

HI! CULLOMPTON HERITAGE ACTION ZONE

What is the Higher Bullring public realm enhancement project?

The Higher Bullring public realm enhancement project is part of the Cullompton High Street Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) project.

The Cullompton HAZ is funded with a grant of up to £1.1m from Historic England and matched with support from Mid Devon District Council, Devon County Council, and Cullompton Town Council.

This project, delivered in partnership with Devon County Council, will seek to enhance the heritage setting of the Higher Bullring while providing an extended community space for community events and cultural activities.

What were the findings of the previous public consultation exercise?

A Stage 1 public consultation was held from 28th June to 13th August 2021, and was undertaken alongside consultation for the draft Town Centre Masterplan and the update Conservation Area Appraisal.

This survey demonstrated strong support for the project, with 89% of the survey respondents stating that the Higher Bullring area of the town needed improving.

Other feedback was reviewed and other findings that the designers needed to take into consideration included:

- **Reducing the impact of the town centre traffic in that area;**
- **A desire to see an enhanced, larger area for town centre events;**
- **Improved materiality, condition and maintenance;**
- **Improving the pedestrian experience.**

What else is happening as part of the Cullompton HAZ?

Building owners, lease holders and shop owners in Cullompton can apply to Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) as part of the HAZ for grant funding to support the repair and reuse of their properties in the town centre. If you are keen to find out more on the grants please email the Project Officer on the address below.

Grant contributions of up to 70% are currently available but the contribution offered may reduce later in the year depending on demand. These grants are available for building repair, to help open up vacant properties and to allow sensitive and historic shopfront restoration where appropriate. More general shopfront improvement grants are also available in the town centre.

Creative Cullompton are also running a cultural programme as part of the project, with a range of activities and projects underway celebrating the town's history and bringing culture to the town centre. They have received a separate grant of £90,000 to deliver this project. You can find out more about Creative Cullompton including how to get involved here: www.creativecullompton.co.uk

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What about car parking?

The proposals include a reduction in car parking spaces around the War Memorial, necessary in order to deliver the benefits of the scheme and to create the enhanced public realm.

The consultants undertook a parking survey in the town which demonstrated there was sufficient capacity elsewhere in the Bullring and local car parks.

When would the project be constructed?

Devon County Council will be responsible for delivering the project. Construction is expected to take place in 2023. The project finishes in March 2024.

What happens next?

Devon County Council is working with Mid Devon District Council, as project lead, to progress the next stage of technical work. The project team will take on board the outcome of this consultation as the proposals are developed.

What about community artwork for the town centre?

The Creative Cullompton team have received grant funding to install community artwork in the town centre.

They are keen to hear your views and will be at the Farmers Market on the 30th July 2022 to develop ideas. Please come along, or if you can't make it but want to find out more please email: admin@creativecullompton.org or visit www.creativecullompton.co.uk



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