises. In addition to the identification of sites, attendees were also asked to share their ambitions for the Blueprint, to prioritise issues relating to each of the themes, and identify where the main opportunities for transformational change are located. Whilst the long term, strategic value of the Blueprint SPD was recognised, there was an overriding theme that the Blueprint would be a flexible document which supports short-term interventions and deliverables and enable quick changes within the town centre whilst guiding longer term investment. It was seen as a document which should confirm the identity and ambition of Huddersfield and promote the town, as well as:

- Addressing the changing nature and role of the high street, and be used to attract investment;
- Improve the environmental quality and attractiveness of the town, and raise the design standard;
- Address town centre liveability, especially its evening economy and residential offering; and
- Strengthen the relationship of the town with the University and College.

4.10 Spatial outputs were recorded within the mapping exercises, whilst more specific statements relating to the themes were captured and prioritised to be considered as part of the development of the Blueprint.

Identification and prioritisation of issues



Issues identified at the workshop

Transport and Connectivity:

- Make it easier to access the University across the ring road/ Queensgate
- Introduce cycle lanes at part/ in full around the ring road
- Develop a new footbridge between the town centre and St Andrews Road
- Increase town centre car parking
- Invest in cycle infrastructure at the railway station, bus station and other key destinations
- Improve the 'arrival experience' into Huddersfield
- Connect the bus station and the rail station with high quality public realm
- Improve the public space around the bus station
- Reduce on-street parking within the town centre
- Introduce park and ride options into the town centre
- Improve the rail service along the Trans-Pennine route
- Increase car parking at the railway station
- Repurpose the ring road as another space

Culture and Special Places

- Develop a new music venue and events space within the town centre
- Develop a new museum and art gallery within the town centre
- Redevelop Queensgate Market as an enhanced destination point
- Create a designated Cultural Quarter within Huddersfield
- Introduce more public art into the streets of the town centre
- Redevelop St Georges Warehouse and bring this back into occupation
- Strengthen the cluster of activity around the Town Hall, Library and University into a place with a stronger identity which encourages people to remain in the centre

- Invest in the Piazza as an open public space

Leisure and Retail include the Markets

- Address the vacancy rates within the town centre
- Bring more leisure facilities into the town centre
- Invest in the retail offer of Market Street
- Invest in the retail offer of New Street
- Invest in the retail experience of the Open Market
- Railway area to become an upmarket food and drink area
- Food and drink 'Quarter' to be developed between Byram Arcade/ Railway Street and Station Street
- Shrink the retail offer
- Improve the public realm of Market Street and New Street
- Encourage independent traders into the town centre
- Decline in retail means there is an overreliance of the town on leisure and evening/ student economy which isn't sustainable
- Maximise connections to the HD One/ John Smiths Stadium
- George Hotel to be used as a Hotel
- Open market to be used as a temporary, flexible market
- St George's Square to be utilised more effectively
- Improve the evening economy
- Car parking is a problem for leisure activity
- Imperial arcade is under-used but is a crucial link to New Street
- Creation of a 'foodie' market
- More trees along New Street
- Big brand to pull people up from Kingsgate
- Gaming and social spaces
- New Street as an independent area

A Town to Grow

- Increase the number of residential units within the town centre [please specify type]
- Increase the amount of student accommodation in Huddersfield
- Improve accessibility to the University of Huddersfield
- Improve accessibility to Greenhead College and Kirklees College
- Increase the presence of the University within the town centre
- Links from station to the Kingsgate area
- Improve leisure and nightlife functions
- Diversify the evening offer to attract those who culturally may not enjoy traditional bars/ night clubs
- [does the town cater too much to university interests at the sacrifice of its own centre?]

Commerce and Skills

- Better connections/ relationship between the University and local businesses
- Small business growth
- Brand needs to be stronger
- Encourage the growth of an innovative manufacturing district around St Andrews Road

- Increase office and commercial development in proximity to the railway station
- Relocate Small and Medium Enterprises within the ring road
- Attract small non-retail businesses into the empty units of the centre
- Increase the number of hotel rooms within the town centre
- Increase the presence of attractive, functional office accommodation in the town
- Creative hubs to be capitalised on
- Creative identity should be capitalised on

Living in the Town Centre

- Increase the number of things to do in the evening in Huddersfield
- Convert the older, listed units into residential units
- Develop high quality, new build town centre residential units
- Need more modern, professional accommodation
- Need more accommodation for young, small families.
- Town needs improved lighting to increase notions of safety
- Create a residential quarter for the Town centre
- Increase opportunities for senior living

Wellbeing and Social Interaction

- Safety a key priority
- Should seek to integrate Greenhead park as a key town centre asset
- Town centre should be more family friendly/ interactive
- Too many takeaways along chapel street
- Increase access to the canal and open this up as a more attractive recreational route
- Develop a new public space within Huddersfield town centre/ Improve quality of public spaces within Huddersfield
- Declutter street signage along John William Street
- Introduce wayfinding system as town centre difficult to navigate
- Increase access to healthcare services
- Invest in cycle infrastructure at the railway station, bus station and other key destinations
- Manage the vehicular environment to enable better control of air quality

Sustainability

- Areas closest to the train station should be pedestrianised
- Town centre needs more green and pedestrianised areas to encourage people to 'hang around'
- Strengthen the town USP as being environmentally friendly
- Introduce a district energy system into the town
- Create and electric vehicle charging network
- Encourage walking and cycling through remodelling of road network
- Facilitate the development of businesses selling local produce
- Consider refurbishing existing empty buildings rather than building new
- Create better connectivity to canals; green corridors
- Green roofs and walls
- Create habitats for urban wildlife

Feedback and mini-masterplan workshop with Councillors (23rd October 2018)

- 4.11 This workshop was an opportunity to feed back the comprehensive understanding of the townscape influences and drivers based on the various workshop and engagement sessions which had been held to date. AECOM and Cushman & Wakefield presented their work, methodology and engagement findings to the officer group, and introduced the potential neighbourhood areas to the group, along with the potential sites of influence. From this stage, the second part of the session involved a workshop exercise where attendees were invited to consider the neighbourhoods in more detail and help formulate a 'mini-masterplan' for the areas, with focus on opportunities and issues within these spaces. This exercise helped to define the boundaries of these areas, and test initial ideas out with a wider team. The comments gathered in relation to the neighbourhood areas have influenced and informed the proposed interventions and ambitions of these sites.

Citizen Engagement Reference Group (5th June 2019)

- 4.12 The Huddersfield Blueprint was discussed by the internal citizen engagement reference group with the aim of co-ordinating other town centre engagement such as the Cross Street Improvement Consultation to ensure that messages were shared and joint outcomes agreed. The use of the Place Standard Toolkit was also discussed as a method of engaging with citizens about how they felt about Huddersfield.

Place Standard interviews (12th August – 20th September 2019)

- 4.13 The Place Standard Tool is a face to face interview tool based around 14 questions and was used to find out how citizens felt about Huddersfield. Interviews were undertaken in various locations across Huddersfield Town Centre over a 6-week period and generated 1000 responses through the face to face interviews and focus groups.

Place Standard Focus Groups (various)

- a. Dementia Friendly Communities Steering Group - Friday 6th September 2019
 - b. Kirklees Visual Impairment Network - Thursday 5th September and Thursday 12th September
 - c. Huddersfield University Sessions during fresher's week, w/c 23rd September
 - d. Radio Sangam
- 4.14 Detailed feedback can be found in How do you feel about Huddersfield? – How good is our place: <https://howgoodisourplace.org.uk/huddersfield-town-centre/>

4.15 The Main issues and themes arising from the Place Standard Engagement are summarised below:

Getting the Basics Right

There were a large number of comments that considered that there should be a focus on getting the basics right so that the town looked and felt loved. Key themes included:

Theme/issue	Action/ potential Blueprint Change
<p>Cleaner and well-maintained streets – need to address cleansing and litter issues and maintenance of pavements, roads and street furniture.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to getting the basics right in Blue print required. • Operational programme of works already started. • Role for Huddersfield BID and ongoing maintenance programme
<p>Legibility of the town – there needs to better signage across the town which is of a high quality and uniform.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Change to Blueprint as legibility is referenced in the Blueprint. • As public realm and maintenance programme is rolled out then signage will improve.
<p>Improved accessibility - links to different places across the town need to be improved with the provision of suitable, well-maintained and well-located street furniture such as seating to help those with mobility/visual disabilities to move around the town.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some additional references to improved accessibility can be made in the Blueprint.
<p>Poor quality paving and uneven flags, lack of dropped kerbs for wheel chair users and lack of links made it difficult to navigate. Equally greater priority should be placed on road improvements/repairing potholes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to getting the basics right in Blue print required • Operational programme of works already started • Greater reference could be made to a future walking and cycling strategy and to a specific future programme of work.
<p>Vast majority of respondents felt that the town was not cycle friendly due to lack of clearly defined routes which joined up, conflicts with pedestrians, lack of safe cycle storage and infrastructure and the ring road.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an opportunity through the Area Action Plan to identify gaps in provision and safeguard land.
<p>High quality design – including improving the appearance of our heritage assets, improving shop fronts and removing unauthorised advertising and street clutter. Places should be designed to be inclusive, family friendly and address dementia.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is being tackled in programme via Huddersfield Heritage Led Regeneration Initiative and new Shop front design guide

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Particular emphasis on design, style, levels and colours that help people with visual impairment, mobility issues and dementia required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Blueprint already references these points but could be emphasised upfront.
Safer environment – need to address issues of anti-social behaviour particularly around the bus station and St Peter’s Gardens, reduce the levels of homeless people on the streets, improve the quality of the environment so that it feels safer. Car parks didn’t feel safe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within Blueprint reference is made to high quality design and to the New Street programme of works and the Huddersfield Town Centre Design Framework. • There is an opportunity to look at a bespoke design code for Huddersfield through the Area Action Plan. • Can be tackled on a scheme by scheme basis • Commitment to getting the basics right in Blue print required • This is potentially an area to develop with Huddersfield BID • Car Park strategy can pick up safety/quality issues in car parks
Air quality – need to promote electric vehicles, encourage taxis and council vehicles to be electric. Promote affordable public transport alternatives to reduce air pollution. “Why is the Free Bus diesel”?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Change – reference to be made to air quality strategy and climate change plan within the introduction of the Blueprint. • Specific detailed actions can be picked up through a future Transport Strategy and the Area Action Plan.

Other themes

Theme	Action
Improving the environment	
Focus on New Street and the area around Primark and Wilkos	No change proposed. The Blueprint already focuses on this area.
Transport (Public transport, private cars, parking and traffic)	
Public transport - Frequency of provision, cost and safety were raised in relation to public transport, some areas are better served than other. There are limited services in to and from town in the evening which would encourage more users to support an evening economy. Improved access for people with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific detailed actions can be picked up through a future Transport Strategy and the Area Action Plan.

Theme	Action
<p>prams and wheelchairs on buses required. Promote free bus</p> <p>Parking - availability and cost of parking, safety, access, bus gates and air quality.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking comments to be considered as part of the Car Parking Strategy. The Blueprint can be amended to reference some of findings.
<p>Lack of parking particularly long stay after 9am and the high cost of short term parking was considered to discourage people from popping into town and had “killed the town centre”. Other felt that cars should be restricted from the town centre with the emphases being placed on pedestrian movement and reducing poor air quality.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New section to be included in Blueprint introduction which outlines the relationship of the document to other studies/projects including the Car parking strategy.
<p>The ring road was seen as a barrier to promoting walking and cycling into town due to the difficult in crossing and safety issues.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific detailed actions can be picked up through a future Transport Strategy
<p>Larger parking spaces was considered a priority for parents with young children and additional disabled parking bays close to the town centre.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific detailed actions can be picked up through a future Car Parking Strategy
<p>Bus gates has contributed to death of town.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific detailed actions can be picked up through a future Car Parking Strategy
<p>Parking charge review - Free parking for up to 2 hours within the ring road. Sunday – all day free parking</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific detailed actions can be picked up through a future Car Parking Strategy
<p>Parking availability - More parking e.g. Multi storey. Clearer indication of long and short stay parking</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific detailed actions can be picked up through a future Car Parking Strategy
<p>Free parking scheme for electric/hybrid cars to encourage more environmentally friendly transport along with public charging points. Shoppers can get free parking if they spend a minimum amount within town centre shops – loyalty card.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheme already included
<p>Park and ride system – park cheaper outside of town with regular buses into/out of town.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of Station Gateway options
<p>Shuttle buses from car parks outside the centre for older and disabled visitors.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific detailed actions can be picked up through a future Transport Strategy
<p>Better connect the bus station and the railway station</p> <p>Introduce more long term, affordable parking for commuters by the railway station and St Georges Warehouse.</p>	

Theme	Action
<p>Introduce an oyster type card that can be used on all buses not just limited to one provider and encourage one transport provider operating all routes across Kirklees. Live bus journey times at bus stops</p>	
<p>Cycling</p>	
<p>New cycle routes proposed University to Greenhead, Town centre to Stadium, University to Town centre, routes from canal and greenways into town</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New section to be included in Blueprint introduction which outlines the relationship of the document to other studies/projects including the Walking and Cycling strategy and other projects.
<p>Have a cycle lending scheme in the town centre.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above
<p>Improve cycling infrastructure – more cycle lanes and free from cars parking, secure cycle storage, electric bike charging facilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above
<p>Pedestrians and walking</p>	
<p>Increase pedestrian areas – area near Lloyds Bank, whole of New Street Improve air quality by moving parking outside of the town centre with designated walkways that are pleasing to the eye.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All items addressed at a detailed scheme/programme level • All items captured in supporting transport strategy to be referenced in Blueprint
<p>Traffic lights which say how long left to cross</p>	
<p>Separate cycle routes and pedestrian walk ways Plant trees along ring road to reduce noise and improve air quality</p>	
<p>Better signage from the ring road into the town centre is needed, with zoned areas with entry points.</p>	
<p>Streets and Spaces</p>	
<p>Heritage and Architecture - We need to showcase our heritage and architecture such as the train station, buildings on John William Street and Byram Street. The George hotel should be a flagship building and St George’s Square a jewel in the town.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree, the Blueprint addresses this. • Could reference commitment to heritage and landmark buildings upfront
<p>Empty buildings – need a focus on repurposing empty shops, pop up shops or lower business rates etc. The old Kirklees College and the old sports centre site could be green spaces or car parks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacant premises needs to be referenced in the Blueprint
<p>Diversity of shopping experience – the lack of big stores and empty shops with too many charity shops, betting shops, pound shops and takeaways</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments noted. Blue print is a response to this

