

# Summary Response to HB Partnership 2020 Proposals

HRTC only responded to those proposals which name HRTC as a potential partner:

1. Shared space: HRTC is not the relevant planning authority and does not fund research. However, it does see the potential, not just for the area around the Canal Basin, but also at the junction between Albert St, Crown St, Commercial and Keighley Roads.
2. Albert St One Way: HRTC has no settled view on this but is concerned that traders may oppose this proposal. It is more interested in the proposal from the consultation response to turn Hope St into a car park facing the Picture House.
3. On street parking on Albert St: see above
4. Raising of removable bollards: HRTC will write to Calderdale asking why they are not raised and ask for them to be raised provided that there are no overriding health and safety reasons protecting the integrity of the pedestrianised area.
5. Crown St part pedestrianisation consultation: Crown St is currently thriving if crowded. Traffic speeds are slow. We are not convinced of the benefit of the proposal as against the burden to SMEs of the transition.
6. Diagonal crossing at main traffic lights: HRTC remains to be convinced of the benefit of this proposal as against the burdens this imposes on traffic flow and public authorities in funding the change. HRTC is not the highways authority for the town.
7. Hangings sited above Market St: HRTC is not named but has previously rejected this proposal on grounds of cost and lack of evidence as to effect on traffic speeds. It sees the proposal as potentially increasing traffic danger.
8. Not relevant
9. Canal basin: entirely support. A public work of art would have to receive major funding from other sources but HRTC could contribute.
10. Canal bridge research: interesting idea; HRTC does not fund research. Will support credible proposals.
11. Access group: HRTC agrees with this proposal but believes it should extend to every aspect of the town including the streets and surrounding countryside. CMBC already has a disability access group and we could explore ways of supporting that group and extending its reach into the Upper Valley.
12. Not relevant
13. Relocation of market: HRTC is not against but recent experience during the food festival indicates significant opposition from local shops if market spills onto side streets and is permitted to sell fast food and drink. There is understandable opposition from 'useful' shops which have to pay overheads for property. If the market spills out onto pedestrianised area, there may be impact on street scene and accessibility. In other words, the proposal raises

as many issues as it addresses, and should only be progressed with full account of these issues.

14. Market development task group: HRTC does not wish to set up such a group on grounds of capacity but would be interested in participating in a project to find ways of distributing locally grown food, particularly to those people who are most in need
15. FARMA accreditation: agreed, but unclear of HRTC's role in process.
16. Visitor economy and strategy group: this proposal has been rejected before by HRTC. There is nothing to prevent HB Business Association forming such a group but in any event 30% of local employment is in manufacturing and there is no reason to favour the visitor economy over other sectors. There have been indications recently that a time limited group with HRTC representation could come together to discuss issues of relevance to the community as well as to local businesses, focusing on improving the educational and visitor infrastructure of the area. Provided that Mytholmroyd was included in discussions (e.g. Coiners, Ted Hughes/ Sylvia Plath, Chartists etc), HRTC would be more minded to take an interest in this community-orientated outcome-focused proposal.
17. Town promotional manager: HRTC already funds a project manager. It has no additional monies to fund a town promotional manager.
18. Fire station site: HRTC not mentioned but very interested in being involved in discussions about this site.
19. New hosing, brownfield, co-ops and self-build: HRTC will consider this proposal when developing its Neighbourhood plan.
20. Space above shops: HRTC has no influence in this area.
21. Buttress brink: HRTC will consider in relation to Neighbourhood plan, though without interest and funding the chances of developing the site appear remote.
22. Lift in station: HRTC supports this campaign but in the interim wishes to point out the importance of Mytholmroyd station and the plans to improve its car park. It calls on the Transport Sustainability Group to campaign for more trains at Mytholmroyd to improve disabled access.
23. HB station car park: agreed with consideration given to restricting the dangerous parking on the bend Burnley Road when approaching Hebden Bridge as this develops and if it is not achieved.
24. Walking route to Hardcastle crags: HRTC supports and calls on the visitor economy group to prioritise this.
25. Long stay car parks for coaches: HRTC must be consulted on this matter.
26. Bike storage facilities: Agreed and noted with consideration given to improved sign posting and cycle ways that link Hebden Bridge and neighbouring Mytholmroyd.
27. Tour de France: HRTC not referenced, but work is ongoing for HRTC contribution.

28. Bus users group: HRTC is interested by this proposal but wonders what mechanisms will be used to create such a group. It is happy to lend such a group support, subject to its usual requirements.
29. Not relevant
30. Not relevant
31. Long term plan for park: support
32. Mini golf course, tennis courts, football and bike polo: support subject to proposal 31.
33. Bandstand: support as part of 31.
34. New leisure facilities: HRTC will be backing new leisure facilities for Hebden Royd in Mytholmroyd
35. Rear of gardens to canal development: residents views must be sought
36. Business Plan for Picture House: The Town Council when taking responsibility for the Picture House adopted six key principles, endorsed by the public, which with the exception of developing a strategic long term plan have been strictly adhered. As part of the transfer a three year business plan was adopted.  
The Picture House publishes an annual report which allow the public to engage in dialog should they so wish and it is important that people respond to that and it includes plans for the year ahead. Key priorities are not the environs but the continuing development of Picture House as a surplus producing community venture.  
Friends of the Picture House would be a key partner involved in these activities with Friends of Calder Holmes Park when considering the environs.
37. Pedestrian footbridge to Fairfield: Not relevant
38. Turbines: not relevant
39. Unused green spaces (for local food production): HRTC is pleased to see its continuing work in this area acknowledged. It may be worth considering as a policy for the Neighbourhood plan.