Theme	Action
<p>does not make Huddersfield an attractive centre to visit.</p> <p>Greenspace – there is not enough green space with seating and planting.</p> <p>George Hotel – The council needs to work with the owner to bring it back into re-use. New uses suggested Rugby museum, new shops, restaurants, hotel space with emphasis on opening up ground floor to St George’s Square and public space</p> <p>Piazza The Piazza should be a priority but quality of design is essential as well as long term maintenance and funding of the open space. Need to be careful not to create a wind tunnel once the buildings are taken down.</p> <p>Promoting the town – There needs to be publicity about the history of the town, its parks, museums, canal and its other landmarks. A tourist information centre with a café to act as a vibrant hub could be a real asset and meeting point. Information boards are needed – what to see and do. How about interactive boards instead? Signage needs to be much improved to inform people where seating areas / toileting is.</p> <p>There could be better signage, particularly promoting walking, e.g. 5 minutes to train station</p> <p>A pedestrian walk from the station to the Kingsgate, and Queensgate, Piazza, would be more welcoming (the university signpost well for open days and this model could be followed).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted. Individual projects will pick this up. A potential reference alongside design quality could be made • No change to the Blueprint, this is already dealt with in the Blueprint. • No change to the Blueprint, this is already dealt with in the Blueprint • This is a good point but too detailed for Blueprint. Could consider reference as part of getting basics right. • Link with Huddersfield BID
Natural Spaces	
<p>There were a number of key issues in relation to natural spaces which included greenery, planting, seating, toilet facilities and cleanliness.</p> <p>Some people said they would not expect to see natural space in the town centre as this is not its role and they wouldn’t come into town for it.</p> <p>St Peter’s Gardens and Piazza good assets but spoilt by anti-social behaviour and cleanliness.</p> <p>Greenhead Park should be recognised as a destination and links made to town centre. More parking at Greenhead required or extension of free bus route.</p> <p>Vast swathes of green corridor planting have been removed on access routes into town centre.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • Noted. Potentially part of a getting the basics right section • Noted but potentially beyond scope of Blueprint. However this is to be considered as part of the future town centre programme. • Noted.

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Maintenance must be a priority.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of getting the basics right.
Underground utilities plan required if planting in the town centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted
Focus on pedestrian areas that are greened not concrete similar to Rotherham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted a will be referenced in individual schemes
Piazza – support for town centre park but must be carefully designed to avoid being a wind tunnel and affected by ring road noise.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted and will be referenced in individual schemes.
Green and improve areas around Civic 1 and 3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted and will be referenced in individual schemes
Create a café culture zone on the Piazza.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Already being considered as part of cultural heart element forming part of options
Promote green corridor from canal into town centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be referenced in other complimentary strategies
Learn from work between Sheffield City Council and Sheffield University on managing urban green spaces.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted
Promote urban allotments	
Play and recreation	
Mixed views on the need for town centre play areas. However, strong support for play equipment, activities both indoor and outdoor and a town centre crèche.	
More family friendly activities are required within the town centre linked to play equipment on Piazza, library activities and evening events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potentially referenced in ‘Playful Huddersfield’ work
There are no safe, social places for teenagers. Should promote more events like the food and drink festival.	
Cars in the town centre doesn’t encourage play or sense of relaxation although chess board outside library and table tennis in Queensgate market were well used.	
Wide support for music venue.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change – already within Blueprint
Improved environment and seating around the bus station	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change – already within Blueprint
Facilities and amenities	
There were a number of key issues which included shops, restaurants, cultural facilities, nightlife and toilets.	
Plenty of restaurants in town but need more variety, more independents and less takeaways. Range of cultural food limited and many thought there were too many coffee shops.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted
Range, quality and diversity of shops limited. Need more independents, less charity shops.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted
Address empty shops with pop up shop opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted

Theme	Action
<p>More toilet facilities/breast feeding facilities</p> <p>Support for new library, art gallery and museum provision. Support for new music venue.</p> <p>Lawrence Batley Theatre and Town Hall supported as valuable facilities</p> <p>Toilet provision is inadequate and prevents town from being more family friendly or conducive to older people to visit.</p> <p>Need an improved, quality night time economy where people feel safe to be in town.</p> <p>Introduce zones in the town e.g. eating, cultural, business, travel</p> <p>Need a central walk in health facility which could be consider through the one Public Estate. This would support more residential and bring people into town.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential future project – get the basics right • No change proposed to Blueprint in terms of use. • Amend the sections on the indoor market which referenced including part of the offer within this facility. • No change proposed to Blueprint. These facilities are already referenced • Potential future project – get the basics right • Noted • No change to the Blueprint. The Blueprint already identifies zones for particular activities/uses. • Potential to reference in Blueprint as a support for more residential
<p>Work and the Local Economy Key issues included attracting new businesses, business rates, young people, training and volunteering</p>	
<p>Recognition that there were some big employers in Huddersfield including Kirklees council, Kirklees college, the University and businesses such as Cummins. General feeling that high level of low skilled, low paid jobs and the need to travel to Leeds or Manchester for better opportunities. Feeling that there should be greater emphasis on IT, chemical, medical, finance, architecture and consultancy firms</p> <p>Reduce business rates and have a programme of measures to support new businesses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New section to be included in Blueprint introduction which outlines the relationship of the document to other studies/projects including the council's economic strategy and inward investment plan. • Potential for University and digital already set out in the Blueprint. • Detailed issues relating to training, work opportunities to be passed to Economic team and Works Better. • Could reference Start up and retention policy
<p>Housing and Community Key issues included student accommodation, rough sleepers, private rented, cost and quality of accommodation offer, empty buildings and lack of infrastructure.</p>	

Theme	Action
Needs to be a better balance, mix and quality of homes in and near the town centre and a better balance of student/non student accommodation. More investment in social/affordable housing required supported by good infrastructure including medical care. Rough sleepers and homeless issues should be a priority. Re-use of empty and disused buildings More investment in extra care homes should be a priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential to reference in Blueprint as a support for more residential but generally too specific at this stage
Social interaction Many of these issues have been picked up before including lack of green space/open space/play space/lack of facilities for families and teenagers. Lack of a multi-cultural centre to bring diverse groups together.	
Identity and belonging	
No sense of belonging to town due to transient nature of students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change to the Blueprint as it identifies opportunities to retain graduates within the town centre.
Need to address feelings of neglect, lack of maintenance, cleansing and anti-social behavior. Suggestions for improvement already covered under other headings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Getting the Basics right
Feeling Safe	See Getting the Basics right
Care and Maintenance	See Getting the Basics right

Launch of the Blueprint

- 4.16 The Huddersfield Blueprint was launched at the Lawrence Batley Theatre on 26th June 2019 where a wide range of internal and external consultees were invited including developers, investors, businesses, third sector groups, educational. The key messages from the Blueprint were presented together with a further opportunity to comment on the document the launch of an on-line questionnaire and digital version of the Huddersfield Blueprint. This took place from **(15th July to 6th October 2019)**. Paper copies were also available at the Huddersfield Blueprint Shop, Huddersfield Central Library and Huddersfield Customer Service Centre. Over 200 questionnaires and freeform letters were received. The issues are identified in the Huddersfield Town Centre Blueprint SPD – Summary of on-line responses:
<https://development.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/pdf/huddersfield-blueprint-survey-feedback.pdf>

Huddersfield Blueprint Shop (15th July to 6th September)

- 4.17 The council held a staffed exhibition on the Piazza, Huddersfield. 2,427 people visited the shop over the period from July to September. Following the close of the Blueprint shop, an unstaffed display was placed in Huddersfield Central Library until 4th October 2019. This was supported by a social media campaign over the same period which generated the following levels of interest: Twitter 1.4m reach, Facebook 38K, Blueprint webpage 37.5K.



The Huddersfield Blueprint Shop

Council Scrutiny (17th July 2019)

- 4.18 Council officers made a presentation to Scrutiny on key issues affecting town centres national, issues affecting Huddersfield Town Centre, feedback on the key issues within the Huddersfield Blueprint and next steps. Key feedback from Scrutiny was the consideration of climate change within the Blueprint. Changes were made to the document to refer to the council's Climate Change Strategy.

Council wide staff briefings 19th July, 22nd July, 23rd July 2019

- 4.19 An invitation was made to all council staff to attend a briefing on the Huddersfield Blueprint with the aim of sharing the level of council ambition for the town centre, seeking views on how council services could help deliver town centre initiatives, ensure joined up thinking and to encourage staff to outline their own views through the on-line survey.
- 4.20 Following the early engagement on the Blueprint, all comments were analysed, and amendments made to the Blueprint. These amendments were agreed by Cabinet on 25th February 2020 where it was further agreed to convert the Blueprint to a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The Cabinet report for the 25th February 2020 (Item 15) can be viewed via the following link:
<https://democracy.kirklees.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=139&MId=5959>

5 SPD Consultation

- 5.1 Consultation on the Huddersfield Town Centre Blueprint SPD commenced on 2nd March – 30th March 2020. The consultation was available on-line and through postal comments. In total 95 representations were received, and the council's responses are set out at Appendix 2 of this document.
- 5.2 A revised SPD was presented to the council's Cabinet for approval on 26th May 2020 and was formally adopted on 24th June 2020. Following adoption, the SPD is a statutory planning document and will be a material planning consideration in planning decisions for the town centre.

Appendix 1 – External consultees invited to stakeholder workshop

ORGANISATION

Education

Kirklees College
University of Huddersfield
University of Huddersfield– Buckley Centre
University of Huddersfield Student Union
Textile Training Centre

Transport/LEP/WYCA/Government

West Yorkshire Combined Authority
First Group
LEP
DFT
MAG
DFIT
TDR Capital
Huddersfield Railway Station

Retail including BID and business groups

Kingsgate
The Packhorse Centre
Piazza Centre
Huddersfield Open Market
Queensgate Market
Pubwatch
Huddersfield Partnership
Tokyo Nightclub
Boots
Northern Tea House
Chadwick Lawrence Solicitors
Leeds Building Society
Revell Ward
Wilkinsons
McDonalds
PFBB UK
Revolution Bar
Subway
Green Island Cafe
New Dawn Resources & Huddersfield
Partnership
Business Voice
Huddersfield Unlimited
Mid-Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce
Federation of Small Businesses
National Market Traders Federation

Leisure/Culture/Hospitality

Huddersfield Town AFC
Huddersfield Giants
Huddersfield Literature Festival
Lawrence Batley Theatre

Magic Rock Brewery
Five Bar - Cross Church Street
Huddersfield Live
Parish Pub
Proper Job Theatre Company
Small Seeds, New Street
Kirklees Stadium Development Co.
Epicure, Queensgate
Yorkshire Sculpture Park
Arts Council England
Chol Theatre
Dark Horse Theatre
HCMF
Musica Kirklees
West Yorkshire Print Workshop
Yorkshire Women’s Sound Network
Heritage Quay
West Yorkshire Archive Service
Opera North
Arts Council England
Department of Culture, Media and Sport
National Lottery Heritage Fund
Kirklees Active Leisure
Sound Leisure
Kirklees Local TV
Serota Pugh
Virtual Huddersfield

Police

West Yorkshire Police

Elected members/MPs

Kirklees councillors

MPs

Appendix 2 – Schedule of comments received on the Huddersfield Town Centre Blueprint SPD Consultation and Proposed Changes (March 2020)

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SPD_Hudd1			Sir, Cross Church St is paramount to providing access to the packhorse centre. The packhorse is primarily private businesses that need full access, i.e. outside catering, catering deliveries, retail deliveries. Peters pays a considerable amount of rates, and needs this facility to continue in business.	The comments regarding Cross Church are noted and welcomed. Cross Church Street was subject to separate consultation. The aim of the improvements is to provide an enhanced public realm that will encourage shoppers to the area to support businesses. The needs of the businesses for access are noted.	No Change The details of the scheme have been subject to public consultation and a revised scheme has been produced.
SPD_Hudd2		111	In order to enhance building design and high quality spaces in the retail sector, namely Cross Church Street, view looking towards St Peters Church, assess the issue of the diverse mix of unrelated low quality style/designs of signs and shop facades. Consideration to ensure a cohesive whole in keeping with the landmark area and not merely a pedestrian enhancement and tree planting. A good example of sympathetic design being the Byram street shop facades. A bad example is the photograph on the rear cover of the Blueprint document showing signage which detracts from the surrounding environment.	The SPD will be supported by a suite of planning guidance aimed at good design. Work is currently being undertaken on the production of a Huddersfield Area Action Plan and shop front guidance.	No Change The SPD will be supported by other planning documents which will set out detailed considerations on design.

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SPD_Hudd4	Leeds City Council	All document	Support from Leeds City Council.	Leeds City Council support for the Huddersfield Blueprint SPD welcomed and noted.	No Change Support noted.
SPD_Hudd5		All document	With the current Coronavirus pandemic, I assume this consultation will be extended. At this stage I do not have time to make specific comments but would like to register the FSB's interest in this issue. We are interested in how retail can be attracted and supported. We would also like a realistic approach to parking that considers public transport availability. We also support plans for improving the availability of serviced offices.	The council welcomes the interest of the Federation of Small Businesses in the Huddersfield Blueprint SPD. It is not the intention to extend the consultation on the SPD as it was subject to extensive consultation during June - October 2019 and an additional 4 weeks consultation to convert to a SPD during March 2020. The council will however, be continuing to work with interested stakeholders in taking forward the SPD, as part of town centre programmes, an emerging Town Centre Area Action Plan and as part of its Economic Strategy to regenerate the town centre. The SPD outlines a number of initiatives aimed at attracting retail to the town centre including an improved public realm, support for independent businesses and a smaller, focussed retail core as part of the New Street focus area. The council notes the support for the availability of serviced offices and is currently undertaking an Office Demand Study to support future	No Change The council will continue to work with interested stakeholders in the delivery of the SPD.

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				<p>initiatives. The council has undertaken a Parking Strategy which considers the supply, demand, quality and distribution of car parking within the town centre. This is referenced in the SPD and the SPD was updated to take account of some of the findings. The Parking Strategy will be used to inform a Parking Plan.</p>	
SPD_ Hudd6		41	<p>Nothing that follows this title seems to genuinely support the objective to be a family friendly town. A green space, in a car free environment, if achievable, is just a token gesture, and not really catering for children and families. Providing play equipment for the children, in areas where families can spend quality time together, and for the whole family to enjoy the town centre.</p>	<p>The council is committed to developing opportunities to promote Huddersfield as a family friendly town. Agree that play opportunities are an important part of that offer.</p>	<p>Proposed Changes</p> <p>Amend page 9 to insert a reference to Playful Huddersfield to read: "Alongside the Blueprint SPD we have or will produce further guidance or plans such as the Huddersfield Town Centre Design Framework, Playful Huddersfield or design briefs to help deliver specific projects."</p> <p>Amend page 41 under Performance Headlines:</p>

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					Family Friendly to include reference to play to read: " Establish Huddersfield as an inclusive, family friendly town including the introduction of a range of spaces/facilities for safe play."
SPD_ Hudd7		86	This is a picture of a child playing, under objective 3, "Alternative used for New Street South", but there is no other mention of play for children, or the vision to be a family friendly town. New Street is ideal for some play equipment for children, and creating areas for families to enjoy time together within the town centre. There are a lot of people who live close to the town centre who may visit it more often if there was an offer for their children. Introduce some play equipment for children, especially for children up to 8 years old.	The council supports Huddersfield as a family friendly town and this is set out in the first line of the Huddersfield Town Centre Blueprint vision. It also supports the role of play as an opportunity to draw families into town. The council is currently commissioning work to look at locations and the types of play offer that the town could provide. This detail will be available in other council documents. It is supported that further reference should be made to play within the SPD.	<p>Proposed Changes</p> <p>Amend page 9 to insert a reference to Playful Huddersfield to read: "Alongside the Blueprint SPD we have or will produce further guidance or plans such as the Huddersfield Town Centre Design Framework, Playful Huddersfield or design briefs to help deliver specific projects."</p> <p>Amend page 41 under Performance Headlines: Family Friendly to include</p>

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					reference to play to read: " Establish Huddersfield as an inclusive, family friendly town including the introduction of a range of spaces/facilities for safe play."
SPD_Hudd8		97	This section talks about the Piazza and the possibilities for a 'leisure led site', but there is no mention of children or of it being a family friendly town. Include leisure activities for children and family groups.	The council supports that reference should be made to family friendly under this section. The details of leisure facilities and activities is not yet determined and would be outlined in other council supporting documents.	Proposed Change Amend Page 97 to read: "This promotes an opportunity to re-think this development, either via a refurbishment or with a new build as a leisure-led site to bring new visitors to our town and to support the vision of a family friendly town.
SPD_Hudd9		106-107	These two pages talk about opportunities for the Civic Quarter, including residential possibilities, and in reference to the bus station, a pedestrian friendly interchange. These are all good objectives, but again there is no mention of facilities for children, to make the town family friendly. People living in the town are likely to have relatives or friends with children, if they don't have their own, pedestrians accessing the town by bus are likely to have children, and may find it easier going to town if the	The council supports the provision for facilities for children to make the town family friendly. It has commissioned work to determine what families would like to see in the town centre. This detail is not yet available but it is recognised that the SPD could make further reference to play and facilities.	Proposed Changes Amend page 9 to insert a reference to Playful Huddersfield to read: "Alongside the Blueprint SPD we have or will produce further guidance

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			<p>town catered for them. Play equipment for children of different age groups - a 'through play zone'. Zones for young people to meet safely. Places for people to leave push chairs safely in key locations, e.g. markets or shopping centres. Toilets that suitable for children in key locations. You could even include play equipment for disabled children, opening up the opportunities in the town centre to a wider demographic.</p>		<p>or plans such as the Huddersfield Town Centre Design Framework, Playful Huddersfield or design briefs to help deliver specific projects."</p> <p>Amend page 41 under Performance Headlines: Family Friendly to include reference to play to read: " Establish Huddersfield as an inclusive, family friendly town including the introduction of a range of spaces/facilities for safe play."</p>
SPD_ Hudd10		101-102	<p>Page 101. The essence of the Queensgate Building is its roof structure. This needs to be appreciated as a whole from inside the building as well as from outside. The acoustics resulting from the multiple mushroom roofs at different levels might make a sound space extremely difficult to configure without obscuring the view of the roof. Events not involving music or theatrical entertainment might be possible, but public address for conferences could prove problematic, and subdivision to provide for mixed use for conferences, events and retail could compromise the visibility of the structure. Page 102. I was responsible for a</p>	<p>Concerns about accommodating new uses in the Queensgate building and the impact on the listed structure are noted. The council is working with Historic England and other partners to consider appropriate uses and sensitive designs to ensure protection of the internal features.</p>	<p>No Change</p> <p>The SPD provides a framework to consider alternative uses which are currently being explored. It is therefore appropriate that reference to them</p>

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			<p>study into the extension of the Library to the east when I worked for the Council. In view of the levels, this involved the removal of the ramp which had been built to facilitate the loading of mobile libraries, a task now carried out elsewhere. The study envisaged providing replacement servicing under a part of what is now Nelson Mandela Square, taking advantage of the fact that the service tunnel from Queen Street is at the same level as the sub-basement of the library and the bottom of its service lift. The opportunity to install an additional lift to enable larger works of art to be brought to the Art Gallery for exhibitions was also envisaged. To the south, a move of the library steps southwards was envisaged, in order to provide a ramp from Victoria Lane to the top of the steps, so wheelchair access could be to the main level as well as the basement. The service tunnel referred to is an important element of the town centre. It was built initially to facilitate servicing to the building occupied by Boots and others, and extended while under construction to provide a link to the basement of the former Woolworths building, now occupied by Poundland and others (under what is now Nelson Mandela Square). I was responsible for the design of the further extension of the tunnel which provides the only servicing for the more recent building occupied by Peacocks, Savers and Argos. A further separate extension of the tunnel was envisaged from under Boots to under the end of Lockwoods Yard to service Marks and Spencer, but they were not prepared to consider that at the time. I am pleased to see that the SPD does not envisage the demolition of the Boots and former BHS buildings, which</p>		<p>remains within the document.</p>

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			would expose the tunnel and render the security of its remaining servicing uses problematic by removing its roof. However, the retention of these buildings raises the question about whether the brutalist appearance of the building occupied by Boots could be improved by sympathetic re-cladding. Although I am unable to suggest revised wording for page 101, I strongly recommend removing the speculation about possible uses which could compromise the integrity of the listed structure. Likewise I am unable to suggest revised wording for page 102, but feel that reference to the benefits of the underground servicing could be considered, and a comment about improving the appearance of the buildings between Victoria Lane, The Shambles and King Street would be welcome.		
SPD_ Hudd11	Huddersfield Civic Society	Music	Whilst the document recognises music as an important local contributor to the local culture, it omits reference to Choral Music and the Mrs Sunderland Annual 9-day festival which are nationally recognised. This oversight should be addressed.	Agree to reference other music events.	Proposed Change Amend page 37 to include reference to: "Huddersfield is also recognised nationally for its choral music and the annual Mrs Sunderland festival."
SPD_ Hudd12	Huddersfield Civic Society	Purpose	Building new and re-purposing many of the fine buildings within the town centre as quality residential units. We support this as a wholly appropriate strategy. As identified, the delivery of facilities which are family focused and safe to enjoy is essential. At present the SPD is short on how	The support for building new or repurposing buildings within the town centre for residential use is noted and welcomed. The SPD contains references to safe environments	No Change The council considers that the detail of safety/security measures

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			actual and perceived security is to be delivered. A clear statement on how personal safety and security is to be addressed by changes in policy to deliver the safe environment necessary for the success of the project.	through the document and in its vision. The detail of how this will be achieved will be outlined in supporting design guidance, development briefs and as part of the consideration of future planning applications.	is best addressed as part of other council supporting documents, development briefs or as part of the planning application process. The SPD provides clear guidance on the priority for safe environments as part of its vision.
SPD_ Hudd13	Huddersfield Civic Society	High Level Summary	HCS is very supportive of the approach, vision and ambition incorporated into the SPD. The types of change, areas of focus and sites identified for re-purposing represent a cogent strategy, with an appropriate mix of deliverable and aspirational elements, to give focus and direction for the town centre for the next ten years. As a policy document we assume the SPD should assist a Council planning lawyer refuting an off-message application by a developer. To achieve this for each of the Blueprint SPDs six key areas, there needs be a succinct set of objectives, e.g. mainly conversion to residential with limited new build plus new, high quality public realm...followed by a bullet point list of the types of deliverables to be expected in any plan submitted for the area concerned. On this page we list a summary of the key additions and changes the Society believes should be made before the SPD is confirmed. On subsequent pages we give a broader commentary on the full document. Key additions HCS believes are required: An objective and related policy to enhance and better use the existing town centre yards, The Museum, Library/Art	Huddersfield Civic Society support for the SPD approach, vision, and ambition is noted and welcomed. It is considered that the SPD sets out a clear vision for each of the focus areas and the types of projects that could come forward including key buildings/projects. The SPD seeks to provide a clear direction on the type of development that is being promoted in each of these areas and the reasons why to guide potential developers and investors. It does not seek to be too prescriptive as this provides the flexibility to consider other schemes which fit with the overall objectives of the focus area. The council is working on a Huddersfield Area Action Plan which will provide detailed policies,	No Change The level of detail suggested is more appropriately dealt with through the emerging Huddersfield Area Action Plan.

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			<p>Gallery and Archive should remain focused in the Cultural Quarter, Simple provision of recycling bins, on town centre streets, is not enough. A strategy is required for working with local vendors to manage takeaway packaging and its disposal. Greater emphasis on Family Friendly activities, both indoors and outdoors, with relatively low-cost provision being a quick win, e.g. in all plans for the piazza, Emphasis on a major increase in town-centre living for people of all ages, not just students, A clearer statement on the dependency with the TransPennine Rail Upgrade Project, given that the latter is currently incompatible with the SPDs proposals for the stations west side, A far better safe & step-free pedestrian route - between bus and railway station platform level, A clear statement on plans for the George Hotel now that it is in Council ownership, A framework for action to improve property frontages, of both heritage properties and High Street outlets Inclusion of the Town Hall, as a concert and events venue, in the overall strategy for the Cultural Quarter Consideration of the threat to viability of the Open Market, particularly its retail element, given its distance from other retail areas and bus station, even if a free town bus were offered, A clear statement on how personal safety and security is to be addressed by changes in policy to deliver the safe environment necessary for the success of the project. Address the relationship between this SPD and, potentially conflicting plans, to enhance facilities at HD One around the Stadium, A statement of how the SPD will be owned, reviewed and updated over the next 10yrs.</p>	<p>allocations and guidance to support the delivery of the SPD and will address the Civic Society's points.</p>	

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SPD_ Hudd14	Huddersfield Civic Society	Vision	This needs to incorporate consideration of a broader range of arrival gateways not just the Bus & Railway Station. Major elements of parking (cars/electric vehicles & bicycles) where it is planned people will arrive need to be recognised as key gateways. Such parking needs to be smart, easy to find/use, provided with well signed convenient routing to and from the planned areas of focus.	It is considered that the issue of active travel linking arrivals to Huddersfield through a number of gateways and transport hubs is recognised already within the SPD. The car parking strategy which sits alongside the SPD will help to inform future active transport provision.	No Change Support for active travel is noted and welcomed. No further changes are considered necessary as the issues are identified in the transport section on page 47 and through the Performance Headlines - complement a parking strategy, encourage walking and cycling and strengthen arrival experience.
SPD_ Hudd15	Huddersfield Civic Society	35	Heritage Assets: We firmly believe the Town Hall and Library/Art Gallery, both being Grade 11 listed, should be added here.	Agree to the inclusion of the Town Hall and the Library/Art Gallery as these are locations/proposals which are referenced in the SPD.	Proposed Change Amend the text on page 35 to read: "The Grade II* Lawrence Batley Theatre and the Grade II listed Town Hall and Library/Art Gallery will also benefit from the creation of open space.
SPD_ Hudd16	Huddersfield Civic Society	35	Shop Fronts: If successfully implemented, this initiative can have a key impact on making the area more attractive and on brand. The initiative needs more prominence in the SPD	The Heritage Led Regeneration scheme and other grant funding is outlined at the top of page 35. It is not	No Change It is considered that detailed guidance on

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			together with a clear policy on shop front styles for the future which should be appropriate to the nature and theme of each area of focus.	considered appropriate to put in further references or text as these initiatives/funding opportunities may change over the life of the Blueprint SPD. The SPD is a high level policy framework to provide direction for the stakeholders of Huddersfield. It is considered that detailed policy guidance is more appropriately dealt with through the emerging Huddersfield Area Action Plan or other detailed design guidance produced to support the SPD.	shop fronts can be dealt with through the Huddersfield Area Action Plan or other design guidance produced to support town centre projects.
SPD_Hudd17	Huddersfield Civic Society	35	Shop Fronts: If successfully implemented, this initiative can have a key impact on making the area more attractive and on brand. The initiative needs more prominence in the SPD together with a clear policy on shop front styles for the future which should be appropriate to the nature and theme of each area of focus.	The Heritage Led Regeneration scheme and other grant funding is outlined at the top of page 35. It is not considered appropriate to put in further references or text as these initiatives/funding opportunities may change over the life of the Blueprint SPD.	No Change It is considered that detailed guidance on shop fronts can be dealt with through the Huddersfield Area Action Plan or other design guidance produced to support town centre projects.
SPD_Hudd18	Huddersfield Civic Society	35	The Yards: There is no strategic objective given for the yards - they are merely listed. The SPD needs to provide a framework for how the yards might be utilised to attract visitors and promote commercial and residential opportunities. It should be policy for yard entrances to be highlighted and improved, as part of current streetscape	The potential role of yards is set out pages 36 and 45. A further reference could be made under the Performance Headlines on page 45. Detailed policy guidance on the role and design of	Proposed Change Amend page 45 to insert reference to yards: "Grow

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			improvements, including a planned reduction in use of the yards for waste bins and parking.	yards could be included in the Huddersfield Area Action Plan.	the independent sector and the role of Yards
SPD_ Hudd19	Huddersfield Civic Society	35	Museum Library/Art Gallery and Archive facility: The inclusion of centralised OR dispersed options for the treatment of these facilities, within the SPD, suggests a lack of commitment to the Cultural Quarter which is unlikely to deliver the required understanding and focus. We firmly believe these facilities should remain centralised within the Cultural Quarter.	The SPD clearly identifies the library/art gallery and museum as a key concept within the cultural heart. The feasibility of providing an archive facility in this location is still being considered due to the space requirements and nature of storage of some of the items. For this reason, the SPD has provided the flexibility to look at alternative locations to accommodate the archive facility.	No Change It is considered that the SPD provides a clear focus that the library/art gallery and museum are a key element of the cultural heart but provides flexibility with regard to archive facilities.
SPD_ Hudd20	Huddersfield Civic Society	39	We agree the £30m City Fibre initiative will be a key factor in drawing digital technology businesses into Huddersfield in the future. The SPD should illustrate ways in which it is envisaged giga-bit connectivity will support each focus area.	The council is producing a Digital Strategy which will support the SPD.	No Change The details of the implementation and links for giga-bit connectivity will be identified in a the council's Digital Strategy.
SPD_ Hudd21	Huddersfield Civic Society	39	The sustainable heat & power plant project should be given more prominence. Such an important investment in environmental systems underlines the green credentials of the SPD. Potentially, the district heating project could be extended to incorporate an offer to developers to buy-in to the scheme rather than just available to the public sector (e.g. Kirklees Council and University buildings).	Agree to add additional text to the SPD relating to the extension of the heat network.	Proposed Change Add additional text to page 39 to read: "We will work with partners to facilitate connections where technically possible, as the network

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					develops, and the council encourages external partners to consider connecting to the network in future, where possible to do so."
SPD_ Hudd22	Huddersfield Civic Society	39	We are pleased to note a project to introduce green streets with tree planting. As you will appreciate, our members fully support this initiative and were somewhat disappointed by the failure to submit a bid under Phase 1 of the Urban Trees Funding Scheme. We presume one or more bids for Phase 2 are now underway and confirm our previous offer of support remains open.	Support for Green Streets and for the Urban Trees Funding Scheme is noted and welcomed.	No Change Support noted and welcomed.
SPD_ Hudd23	Huddersfield Civic Society	39	The planned provision of recycling bins on the towns streets is essential given the current low levels of recycling achieved by Kirklees. It is essential the roll-out is introduced in conjunction with retailers, as long-term success will only be achieved by working together to reposition takeaway packaging and its disposal, as successfully trialled in Leeds city centre ("Leeds by Example"). The selection of, and policy around use of recycling bins, represents an early engagement opportunity with the recently approved BID Programme.	Support for recycling bins noted and welcomed. Potential joint working with the Huddersfield BID has been referred to Town Centre Team and to Operational Team.	No Change Support noted and welcomed.
SPD_ Hudd24	Huddersfield Civic Society	41	We concur that building civic pride, in town centre residents and visitors, will be key to achieving a step towards changing the perception of quality and visitor appeal. Whilst we fully support the headings included, we believe it appropriate to include others below: Enhancing the presentation of our heritage assets by repair and shop	It is supported that the SPD contains reference to heritage assets and shop front initiatives, cleanliness and play. It is considered that page 35 addresses the comments on heritage with reference to heritage led regeneration	Proposed Changes Amend page 9 to insert a reference to Playful

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			front initiatives; Policy led service objectives regarding street cleanliness and general streetscape hygiene Play areas for young and old town centre visitors alike, as envisaged by the Councils consultation in September 2019 with Playful Anywhere.	to address shop fronts and buildings. Page 9 of the SPD sets out the council's position about getting the basics right including street cleansing as part of the Town Centre Operational Plan. It is agreed that further reference to play should be made under the heading of Family Friendly.	Huddersfield to read: "Alongside the Blueprint SPD we have or will produce further guidance or plans such as the Huddersfield Town Centre Design Framework, Playful Huddersfield or design briefs to help deliver specific projects." Amend page 41 under Performance Headlines: Family Friendly to include reference to play to read: " Establish Huddersfield as an inclusive, family friendly town including the introduction of a range of spaces/facilities for safe play."
SPD_ Hudd25	Huddersfield Civic Society	43	The Society fully recognises the importance of attracting residents to live in the town centre. However, there is a general concern that the level of town centre student accommodation is excessive. The SPD should aim to develop accommodation for a broader demographic range	The support for attracting residents to live in the town centre is noted and welcomed. Page 43 of the SPD outlines that the council is continuing to monitor the levels of student accommodation and has a performance headline aimed at	No Change It is considered that the need to look at a range of residential accommodation is clearly outlined in the SPD.

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			and incorporate clear guidance (possibly as a proportion) on the appropriate balance of student occupancy.	diversifying the local housing tenure. The council has commissioned a Strategic Market Housing Assessment for Huddersfield to undertake more about the housing market. The evidence from this document can inform detailed policies/allocations as part of the emerging Huddersfield Area Action Plan.	Subject to the outcomes of further studies, the Huddersfield Area Action Plan provides the opportunity to define specific policies and/or residential allocations.
SPD_ Hudd26	Huddersfield Civic Society	47	Whilst HCS fully supports the Council's ambition, concerning the creation of a throughway joining St Georges Square to a redeveloped area surrounding the Warehouse, it is difficult to see how this can be planned in given the lack of influence over the owners and lack of integration between this plan and the Rail Upgrade Project. It is essential that the ambitions within the SPD be acknowledged, and accommodating construction be built into the Rail Upgrade Project at the planning stage.	It is acknowledged that this is a long term project but the council is already engaged with the owners and the Trans Pennine Upgrade which is referenced in the SPD. Part of having a SPD is to put the project and others into the public arena to demonstrate the council's aspirations for the town in order to work with other organisations to secure delivery.	No Change There is on-going work on the proposal which will be monitored through the Town Centre Delivery programme
SPD_ Hudd27	Huddersfield Civic Society	47	The improvements to the Bus and Rail Station links, represent little more than improved signage and changed streetscape. We are concerned this is insufficient to make the interchanging of travellers sufficiently attractive and calls into question the proposal to re-purpose the bus station car park as a railway station car park. The distance involved is not insignificant, is uncovered and in places involves significant inclines, making the transfer particularly unattractive to regular commuters, elderly or disabled travellers or those with luggage. We still believe a covered	As part of the redevelopment of the Station, the council will consider all options for connections to the town centre which will be considered as part of the design concept and subject to public consultation.	No Change Details on the design will be considered as part of the design concept.

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			escalator linking platform 2, direct to the bridge above, would be preferable.		
SPD_ Hudd28	Huddersfield Civic Society	62	The planned upgrade of the TransPennine link offers a great opportunity to influence rail travellers views of Huddersfield. As such, HCS strongly supports the plans to create new direct links between St Georges Square and Warehouse together with the creation of a new western approach with a new and efficient pick-up and drop-off point. This will: eliminate the current traffic bottlenecks in St Georges Square remove unnecessary traffic from the iconic Square, reducing congestion and air pollution free up car parking, to the rear of the George Hotel (possibly accessed from John William Street), making the hotels redevelopment more practical and saleable. Include within the section on George Hotel potential allocation of car parking.	Support for new direct links between St Georges Square and Warehouse noted and welcomed.	Proposed Change Amend final paragraph of text on George Hotel on page 68 to include reference to improved access to read: "St Georges Square could be enhanced to host events supported by improved pedestrian/cyclist access and additional parking at St George's Warehouse."
SPD_ Hudd29	Huddersfield Civic Society	66	Seemless integration: To aid users of the station, we suggest the introduction of bus departure boards (like rail departure boards) showing the nearest pick up point and next departures based at rail station exits. Such a facility is already provided at some other stations and would make a significant difference to the practicality of using joined up public transport. Clearly, the reverse facility should be incorporated in the Bus Station. Incorporate into SPD provision of departure boards at both locations.	The provision of provision of departure boards at the bus and rail stations is noted. This however, is too detailed to be included in the SPD which is intended as a high level framework to identify ambitions for the town centre and direct development. The comments can be addressed as part of the details of the scheme and have been forwarded to the council's Major Projects and Infrastructure team.	No Change The SPD is not the appropriate framework to deal with the level of detail outlined.

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SPD_ Hudd30	Huddersfield Civic Society	67	St Georges warehouse - HCS fully supports the proposed concept of split conversion with the lower levels as parking and higher levels as mixed use. The introduction of a staircase and lift to connect the new station platform level, to an exit onto New North Parade, would provide a much-needed covered link towards the bus station. The reference to George Hotel requires updating. The society supports the reinstatement of the Rugby league Museum in its original home as a tourist attraction.	Support for St George's Warehouse and links to Rail and Bus Station noted and welcomed. Agree to update references to George Hotel	<p>Proposed Change</p> <p>Amend text on page 55 to read: "The building is currently vacant and presents a prime opportunity for redevelopment to provide hotel and/or residential and /or office use with the potential for ground floor food and drink provision and other uses which support the vibrancy of the town centre."</p> <p>Amend text on page 68 to read: "The council has acquired the George Hotel and two options have been tested for the site. Both include A3 food and drink on the ground floor. It is considered important to bring activity onto St Georges Square and the welcome</p>

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					to Huddersfield. On the floors above, offices and a refurbished 60 bed hotel have been considered together with other activities that support the vibrancy of the town centre. St Georges Square could be enhanced to host events supported by improved pedestrian/cyclist access and additional parking at St George's Warehouse."
SPD_ Hudd31	Huddersfield Civic Society	69	Northumberland St We agree the architecture on this street and its link to both Southgate and the Open Market, make this a logical extension of the Heritage Quarter.	Support for text on Northumberland Street noted and welcomed.	No Change Support noted and welcomed.
SPD_ Hudd32	Huddersfield Civic Society	70	Estate Buildings The Society fully supports the re-development of the heritage Estate Buildings as high-quality residential units. However, we believe it would be a mistake for the conversion to be aimed at the student market. We also question the rationale for the inclusion of retail units. If retail units are to be incorporated, the SPD framework should focus on a limited number of premium stores.	Support for the redevelopment of Estate Buildings noted and welcomed. The preferred use for Estate Buildings is office development but the SPD allows consideration of other options. The text has been amended to make this clearer. The council agrees to delete reference to student accommodation.	Proposed Change Amend page 70 to read: "The preferred use for Estate Building is office development. Where it can be justified, mixed-use office and residential conversion with the potential for some

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					ground floor ancillary retail (A1/A3) uses will be considered.”
SPD_ Hudd33	Huddersfield Civic Society	71	Southgate It is important this site be brought back into use as soon as possible. Given the efforts being made to enhance the nearby town centre it is imperative that any development has an open aspect with one or more areas of green open space. Whether it should be ~permeable for visitors to the stadium remains an open question as to do so may well create longer term security issues. Incorporate into SPD commitment to green spaces in any development. Reconsider the security implications of suggesting this area should be permeable.	Support for bringing Southgate back into use is noted and welcomed. Given the relationship of Southgate with the town centre and the stadium, it is considered appropriate to retain the reference to permeability. However, future planning applications for the site will be assessed against the Kirklees Local Plan which contains policies on design, green spaces and security issues which provides a mechanism to assess the impact of the scheme.	No Change It is considered that the Kirklees Local Plan policies provide the mechanism to address the concerns raised.
SPD_ Hudd34	Huddersfield Civic Society	75	St Peters Gardens “ The proposal to protect a revitalised garden area, with flexible commercial units within the surrounding heritage buildings, is generally well received by members. Flexible accommodation with state-of-the-art connectivity should represent an attractive offer for the sector.	Support for the St Peter's Garden's proposals on page 75 are noted and welcomed.	No Change Support noted and welcomed
SPD_ Hudd35	Huddersfield Civic Society	76	As already notified to planning, HCS does not support the creation of car parking within the grounds of St Peters Church and believe a more logical solution is the assignment of parking (within the Lord St car park) for church use. The apparent introduction of a new building on the site of the current Lord St car park (page 61) is a concern. Given the importance of parking for the proposed	Comments on the potential for a car park at St Peter's Church are noted. This has been the subject of a planning application. The Parking Strategy will support the SPD and guide decisions on the location of car parks. Due to the size and constrains of Lord Street,	No Change The car park has approval as part of a planning application.

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			re-development of the Square (and for the expanded Open Market), we can only conclude this represents potential construction of a multi-storey car park. Clarification on this point should be introduced into the SPD and if a Multi-storey is to be part of the strategy clear guidance on design, to avoid conflict with the general setting of the square, should be included.	it is unlikely to be a multi storey carpark.	
SPD_ Hudd36	Huddersfield Civic Society	75	We have faced a number of requests for clarity surrounding the retention (or otherwise) of the bus-stops, adjacent to St Peters Gardens, given an absence of buses and shelters from the graphics. It is essential for the suggested focus that convenient access to public transport be close at hand. Some clarity on this point is required in the SPD, particularly in connection with linking in the re-developed Open Market.	The identification of bus stops within the SPD is too detailed for this document and is the responsibility of the bus providers. As part of the development of schemes, the council will continue to work with partners to secure access by public transport to the town centre. The SPD contains references to the need for good connections both to and within the town centre and has a focus on improved pedestrian and cycle links.	No Change This issue is too detailed for the SPD.
SPD_ Hudd37	Huddersfield Civic Society	81	Post Office & Car Park Whilst HCS fully support re-development of the Post Office and Sorting Office, we would look for any redevelopment to retain the existing frontage of the Post Office on Northumberland St. SPD to incorporate a commitment on the retention of the Northumberland frontage.	Agree to including reference to the retention of the post office frontage.	Proposed Change Amend page 81 to read: "The Post Office and sorting office in St Peters could provide the opportunity to deliver bespoke new residential development. The Post Office counter has recently moved to New

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					<p>Street, and the old building on its own could deliver in the region of 60 one and two bed apartments. If the sorting office is also vacated, this could provide around a further 60 units and offer a rare opportunity to create a new artisan living space. The Post office occupies a prominent position on Northumberland Street. The frontage and sides of the building should be retained as a conversion with new build on the sorting office site.</p>
SPD_ Hudd38	Huddersfield Civic Society	78	<p>Open Market HCS agrees it is unlikely the re-purposed town centre will be capable of sustaining two markets and that the plans to re-purpose Queensgate make the obvious choice to focus on the Open Market beyond St Peters Square. However the plans as presently drawn, do not in our view address the extent the Open Market is disconnected from the main retail areas and the bus station. We envisage the SPD addressing the significant challenges in making the Open Market location a viable location for retailers, particularly since the closure of the nearby Crown Post Office. This potentially includes</p>	<p>The SPD identifies a number of ways to ensure that the Open market is accessible to users and to businesses. It identifies opportunities for parking and opportunities for pop up events in the area from the market to St Peters to draw visitors between the market and the town. Text included in the St Peter's focus group also recognises improvements to the public realm can benefit not only the area itself but</p>	<p>No Change</p> <p>It is considered that the SPD provides clear recognition of the need to support the market proposals through a range of measures including pop up events, parking, improved public realm and connectivity.</p>

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			commitments on a regular free town bus service were to be operated and some form of linkage with wood St as a feed route.	again draw people to the market. Detailed proposals for the market will provide a further opportunity to consider links and access.	
SPD_Hudd39	Huddersfield Civic Society	78	The proposal to incorporate an internal canopy within the existing market hall would require careful detailing, potentially making significant use of glass in order to avoid adversely affecting the Grade 11* canopy. Successful examples of such a development may be seen elsewhere, eg at Stockport.	The comments on the design of the internal canopy of the market are noted and welcomed.	No Change Comments noted and welcomed.
SPD_Hudd40	Huddersfield Civic Society	78	The concept of short term lets for display cases, through to full stalls, may work well as a 2nd hand recycling offer, similar in principle to the Elsecar Heritage Centre, where vendors showcase items for resale/re-cycling. Inspiration on this approach may also be found in Eskiltuna, Sweden - a former industrial town that has become the showcase for re-use and recycling of "second life" items. Incorporation of the concept into the SPD.	Comments on a potential theme for the market are noted. It is considered that this is too detailed to be incorporated into the SPD but will be considered as part of the design process of the market.	No Change The concept is too detailed for inclusion in the SPD.
SPD_Hudd41	Huddersfield Civic Society	82	Wood St“ - We agree what presently represents a backwater offers significant potential if business can be encouraged to focus their offer on to Wood Street. If re-developed along its full length this could generate a pedestrian route towards the Open Market. Build on this concept to create a flow of visitors to the Open Market.	Comments on Wood Street noted and welcomed.	No Change Comments noted and welcomed.
SPD_Hudd42	Huddersfield Civic Society	85	Continuing to focus retail into a more structured and independent offering is a sensible strategy where shoppers are rapidly shifting to on-line offerings. The SPD should provide a framework for action on property frontages,	The SPD will be supported by a Town Centre Delivery Programme which will	No Change The co-ordination of projects will be

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			where retail relocates from the South to the North, to avoid an impression of dereliction in the South and to create a more consistent brand in the North.	co-ordinate the programmes outlined in the delivery section of the SPD.	undertaken through the Town Centre Delivery Programme.
SPD_ Hudd43	Huddersfield Civic Society	85	Whilst there is reference to the yards, within this area, more emphasis and direction on their re-development needs to be included in the SPD. For example, re-developed yards can be used to create areas of interest and exploration to meet the Councils expectations around increased dwell times. Incorporate into the SPD more guidance & encouragement of redevelopment of the Yards to meet dwell time objectives.	The SPD will be supported by a suite of planning guidance such as the Huddersfield Area Action Plan and design guidance. Detailed policies and objectives for the Yards would be better dealt with through these mechanisms. An additional reference to Yards has been included within the Performance Headlines for Leisure to demonstrate a further commitment to their role in the town centre.	Proposed Change Amend Page 45 Performance headlines to include reference to the potential of Yards as part of leisure offer.
SPD_ Hudd44	Huddersfield Civic Society	87	North - Clearly, the planned investment in improved streetscape and flexibility should act as a kick start for a revitalised retail offering. However, the acid test will be the volume and quality of outlets filling the vacant units. A more flexible approach to leases (where Kirklees Council owns the appropriate interest) could give new businesses a way on to the High St with a reduced upfront commitment, but with surety of longer tenure should their venture prove successful. Such a strategy would support the Councils objective of developing a culture of pop up shops and start-up businesses. Consideration of the concept with comment added to SPD.	The council is actively working to support businesses. The measures outlined are however, outside of the planning remit and therefore, not considered appropriate to identify in the SPD.	No Change The issues identified are not within the planning remit.

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SPD_ Hudd45	Huddersfield Civic Society	90	South Whilst we have concerns about the level of student accommodation within the town centre, we support the identification of this area as one for long-term residential development. Re-development of the former Co-op extension with potential follow on developments opposite, on the soon to be vacated Police HQ and the Wilko site would develop a meaningful residential neighbourhood.	Support for residential development at the former Co-op is noted and welcomed.	No Change Support is noted and welcomed.
SPD_ Hudd46	Huddersfield Civic Society	91	Queensgate The ambition of this proposal offers a step change in the appearance and draw of the town centre with its sizeable open green space and focus on cultural offerings. The commitment to a family friendly environment is essential if this is to drive the re-purposing of the town centre. Security will be a key requirement together with quality entertainment facilities for children suitable for various ages, as covered in the Councils partnering with Playful Anywhere in September 2019. The SPD needs to incorporate a security policy which supports the ambition of repurposing this area as a family friendly location.	The SPD will be supported by a suite of planning guidance which will contain detailed policies to implement the SPD. These include Huddersfield Area Action Plan and design guidance. The Kirklees Safer Communities Partnership is also working on joint actions to improve the safety of the town centre including additional Street Rangers and funding for the Police. Opportunities for play will be considered through Playful Huddersfield.	No Change Supporting documents and the role of the Kirklees Safer Communities Partnership are the mechanisms for detailed policies and actions on security.
SPD_ Hudd47	Huddersfield Civic Society	98	Given the variability of Pennine weather it is essential such facilities include a mix of indoor and outdoor activities with cafes, bars and entertainment, alongside the facilities for the young, making it practical for the whole family to spend time relaxing. The SPD should incorporate a recognition of the issues inherent in a large open space and commit to a design which will avoid creation of a wind tunnel, incorporate areas of shelter yet retain the all important direct sunlight - That's easy then!!	The comments on the design of the Cultural Heart Town Park are noted and welcomed. The SPD provides a framework for the scheme to come forward. The detail will be subject to further public consultation where the detail of the scheme and options will be explored in detail. Opportunities	No Change The detail of the Cultural Heart will be subject to additional public consultation.

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				for play will be considered through Playful Huddersfield.	
SPD_ Hudd48	Huddersfield Civic Society	95	HCS is pleased to see removal of the large hotel option and formal recognition of the need for a replacement multi-storey car park on the current site. As previously stated, for the Cultural Quarter to be a success, it needs to be able to cater for large influxes of visitors to events. The current location is ideal for this type of parking as the access allows vehicles to enter and leave quickly via the ring road.	Support for the revised proposals at the Queensgate Gateway are noted and welcomed.	No Change Support noted and welcomed.
SPD_ Hudd49	Huddersfield Civic Society	93	Whilst the Town Hall is included within the sphere of this focus area, little is made of the facility and its intended future use. Given its long heritage as a concert venue, its seating capacity and regular events programme, the SPD needs to include this facility and its future role.	The Town Hall is referenced on pages 35, 45 and 93 of the SPD and includes reference to its role as an attraction, the opportunity to open up views and connections to the Town Centre from the Cultural Heart. There are no plans to change the function of this building and as such no further text is considered necessary to include in the SPD.	No Change References are already included within the SPD.
SPD_ Hudd50	Huddersfield Civic Society	35	HCS support the retention of the Library and Art Gallery within its existing location, with appropriate renovation and addition of new features, rather than distribution of such facilities around the centre. Eliminate the option from the SPD for the dispersal of these facilities.	The council is undertaking feasibility studies to determine whether the Library/Art Gallery/Museum and Archiving can all be accommodated within an extended existing location. The volume of archiving materials may require alternative locations. Until feasibility work is completed, it is	No Change The existing text provides options for the future delivery of an enhanced cultural offer.

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				considered that the option should be retained.	
SPD_ Hudd51	Huddersfield Civic Society	92	Bates Mill is a welcome addition to this focus area as it adds a different form of event facility, potentially more focused on events with student appeal. Whilst slightly remote from the centre, the proposed new multi-storey car park means this is still well within a practical distance provided signage, improved lighting and event coach parking (along Queen St South/Milford St) is incorporated. Incorporate within the SPD signage, improved lighting and event coach parking (along Queen St South/Milford St).	It is considered that reference to signage and lighting should be referenced in the SPD. In terms parking, this will be considered in the council's parking Strategy which sits alongside the SPD.	Proposed Change Amend page 9 to include reference to signage and lighting to read: "Key messages from the consultation was that while there was a high level of support for the ambitions of the Blueprint, there needed to be a focus on getting the basics right such as better maintenance of our town centre, cleaner streets and increased perception of safety. These issues will be addressed as part of a Town centre Operational Plan. Improved signage and lighting within the town will also be considered to enhance the look and perception

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					of safety within the town centre.
SPD_ Hudd52	Huddersfield Civic Society	100	As a Society we remain concerned about the potential re-purposing of the listed Market Hall. As mentioned elsewhere, we acknowledge that the town centre will struggle to support two markets. As we fed back earlier, there is broad support for the creation of a signature facility which focuses on one of the strengths of our multicultural community. This would take a form similar to the Market in Altrincham, in London and the Time Out venue in Lisbon (to name but a few). The concept involves showcasing of all manner of hot and cold food and drink, with a shared central seating facility where diners wander round the various food stalls selecting what they want and then dine in groups. With the inclusion of a facility for live music, feature lighting and the provision of craft beer/wine/tea and coffee vendors this type of use is well suited to the design of the building, is consistent with the aim of encouraging small independent traders, and combines them into a single branded offering which could become a key element of the Huddersfield Brand. Incorporate this concept within the SPD.	The comments on design and use of the market are noted and welcomed. The council is currently working on options for the market and their feasibility. This will be subject to public consultation. This level of detail is not appropriate within the SPD.	No Change The level of detail is not appropriate for the SPD.
SPD_ Hudd53	Huddersfield Civic Society	100	As a Society we remain concerned about the potential re-purposing of the listed Market Hall. As mentioned elsewhere, we acknowledge that the town centre will struggle to support two markets. As we fed back earlier, there is broad support for the creation of a signature facility which focuses on one of the strengths of our multicultural community. This would take a form similar to the Market in	The comments on design and use of the market are noted and welcomed. The council is currently working on options for the market and their feasibility. This will be subject to public consultation. This level of detail is not appropriate within the SPD.	No Change The level of detail is not appropriate for the SPD.

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SPD_ Hudd54	Huddersfield Civic Society	100	<p>As a Society we remain concerned about the potential re-purposing of the listed Market Hall. As mentioned elsewhere, we acknowledge that the town centre will struggle to support two markets. As we fed back earlier, there is broad support for the creation of a signature facility which focuses on one of the strengths of our multicultural community. This would take a form similar to the Market in Altrincham, in London and the Time Out venue in Lisbon (to name but a few). The concept involves showcasing of all manner of hot and cold food and drink, with a shared central seating facility where diners wander round the various food stalls selecting what they want and then dine in groups. With the inclusion of a facility for live music, feature lighting and the provision of craft beer/wine/tea and coffee vendors this type of use is well suited to the design of the building, is consistent with the aim of encouraging small independent traders, and combines</p>	<p>The comments on design and use of the market are noted and welcomed. The council is currently working on options for the market and their feasibility. This level of detail is not appropriate within the SPD.</p>	<p>No Change</p> <p>The level of detail is not appropriate for the SPD.</p>

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SPD_ Hudd56	Huddersfield Civic Society	102	Re-thinking the Ring Road - There is, without question, significant benefits to be gained from this proposal. However, the extent to which this can be implemented without resulting in significant additional congestion and pollution around the town centre must be carefully balanced. If journeys through a section of the ring	The council has a comprehensive programme of Transport projects aimed at improving links into and out of the town centre and to improve movement around the ring road. Each of the schemes has or will be subject	No Change Detailed transport schemes will be subject to separate consultation

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			road are curtailed, an inescapable result will be the creation of longer journeys due to traffic having to go the longer way around the ring-road to get to certain destinations. Many of the districts roads converge on the ring road with the result that through traffic, heading to and from the motorway has no alternative other than to travel around the ring road. Breaching the ring at one point will load up the remaining elements of the ring and focus pollution (from queueing traffic) along its length repositioning current poor air quality hot spots and, to an extent, exacerbating these problems rather than addressing them. Huddersfield is one of very few towns with a successful ring road. The SPD needs to include further scope for consultation on this concept before a decision is made.	to public consultation. The SPD references this as an area of focus. The SPD also references the increased focus on public transport to reduce congestion and pollution and the role of App technology to support the flow of traffic and assist with parking.	but will be used to support the SPD.
SPD_ Hudd57	Huddersfield Civic Society	111	Kingsgate/King Street This re-development is fairly well understood, with the proposed cinema being a welcome addition. Whilst the public realm improvements to Cross Church St are a welcome improvement, we believe the SPD should include a policy linking this initiative with improvements to shop frontages to develop a better-quality feel for the area. SPD to incorporate a shop front improvement framework.	The SPD will be supported by a suite of planning tools including the Huddersfield Area Action Plan and design guidance to improve the appearance of the town centre including shop front guidance and signage.	No Change Detailed shop front guidance will be delivered through other supporting planning guidance documents.
SPD_ Hudd58	Huddersfield Civic Society	106	Civic Quarter - As already suggested, HCS believe re-development of part of the town centre, in a form similar to those adopted as part of the Kelham Island regeneration programme for Sheffield, offers a fantastic opportunity to introduce affordable housing structured to foster a local community. A vibrant community permanently residing in the town will change the feel of the town centre.	The future potential use for the Civic Quarter is noted and welcomed.	No Change The SPD already references residential as a potential future use. The type of accommodation will be assessed when this

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					project is likely to come forward.
SPD_ Hudd59	Huddersfield Civic Society	107	Whilst we support the upgrade of the bus station, we do not believe the bus station car park to be a practical alternative to improved parking at the rail station unless well-lit, covered and step-free access is to be provided along the entire route to the station.	The comments on the upgrade of the bus station is noted and welcomed. The SPD makes reference to ensuring that the town centre is accessible and safe. The detail of the design of the bus station upgrade will be subject to future public consultation.	No Change The detail of the bus station upgrade is subject to future public consultation.
SPD_ Hudd60		16	Re-thinking the Ring Road There are, without question, significant benefits to be gained from this proposal. However, the extent to which this can be implemented without resulting in significant additional congestion and pollution around the town centre must be carefully balanced and based on data. Some journeys through a section of the ring road can be curtailed by a mixture of time restrictions and capacity reductions (and possibly restrictions on polluting vehicles) to the benefit of pedestrians, cyclists and to the town's economy and cultural life. By downgrading a section of the ring road to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists, it is likely some traffic will be displaced. Firstly, commuters will be encouraged by improved services to switch to rail and bus services. Secondly, some drivers will find alternative routes that avoid the town centre or even re-time their journeys. Thirdly, the improved digital connectivity in Greater Huddersfield (City Fibre) will for some reduce the need to travel. Many of the district's road converge on the Ring Road, including through traffic, much of it originating from	The comments on the ring road and implications for journey times are noted and welcomed. The SPD contains a section on re-thinking the ring road page 102, and other transport schemes around the town centre aimed at improving the flows of traffic such as the A62 Smart Corridor page 116. It also references the priority for improved public transport, pedestrian and cycle links. Each of the scheme has or will be subject to public consultation and the council is working on a movement strategy to bring this information together. It is considered that this is the mechanism for dealing with the detail of the schemes rather than the SPD.	No Change A framework is set out within the existing SPD which will be supported by a detailed Movement Strategy.

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			<p>or going to M62 or M1. Even if over the coming decade some of this traffic could be adequately accommodated by alternative routes, downgrading parts of the ring by enhancing facilities for pedestrian and cyclist access (at least in the peak hours) will add the loading on the remainder of the ring at peak. Although for others the result of changes will create longer journeys due to traffic having to go the longer way around the ring-road to get to certain destinations, this may not add materially to the time taken if suitable capacity redesigns are done to the ring road layout. Faced with the challenge of reducing emissions from transport and improving the link between town centre and university I believe changes can be made that are a net sum gain. With sufficient planning of alternative routes, adequate pre-notification, and parallel improvements to other modes of transport, such changes would have significant beneficial effects on the life of the town centre including for those for whom the Centre is their destination. To secure an effective contribute to the district's objectives to reduce carbon emissions from transport and improve air quality (as part of the Climate Change strategy under development by WYCA for Zero Carbon 2038) will require bold action. The Blueprint outlines the first modest steps to such changes to the ring road and I support this. NB As a director of the Civic Society this is a personal view - a "minority opinion". ADD EXPLANATION TO Downgrading the ring road By downgrading a section of the ring road to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists, it is likely some traffic will be displaced. Firstly, commuters will be encouraged by</p>		

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SPD_ Hudd61		15	<p>Re-thinking the Ring Road There are, without question, significant benefits to be gained from this proposal. However, the extent to which this can be implemented without resulting in significant additional congestion and pollution around the town centre must be carefully balanced and based on data. Some journeys through a section of the ring road can be curtailed by a mixture of time restrictions and capacity reductions (and possibly restrictions on polluting vehicles) to the benefit of pedestrians, cyclists and to the town's economy and cultural life. By downgrading a section of the ring road to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists, it is likely some</p>	<p>The comments on the ring road and implications for journey times are noted and welcomed. The SPD contains a section on re-thinking the ring road page 102, and other transport schemes around the town centre aimed at improving the flows of traffic such as the A62 Smart Corridor page 116. It also references the priority for improved public transport, pedestrian and cycle links. Each of the scheme has or will be subject to public</p>	<p>No Change</p> <p>A framework is set out within the existing SPD which will be supported by a detailed Movement Strategy.</p>

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SPD_Hudd62	Theatres Trust	General	<p>We are pleased that Lawrence Batley Theatre is referenced frequently throughout the document along with it being an integral element of the benefits derived from Objectives 1 and 2. The theatre is a key cultural and heritage asset for Huddersfield which helps draw people into the town. Theatres and cultural facilities more generally are being increasingly recognised as key to the success and vitality of town centres, especially as the retail market comes under increasing change and challenge. ADD EXPLANATION TO Downgrading the ring road By downgrading a section of the ring road to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists, it is likely some traffic will be displaced. Firstly, commuters will be encouraged by improved services to switch to rail and bus services. Secondly, some drivers will find alternative routes that avoid the town centre or even re-time their journeys. Thirdly, the improved digital connectivity in Greater Huddersfield (City Fibre) will for some reduce the need to travel. Many of the district's road converge on the Ring Road, including through traffic, much of it originating from or going to M62 or M1. Even if over the coming decade some of this traffic could be adequately accommodated by alternative routes, downgrading parts of the ring by enhancing facilities for pedestrian and cyclist access (at least in the peak hours) will add the loading on the remainder of the ring at peak. Although for others the result of changes will create longer journeys due to traffic</p>	Support for the references to the Lawrence Batley Theatre noted and welcomed. See previous comments on downgrading the ring-road.	No Change Support for the references to the Lawrence Batley Theatre noted and welcomed.

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			having to go the longer way around the ring-road to get to certain destinations, this may not add materially to the time taken if suitable capacity redesigns are done to the ring road layout.		
SPD_Hudd63	Theatres Trust	Objective 1	We are supportive of Objective 1, in particular that it seeks to improve links to the Lawrence Batley Theatre and that cultural uses more generally are promoted. Better integrating the theatre and the wider town centre across Queensgate will be mutually beneficial and reduce the negative impacts of severance.	Support for improving the links to the Lawrence Batley Theatre with cultural uses and across the wider town centre is noted and welcomed.	No Change Support for improving the links to the Lawrence Batley Theatre with cultural uses and across the wider town centre is noted and welcomed.
SPD_Hudd64	Theatres Trust	Objective 2	We are also supportive of Objective 2, which again will better enable movement to/from Lawrence Batley Theatre and the rest of the town centre and university.	Support for Objective 2 which will enable better movement between the Lawrence Batley Theatre, town centre and university is noted and welcomed.	No Change Support for Objective 2 which will enable better movement between the Lawrence Batley Theatre, town centre and university is noted and welcomed.
SPD_Hudd65	Castle Hill Association	9	I feel I must comment at the lack of focus within the Blueprint SPD in connection with personal security in the town centre. The SPD includes statements such as: achieving an actual and perceived improvement in the feeling of security making the streets attractive to new investment and business ensuring the centre is family friendly operating the town centre later into the evening All of these commitments require better street security than is	It is recognised that security is an issue for the town centre but requires a partnership approach including the council, police and the Huddersfield BID to put in place the right guidance and actions. This is being co-ordinated through the Kirklees Safer Communities Partnership which has	Proposed Change Amend page 9 to include reference to signage and lighting to read:"Key messages from the consultation was that

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			<p>presently the case (particularly at night) in Huddersfield town centre. Fundamentally, personal security is a core theme to achievement of the majority of goals within the Blueprint. It is concerning that there is presently no content on the subject. Given the Blueprint SPD is intended to be a planning policy document covering the next 10 years of change it must include: clear commitments on the design of street lighting and furniture to reduce security risks, commitments on the provision of late-night transport pick-up locations which are sensibly located and adequately lit, the extent of CCTV enhancements (if any), a clear policy that future developments will be required to address the provision of a secure environment for their residents, visitors and/or consumers (as appropriate), consideration of the merits of boots on the ground initiatives such as Police patrols, and /or Council street wardens on litter and antisocial behaviour patrol Without this sort of commitment in the document where is the encouragement to invest, only to find security issues limit footfall. Adoption of a policy requiring new retail and commercial outlets to plan in security methods which minimise their impact on the general streetscape, with possible grant funding to eliminate some of the worst existing examples, would significantly reduce the perception of any personal safety concerns.</p>	<p>already introduced additional Street rangers and funding committed for the Police. The work of the partnership will support the aspirations of the SPF for a safer town. No Change proposed for security as the actions to deliver a safer town are being implemented through the Kirklees Safer Communities Partnership. However, see proposed change to signage and lighting.</p>	<p>while there was a high level of support for the ambitions of the Blueprint, there needed to be a focus on getting the basics right such as better maintenance of our town centre, cleaner streets and increased perception of safety. These issues will be addressed as part of a Town centre Operational Plan. Improved signage and lighting within the town will also be considered to enhance the look and perception of safety within the town centre.</p>
SPD_ Hudd66	Theatres Trust	Objective 3	<p>The Trust is supportive of this objective. It is important that a flexible approach is taken to change of use from retail and other commercial uses where the existing use is no longer required, and that temporary use is encouraged. There are examples around the UK of theatres and cinemas for</p>	<p>Support for objective 3 is noted and welcomed.</p>	<p>No Change</p> <p>Support for objective 3 is noted and welcomed.</p>

Appendix 2 – Schedule of Huddersfield Town Centre Blueprint SPD Comments and Proposed Changes

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			example utilising even relatively small spaces such as former shops, banks and cafes. This can add interest and vitality to town centres and minimise the impact of vacancy.		
SPD_Hudd67	Historic England	All document	<p>Thank you for consulting Historic England on the Huddersfield Blueprint, along with the accompanying Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Determination Statement and Screening Opinion. Historic England is the Government's statutory adviser on all matters relating to the historic environment in England. We are a non-departmental public body established under the National Heritage Act 1983 and sponsored by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). We champion and protect England's historic places, providing expert advice to local planning authorities, developers, owners and communities to help ensure our historic environment is properly understood, enjoyed and cared for. Historic England publishes guidance and advice on a range of topics relating to the historic environment including: Planning advice* on a range of subject matters relevant to the preparation of SPD and other planning documents: https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/planning-system/#Section5Text Resources to support place making and regeneration: https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/place-making-and-regeneration/#Section5Text Historic England is supportive of the approach taken by Kirklees Council in the preparation of the Huddersfield Town Centre Blueprint (the Blueprint) in putting heritage at the forefront of considerations on the future of the town. Huddersfield</p>	Supporting comments from Historic England on the context, tone and level of detail within the SPD with regard to historic assets is noted and welcomed.	<p>No Change</p> <p>Supporting comments noted and welcomed.</p>

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			<p>town centre contains a wealth of heritage assets, with the Conservation Areas covering much of the area that is the focus of the Huddersfield Blueprint. The proposals contained within the Blueprint, taken as a whole, should help to conserve and enhance the town centres historic environment and assist in the removal of the Huddersfield Conservation Area from the at-risk register. The Blueprint generally provides a sufficient level of detail to provide some certainty to landowners, businesses and the public alike on what changes are proposed to take place in, and to effectively guide decisions on planning applications in the town centre. The positive language used to address the historic environment in the document is welcomed, and the Blueprint clearly recognises the benefits and opportunities offered by the towns history and historic assets as something to be treasured, cared for and enhanced. The Blueprint provides a comprehensive coverage of potential development and regeneration opportunities in the town, reacting to the issues and challenges facing the town centre and developing proposals which can address them. It reflects on the quality of the historic environment and recognises the benefits that its regeneration and repurposing represent, whether in the Victorian Chambers, Yards or Modernist Queensgate Market. Historic England would like to be involved in the development of these proposals, on an area and site-specific basis, from an early stage. An early understanding of how the historic environment relates to individual projects can help to save time and money in the long run and also to highlight opportunities to enhance projects. There may also be</p>		

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			<p>opportunities for our national specialist teams to work in collaboration with Kirklees Council on specific issues, for example developing exemplar energy efficiency measures for historic buildings. Historic England provides a pre-application service that we would recommend prospective applicants, including the Council, utilise at an early stage of project development: https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/our-planning-services/charter/Our-preapplication-advisory-service/</p>		
SPD_Hudd68	Natural England	All document	<p>Biodiversity enhancement This SPD could consider incorporating features which are beneficial to wildlife within development, in line with paragraphs 8, 72, 102, 118, 170, 171, 174 and 175 of the National Planning Policy Framework. You may wish to consider providing guidance on, for example, the level of bat roost or bird box provision within the built structure, or other measures to enhance biodiversity in the urban environment. An example of good practice includes the Exeter Residential Design Guide SPD, which advises (amongst other matters) a ratio of one nest/roost box per residential unit. Landscape enhancement The SPD may provide opportunities to enhance the character and local distinctiveness of the surrounding natural and built environment; use natural resources more sustainably; and bring benefits for the local community, for example through green infrastructure provision and access to and contact with nature. Landscape characterisation and townscape assessments, and associated sensitivity and capacity assessments provide tools for planners and developers to consider how new development might makes a positive contribution to the</p>	<p>Agree that reference should be made to biodiversity in the SPD to be used as a policy hook to develop detailed guidance within other planning documents such as the Huddersfield Area Action Plan or detailed design guidance. Welcome the support for the conclusions of the SEA Screening Report.</p>	<p>Proposed Change</p> <p>Amend page 39 to include reference to biodiversity to read: "We want to enhance the towns sustainability through green infrastructure designed to Green Streets principles, as initiated through collaboration between the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, the West Yorkshire Local Nature Partnership. and the White Rose Forest Partnership. The Green Streets project enhances green infrastructure, tree</p>

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			<p>character and functions of the landscape through sensitive siting and good design and avoid unacceptable impacts. Strategic Environmental Assessment A SPD requires a Strategic Environmental Assessment only in exceptional circumstances as set out in the Planning Practice Guidance. Natural England welcomes the SEA Screening Opinion Report provided in support of the consultation and concurs with the conclusions reached. Should the plan be amended in a way which significantly affects its impact on the natural environment, then, please consult Natural England again.</p>		<p>planting and provides the incorporation of cycle lanes into the town and attractive links between development sites. The benefits of green infrastructure include: biodiversity, flood mitigation, air quality and CO2 absorption."</p>
SPD_ Hudd69	Thornhill Estates	All document	<p>Full comments are contained in letter. Vision - support the vision which is well thought out and helps guide the more detailed parts of the Blueprint. Big moves - support the identification of improving the built environment and encouraging high quality design. Area of study - support the area of study. Themes Support the proposal to establish Huddersfield as an inclusive, family friendly town. Support the recognition that transport is key to transformation and that improving connections will help the town centre. Support the identification of skills and commerce. Key site and opportunity areas Focus area 1 - Support Station Gateway Focus area 2 - Support proposals in St Peters to attract new businesses. Focus area 3 - Support New Street area to improve resilience of town centre Focus area 4 - Support Queensgate neighbourhood as a cultural and leisure focus to enhance the attractiveness of the town Focus area 5 - Civic Centre - potential for future residential noted. Focus area 6 - Kingsgate and Kind Street - recognise the need to maintain and attract multi nationals. Delivery Support the two key priorities of the Cultural heart/new</p>	Support for the SPD noted and welcomed.	<p>No Change Support noted and welcomed.</p>

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			market location and the Station gateway which should assist in acting as a catalyst for regeneration and development in the other key areas. Conclusion Excellent framework to support the delivery of improvements for the town centre.		
SPD_ Hudd70	The Coal Authority	All document	Thank you for your notification received on the 2 March 2020 in respect of the above. As you will be aware past coal mining activity has taken place in the Huddersfield area. Past coal mining activity may have left associated risks including; mine entries, shallow coal workings and surface coal extraction. The Coal Authority provide the LPA with downloadable GIS data in respect of Development Risk and Surface Coal Resource plans. This information should be used to identify areas where potential risks may be present from past coal mining activity. Any sites being proposed for development should be assessed against this data in order that any issues or constraints arising can be identified at a very stage in the process. Should you need any assistance in downloading or using this data to assess sites against then please let me know. Should you wish to discuss these comments further please do not hesitate to contact me.	The Comments from the Coal Mining Authority on activity in the town centre is noted and the information will be considered as part of the detailed consideration of schemes and planning applications.	No Change The comments from the Coal Authority are noted.
SPD_ Hudd71	NTL Group Ltd	All document	As a plant enquiries team we will only be able to assist you with where the present virgin media cables are. If you are looking for the same please help us with the map of the location along with the post code and grid reference, so that we will be working on it and will be sending you the results.	The council will continue to consult and work with service and infrastructure providers as part of the development of town centre schemes. The use of shared information is welcomed.	No Change The council will continue to work with partners to deliver the SPD.

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SPD_ Hudd72	Environment Agency	All document	Thank you for consulting the EA on the Huddersfield Town Centre Blueprint SPD SEA Determination Statement. We have considered the documents and have no comments to make at this stage.	The Environment Agency has no comments on the SPD	No Change The Environment Agency has no comments on the SPD
SPD_ Hudd73	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	Businesses	The West Yorkshire Combined Authority and the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP) have a shared vision for economic growth throughout the Leeds City Region and work closely together to deliver a shared Strategic Economic Plan (SEP). The Huddersfield Town Centre Blueprint SPD sets out the vision and ambitions for Huddersfield Town Centre for the period to 2031, it provides a framework to promote regeneration and bring forward new uses. It is recognised that the SPD should not be considered in isolation, however this response relates to the SPD only. The following documents referred to in the SPD have not been reviewed to inform this response, Our Corporate Plan, the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Kirklees Economic Strategy. The West Yorkshire Combined Authority supports the ambition to coordinate the opportunities in and around Huddersfield to ensure a vibrant future for the town centre. We welcome this joined-up approach to developing this strategically important town that is a key part of the future prosperity of the City Region. The following SEP Strategic Priorities are addressed by the SPD: Growing businesses The multiple references to high quality digital technology and the opportunities for innovation and entrepreneurship that this could bring are in alignment with the sentiments of the Leeds City Region Digital Framework (2018). It is noted however that there is	The comments on the support for the SPD are noted and welcomed. Reference has been made to the emerging Kirklees Digital Strategy and Smart Cities and Town's approach at page 9. It is considered that the examples provided and further detail should be incorporated into the Digital Strategy and the Huddersfield Area Action Plan.	Proposed Change Amend page 9 to include reference to the Kirklees Digital Strategy and links to Smart Cities and Towns to read: "The council is working on a number of studies to take forward the detail of the SPD including a suite of planning guidance, a Digital Strategy and links to Smart Cities and Towns Approach and Movement Strategy."

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			<p>little detail on the approach that will be taken in Huddersfield town centre to further the Digital Frameworks ambition to ensure that technology is exploited to improve peoples lives. We would recommend that reference be made to a smart cities / towns approach. By way of example, potential actions could include seeking funding and resources to develop bottom up, scalable smart city solutions, for example around energy and transport objectives, working with the public sector and existing community groups to identify problems. A further example is working with partners to offer opportunities as a demonstrator town allowing SMEs to innovatively test (pilot) market opportunity and advance smart city thinking. It is understood that there is a Kirklees Digital Strategy in development, it may be relevant to reference this strategy in the SPD.</p>		
SPD_ Hudd74	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	Skills/jobs	<p>The SPD refers to supporting citizens to have access to good local jobs, this is consistent with the SEP aspiration to create more, better jobs and reflects the priorities of the emerging Inclusive Growth Framework. The reference to young entrepreneurship and apprenticeship projects is welcome. There is currently a high street presence for careers services therefore it is recommended that careers and signposting services are also referenced whether as part of the high street or wider commitment to skills. Kirklees has a strong education performance record as well as continued investment in careers education. Fundamental to achieving the areas ambitions to attract and retain graduate talent will be to better connect education and business links and offer services that help people of all ages</p>	<p>Supported for the Skills section noted. Additional reference to be included on Careers Hub.</p>	<p>Proposed Change</p> <p>Amend page 49 to include the following text: "Kirklees has a long history of investment in careers education and one of the first Careers Hubs which supports skills development in our area."</p>

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			make better informed choices. This is particularly important for individuals employed in sectors such as manufacturing where the need for re-training is likely to be high. Kirklees also has one of the first Careers Hubs which the LEP co-invests in, there may be an opportunity to reference these strengths in the SPD.		
SPD_ Hudd75	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	Climate	It is noted that the Councils Climate Change Action Plan is the main document which will draw together the Councils priorities for climate change. However the collective ambition for the City Region to become a resilient zero carbon economy by 2038, with significant progress by 2030, is a major challenge and it would be useful where possible to outline what consideration has been given to this target and to the environmental impact of the schemes and opportunities identified in the Blueprint. There may be an opportunity to refer to best practice relating to design and or technology to embed ambitions around tackling the climate emergency at this early master planning stage. It is identified that there are few green spaces in the town centre, it is therefore suggested that the resilience and sustainability section could be strengthened to include reference to green infrastructure and its benefits including biodiversity, flood mitigation, air quality or CO2 absorption. It is noted that there is a link made to green spaces and health and wellbeing which is positive. There are plans for two garden streets identified in the SPD but little solid commitment to street trees and landscaping elsewhere with the exception of St Peters Square. The SPD could consider promoting the greening of buildings, street furniture and street trees. St Georges Square, although it	Agree additional references to the council's Climate Emergency should be inserted into the SPD. Agree there should be reference to green infrastructure and its benefits, greening of buildings, street furniture and streets trees.	Proposed Changes 1. Amend the title of the section (page 39) to Resilience and climate emergency. 2. Amend the title of the Performance headline (Page 39) to Resilience and climate emergency. 3. Insert new text under the heading to make reference to the council's Climate Emergency and on page 9 to read: "The council declared a Climate Emergency in January 2019. The council

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			has the benefit of water jets which encourage play and social interaction, it could be softened by the addition of green landscaping.		<p>set out its initial approach to addressing the climate emergency in a report to its cabinet in November 2019. A more detailed plan is being developed to be issued late 2020. A key measure includes the adoption of a target of 2038 for the district to achieve net zero carbon emissions, in association with a carbon budget produced by the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research."</p> <p>4. Amend Performance headline on energy efficiency (page 39) to read: Incorporate comprehensive energy efficiency measures to drive ambition towards our net zero ambition of 2038;"</p>

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					<p>5. Add additional criteria to read: "- support climate change emergency"</p> <p>6. Amend text on Heat Network (page 39) to read: "The council is also progressing plans for the ambitious Huddersfield Heat Network, a key infrastructure project which is intended to harness low carbon heat and power from the Town's Energy from Waste plant to supply key premises in the town centre. We will work with partners to facilitate connections where technically possible, as the network develops, and the Council encourages external partners to consider connecting to the network in future, where possible to do so."</p>

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					<p>7. Amend reference to Green Streets to read: "We want to enhance the town's sustainability through green infrastructure designed to Green Streets principles, as initiated through collaboration between the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, the West Yorkshire Local Nature Partnership. and the White Rose Forest Partnership. The Green Streets project enhances green infrastructure, tree planting and provides the incorporation of cycle lanes into the town and attractive links between development sites. The benefits of green infrastructure include: biodiversity, flood mitigation, air quality and CO2 absorption."</p>

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					<p>8. Amend reference to public realm to read: "The Huddersfield Town Centre Design Framework will help to create a high quality, well designed public realm which is inclusive for all and will encourage these green links. The Framework provides an opportunity to consider the greening of buildings, street furniture and street trees."</p> <p>9. Amend reference to recycling to read: "Within the wider public realm the provision of waste recycling options will be considered in line with the council's emerging Waste Resource Strategy."</p>

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SPD_ Hudd76	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	Infrastructure	<p>The SPD sets out a range of policies to facilitate the delivery of new or improved infrastructure, including provision for enhanced facilities around the bus and rail stations and digital technology in the form of town-wide gigabit coverage. The Station Gateway opportunity including the plans to enhance the station are consistent with shared ambitions to capitalise on aspirations for the Transpennine Route Upgrade by linking communities and businesses within Huddersfield to Leeds and Manchester. These policies and proposals support the SEP in delivering objectives for wider coverage of digital infrastructure and a transformed transport system across the north. The SPD broadly supports the key themes set out in the West Yorkshire Transport Strategy 2040 (WY Transport Strategy). The WY Transport Strategy has been jointly prepared and adopted by the Combined Authority and the 5 constituent districts including Kirklees. We are encouraged that the SPD provides the policy hooks to ensure that developments are located and designed to encourage the use of sustainable transport modes. The WY Transport Strategy includes targets to significantly increase the number of trips made by bus, rail, bicycle and walking and to reduce trips by car. Achieving these targets is, in part, reliant on complementary planning policy which supports these goals. We are therefore encouraged that the SPD refers to giving priority to public transport and to cycling and walking. The network for cycling walking and running seems somewhat limited. However, a long-term ambition for a fully permeable city centre by these modes would be supported. As a 10-year plan it is understood that the Blueprint</p>	<p>Welcome recognition that the SPD sets out a range of policies which facilitate the delivery of new or improved infrastructure consistent with the Leeds City Region Strategic Economic Plan. Welcome recognition that the SPD broadly supports the key themes set out in the West Yorkshire Transport Strategy and provides policy hooks to encourage the use of sustainable transport modes. Agree reference should be included to the West Yorkshire Low Emissions Strategy. Welcome recognition that the SPD living in the town centres supports the SEP ambition to increase housing growth and increase provision of affordable homes. Agree the Well being and Social Integration and Family Section should be amended to include reference to inclusion design. Welcome recognition that the SPD aligns with the Leeds City Region Cultural Framework.</p>	<p>Proposed Change</p> <p>Amend page 47 Transport to include reference to the West Yorkshire Low Emissions Strategy to read: "The West Yorkshire Low Emissions Strategy demonstrates the commitment of the West Yorkshire local authorities, the West Yorkshire Combined Authorities and other key stakeholders to improve air quality for the benefit of the region. A focus on sustainable transport modes will support this strategy."</p> <p>Amend Page 41 to refer to inclusive design to read: "The regeneration of Huddersfield town centre provides an opportunity to influence and impact upon the</p>

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			<p>prioritises specific streets but it is suggested that these form part of a longer term movement strategy. To support ambitions on places to linger it is noted that town centre streets and junctions should be treated as places rather than functional space that is vehicle focused. Streets with high volumes and / or speeds of motor traffic will remain unattractive spaces regardless of other public realm interventions. Northumberland Street proposals are an example of where this principle applies. The West Yorkshire Low Emissions Strategy demonstrates the commitment of the West Yorkshire local authorities, together with the Combined Authority and other key stakeholders to work together to improve air quality for the benefit of all in the region. Reference to this strategy and agreed objective could be usefully cross referenced in the SPD. The SPD theme living in the town centre supports the SEP ambition to increase housing growth and increase provision of affordable homes. The West Yorkshire Combined authority has a strategic housing pipeline and is committed to supporting Kirklees Council in bringing forward housing strategic housing sites in the town centre aligned to our ambition to create well-connected places which support inclusive growth as set out in the Leeds City Region Housing Vision (2019). The SPD section Wellbeing and Social Integration and Family Friendly is aligned with inclusive growth priorities. If there is an opportunity to add additional detail there could be greater emphasis on inclusion; the design of the streets and spaces needs to consider those with disabilities and people from all backgrounds, details such as access to WCs and drinking</p>		<p>physical and mental health of people visiting, working or living within the town. There will be a focus on high quality, inclusive design ensuring that streets and spaces consider those with disabilities and people from all backgrounds and age groups. The SPD will be supported by detailed design guidance for the town centre and provides an opportunity to consider issues such as designing out crime, access to WCs and drinking water fountains which are important for all. A range of factors need to be considered much of which crosses over to other themes."</p>

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			<p>water fountains are important for both young and old for example. The SPD aligns very well with the Leeds City Region Cultural Framework. As well as describing specific cultural ambitions and schemes (including a consolidated leisure offer alongside the provision of an art gallery, library, a museum, and sound space), the blueprint also offers opportunities to demonstrate how integrating culture within the scheme and vision can deliver better more sustainable places. It delivers specifically against the Cultural Frameworks key outcome aims of place making and inclusive growth by considering cultural outcomes as well as opportunities to engage with cultural activity including access to culture. It does this by valuing the distinctiveness of the place and facilitating means by which this can be creatively expressed and developed through culturally led regeneration, and by taking opportunities for hosting new, or expanding existing local, regional, national or international events. Specifically, the blueprint demonstrates how culture is embedded within place planning and is being used to deliver higher quality, more connected and sustainable places. Culture is also recognised within the blueprint for its role in supporting the visitor economy. More people will be actively engaged and take part in cultural activity, creating potential for growth in audiences and participants of all cultural activity.</p>		
SPD_ Hudd77	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	SPA	<p>Huddersfield town centre is identified in the SEP and our emerging Strategic Economic Framework as a Growth Centre. It is noted that the SPD does not make reference to Huddersfield town centre as a Spatial Priority Area (SPA), it may be of benefit to include this reference to demonstrate</p>	<p>Agree that reference should be made to Huddersfield Town Centre as a spatial priority area.</p>	<p>Proposed Change</p> <p>Insert new section on page 12 to read: "</p>

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			policy alignment with strategic priorities of the City Region and potentially aid alignment with any future funding opportunities.		Regional Context Huddersfield is identified as an Urban Growth Centre Spatial Priority Area in the Leeds City Region Strategic Economic Plan. Priorities include supporting mixed use growth through the development of key infrastructure including employment, commercial and residential opportunities."
SPD_ Hudd78	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	General	The following more general matters are raised: The document is thorough and the focus on moves and then in more detail on areas gives a clear idea of the vision and objectives. The 3D drawings are not always clear for example some of the streets going East-West (e.g. Ramsden St, King St and Kirkgate) seem overlooked and the plans for them are not clear. The block bounded by New St, King St, Victoria Ln and Ramsden St is central but there seems to be no plan provided for it. The titles of the images in the document do not always indicate when they are existing or proposed. The West Yorkshire Combined Authority would be interested to work with Kirklees Council to further understand the cultural ambitions of the Blueprint. The West Yorkshire Combined Authority would be interested to work with Kirklees Council to further understand the movement strategy for the town centre, understanding	The 3D drawings and image titling will be reviewed prior to the formal adoption of the document. Joint working with WYCA on the SPD and Movement Strategy is welcomed. The support for the ambitions of the SPD is welcomed.	Proposed Change The clarity of the SPD images and titling will be reviewed prior to the final publication of the SPD.

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			how people would move through all modes. The Combined Authority supports the introduction of this SPD as a clear statement of the ambitions for Huddersfield Town Centre and confirms that the SPD is in general conformity with the SEP and that it is also aligned with the principles of the West Yorkshire Transport Strategy 2040. I trust that these comments will be useful and we look forward to working with the council to ensure a vibrant future for Huddersfield Town Centre.		
SPD_Hudd79	Historic England	9	We acknowledge the intention to produce an Area Action Plan (AAP) for the town centre following the adoption of the Blueprint SPD and would like to be involved from an early stage in its preparation	Noted that Historic England wish to be involved in the Huddersfield Area Action Plan.	No Change Comment noted and welcomed.
SPD_Hudd80	Historic England	Vision	Historic England welcomes the visions positive objectives to weave the old and the new, develop and promote Huddersfield town centre as a place which celebrates its heritage, and to be recognised as an exemplar of urban renaissance. Our research on the value of the historic environment has demonstrated that: Historic places are more attractive to businesses and visitors; Investment in historic areas delivers substantial economic as well as environmental benefits. Investment in the historic environment significantly improves the way people feel about places.	Support from Historic England for the vision is noted and welcomed.	No Change Support is noted and welcomed.
SPD_Hudd81	Historic England	Strategic Ambitions	The emphasis on high quality design and celebrating and re-using historic buildings (including St Georges Warehouse, the George Hotel) is to be welcomed, as is the intention to improve the public realm within town centre.	Support from Historic England on the strategic ambitions relating to design, historic buildings and public realm is noted and welcomed.	No Change Support noted and welcomed.

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SPD_ Hudd82	Historic England	Cultural	The section entitled Heritage provides a good overview of the historic environment of the town centre. Reference to the Blueprint providing an opportunity to consider the wider setting of listed buildings to improve the quality of the town centre is supported, as is the reference to having a programme of heritage led regeneration to address the condition and appearance of shop fronts and buildings within the Conservation Area. The historic yards of Huddersfield are a rich, yet largely untapped, resource. They reflect the towns historic significance as a textile trading centre and make a positive contribution to local distinctiveness. Historic England would welcome proposals that seek to fulfil their potential in housing new, creative uses and activities in the town centre.	Support from Historic England on the Heritage section is noted and welcomed.	No Change Support noted and welcomed.
SPD_ Hudd83	Historic England	Resilience	Historic England provide a range of advice on climate change mitigation and adaptation in relation to the historic environment: https://historicengland.org.uk/whats-new/statements/climate-change/	Historic England advice on climate change mitigation and adaptation is noted.	No Change Historic England advice on climate change mitigation and adaptation is noted.
SPD_ Hudd84	Historic England	Wellbeing	The historic environment, in contributing to local character and distinctiveness and thereby a sense of place and identify, can also have a positive influence on people’s wellbeing. Historic England published research into the links between Wellbeing and the Historic Environment, which can be found here: https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/wellbeing-and-the-historic-environment/	Historic England's guidance on wellbeing is noted.	No Change Historic England's guidance on wellbeing is noted.

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SPD_ Hudd85	Historic England	Living	We acknowledge that town centres are facing a number of challenges, such as the growth of online retailing, out-of-centre competition and declining footfall, and must therefore adapt and diversify in order to maintain their vitality and viability. Increasing the leisure, office and residential offer of the town brings its own challenges to the historic environment. However, the sensitive re-use and adaptation of historic buildings is often achievable with careful planning and management, as is the ability to mix the old with the new in order to achieve the larger footprints sometimes required by modern office and leisure uses.	Historic England's comment on the re-use and adaption of historic buildings to bring new uses to the town centre and noted and welcomed.	No Change Support for using historic buildings for new uses is noted.
SPD_ Hudd86	Historic England	Transport	The emphasis on exploring options to downgrade the ring road in places, making it easier and more attractive for pedestrians and cyclists to cross, is welcomed. This should also have a positive effect on the setting of historic assets along its route.	Support from Historic England on the intention of the SPD to downgrade the ring-road is noted and welcomed.	No Change Support is noted and welcomed.
SPD_ Hudd87	Historic England	The Station Gateway Focus Area	The Grade II* Listed George Hotel (proposed intervention No. 3) is a key building within the focus area and Historic England support further measures to bring this project forward. However, some of the proposed interventions are lacking in detail when compared to other proposals in the Blueprint, including sections on the St George Hotel and The Estate Buildings (intervention No. 5). However, it is recognised that these building, along with others fronting onto St Georges Square, are the focus of the Huddersfield High Street Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) and that detailed plans for these buildings will emerge out of this process. Historic England looks forward to working in partnership	The SPD provides a framework for developers/investors setting out the council's ambitions and guiding planning decisions. It will be supported by a suite of planning documents including the Huddersfield Area Action Plan and design briefs which will provide detailed policy guidance and design principles. Joint working with Historic England on the design and implementation of the projects is key.	No Change Detailed design guidance and policies will be provided through other planning mechanisms.

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			<p>with the Council to repair and regenerate the historic environment of this part of the town. One of HEs main ambitions in terms of place making in this area is to maximise connectivity between the railway station and Key Site, the Grade II listed St Georges Warehouse (also referred to as proposed intervention No. 2). To achieve this, Network Rail and Kirklees Council need to work together to ensure permeability (both visual, through the design of the new train shed canopies, and for people) between the opposite sides of the railway line. Two Grade II Listed Buildings will be directly affected by the re-development of key site A: Large Brick Warehouse in Goods Yard; and, Tower in North West corner of Railway Yard. We would urge the Council to prepare a design brief for the site, based on a character appraisal of the site context, to guide the designers and so avoid abortive work and possible conflicts over detailed schemes. This need not be an extensive piece of work, but might provide guidance on such matters as history, topography, circulation, scale, massing, key views and materials. In addition, Historic England is involved in discussions on the TransPennine Rail Upgrades (TRU) involving works in and around Huddersfield Station. The location and design of new footbridge(s) linking station platforms will be a critical issue in this work but coverage of this matter is currently lacking in the proposals in the Blueprint. In addition, the new roof canopies proposed for the station are to be a contemporary design, potentially mono-pitch directed up and towards the Grade II listed warehouse. Plans for the listed warehouse and how the access routes through, including linking up</p>		

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			with the proposed new footbridge, need to work as an integrated design approach. HE is keen to see the Former Kirklees College Site (intervention No. 7) redeveloped in a sensitive manner, retaining and enhancing the at risk Grade II* Listed Former Huddersfield Infirmary as part of the wider regeneration of the site.		
SPD_ Hudd88	Historic England	St Peters	The planning permission granted for car parking to serve St Peters church (intervention No. 10) would seem at odds to the proposals for the square and contrary to its allocation as urban greenspace in the Local Plan. Whilst Historic England is supportive of the proposals for the square in the Blueprint, the operational needs of the church building are also a consideration in terms of supporting the viability of a key heritage asset at the heart of the focus area. It is essential that the community activities at the church are able to continue to ensure that this Grade II* Listed building remains in a viable use to maintain the on-going conservation of the building. We will continue to work with your authority to explore how this conflict can be overcome.	Historic England's comments with regard to working with the council to allow the re-use/functioning of historic buildings whilst balancing other policy objectives is noted and welcomed.	No Change The issue relates to a planning application.
SPD_ Hudd89	Historic England	New Street	The viability of individual projects will inevitably influence the design quality of developments. It is important that the correct funding is in place to ensure a high quality and contextual design is achieved, particularly where development would affect the historic environment.	The council is looking at a range of funding opportunities and working with partners to deliver its aspirations. These are set out in the Delivery section of the SPD. The comment on the using the "correct funding" is noted.	No Change The council is working with partners to consider a range of funding.

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SPD_ Hudd90	Historic England	Queensgate	Historic England strongly supports the retention and reuse of the Queensgate Building (intervention No. 20) for a sustainable alternative land use. We would be happy to be involved in any project team set up for this proposal. HE offer a Listing Enhancement service (details of this service can be found at: https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/our-planning-services/enhanced-advisory-services/listingenhancement/) and would recommend Kirklees Council consider using this service to provide greater clarity on the different elements of the Queensgate Building and how they contribute to its significance. Getting this done at this early stage in the project development process will assist the Council in determining the viability of different use/design options for the building and could save time and resources in the long run. Proposals along Queen Street (interventions No. 18 and 21), including the removal of the Piazza units, would make a positive change that will improve connections across the town, as well providing an opportunity to better reveal and enhance the settings of the numerous historic assets in the area.	Support from Historic England for the re-use of the Queensgate building and the removal of the units on the Piazza is noted and welcomed.	No Change Support is noted and welcomed.
SPD_ Hudd91	Historic England	Civic Quarter	Historic England recognises the value of increasing residential provision in the town centre to generate additional activity throughout the day - supporting the vitality and viability of the centre. Redevelopment could impact the setting of Castle Hill, see general comment.	Support for increasing residential provision in the town centre is noted and welcomed. Kirklees Local Plan Policy LP35 provides protection for the setting of Castle Hill and development which detrimentally impacts on its setting will not be permitted. The Huddersfield Area Action Plan provides a further opportunity to provide policy guidance should this be	No Change Policies to protect the setting of Castle Hill are contained within the Kirklees Local Plan.

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				required to support the Local Plan and the SPD.	
SPD_ Hudd92	Historic England	Kingsgate	We recognise that the intersection of King Street and Cross Church Street (intervention No. 27) requires improvement to create a more pedestrian friendly environment.	Comments on King Street and Cross Church Street are noted.	No Change Comments are noted.
SPD_ Hudd93	Historic England	General Comment	It is important that all proposals in the town centre consider their effect on key views to and from Castle Hill south of Huddersfield (a Scheduled Monument and Conservation Area that includes the Grade II Listed Victoria Tower on its summit) south of the Huddersfield town centre. Castle Hill is the dominant feature in the landscape. It rises above the surrounding settlements, and affords unspoilt views to and from Huddersfield and the surrounding area. This iconic view has close ties to the history and identity of the town, with Victoria Tower featuring on the towns football clubs crest. Development proposals in the town centre should retain and wherever possible enhance views of Castle Hill, referring to the Statement of Significance for the Castle Hill Conservation Area Management Plan produced in 2016.	Agree that the setting of the Castle Hill should be protected. This is already addressed in the Kirklees Local Plan Policy LP35 which is supported by the Castle Hill Setting Study.	No Change Policy protection is already in place through Kirklees Local Plan Policy LP35.
SPD_ Hudd94	Historic England	Delivery	Providing some certainty of the proposed timing, funding and delivery of each project is welcomed. The initial focus on the Station Gateway and the Cultural Heart around Queensgate is noted. An early focus on the area around the railway station is supported as this is a key gateway to Huddersfield town centre for visitors to the town and aligns itself with the High Street HAZ project.	Comment on the support for the delivery section is noted and welcomed.	No Change Comment on the support for the delivery section is noted and welcomed.

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SPD_ Hudd95	Historic England	SEA Determination	Historic England do not have any comments to make regarding the SEA Determination Statement.	Historic England has no comment on the SEA Determination Statement.	No Change No comment noted.
SPD_ Hudd96	Historic England	SEA Screening	HE have no further comments to make in relation to the SEA Screening Opinion in additional to its original response to this document, as summarised in the SEA Determination Statement.	Historic England has no further comments to make on the SEA Screening Opinion.	No Change No comment noted.
SPD_ Hudd97			<p>31 letters from pupils of a nearby School;</p> <p>A summary of their points is outlined below:</p> <p>Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingsgate cinema is a good idea to reduce travelling time and to make town centre family friendly. • Support positive changes to the bus station to modernise it and improve it for travellers. It will attract more people to visit Huddersfield. • Support live music venue in the cultural heart • Support improvements to the railway station and increased parking in this area. • Improvements to public transport will help reduce pollution. • Support that Queensgate building will be re-used and not demolished as it is a listed building. • Support improvements planned for St Peter's Gardens and the introduction of more open space and seating areas in the town which will make it more family friendly. 	<p>The comments on the support for proposals in the Blueprint is noted and welcomed.</p> <p>The opening up of the Piazza is seen as a key component of delivering the cultural heart with a town park and opportunities for cultural activities. The concern about the loss of shops is acknowledged and is addressed in the Blueprint through the re-focusing of retail opportunities in an improved New Street environment. The Blueprint is responding to the national trend for retailers to move from premises to on-line but still sees shops as a draw to bring people into our town centre. The council will work with existing and potential new</p>	No Change

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support more tree planting and green spaces in the town centre as this will help the environment and encourage biodiversity in our town centre. <p>Objection:</p> <p>Object to the shops being demolished at the Piazza as this will lead to loss of shops, jobs and income for the people who work in them.</p>	retailers to secure new locations as part of the vision of the Blueprint.	