

# AGENDA ITEM 12

## APPENDIX 1

### GRANTOWN TOWN CENTRE PILOT PROJECT

Response	CNPA comment	Actions
Expressed support for action to use empty shop fronts as noticeboards and would like to participate.	CNPA welcome comment. This action is currently identified within the pilot and therefore no further amendment is required.	Pass comment to VABS to note interest.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports the need for a formal Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan to ensure the built heritage of the town is preserved and enhanced.</li> <li>• Raises concern in respect of areas being removed from the conservation area.</li> <li>• Notes there are 2 co-ops in the town centre.</li> <li>• Highlights there should be wider reference to the strengths of the town for example using the Grantown 250 themes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Pilot identifies a review of the conservation area and a management plan as potential actions and therefore no amendment to this is proposed. In light of the concerns raised, any appraisal undertaken for the conservation area would be done so by appropriate built heritage professionals. This is not currently an active project and would be for the community to initiate with relevant authorities (THC and CNPA).</li> <li>• Reference to 2 Co-ops will be added.</li> <li>• Whilst the Grantown 250 themes cover a range of positive aspects relating to Grantown and the wider area, the Pilot aims to be a bit more focussed – specifically looking at the town centre and what practical actions can help maintain and improve it.</li> </ul>	Include reference to 2 co-ops in town centre.
Suggested idea to put a bandstand in the Square to stage and encourage events in the town centre.	The Pilot includes an issue raised at the workshop that there is no concert venue in the town. The idea for a bandstand sits alongside this issue and therefore reference to potential aspirations for a bandstand will be included under this issue.	Include bandstand within the 'Concert Venue' issue on p. 28.
Raised issue of High Street parking - people and staff are parking for long periods on the High Street which is affecting deliveries and business.	<p>Correspondence continued with Jaci Douglas (Councillor at THC), who notified that work is underway for THC to take on the enforcement of parking restrictions over the next few months which will cover Grantown.</p> <p>The Pilot identifies parking as an issue (p.26), however a note will be added to the 'actions' stating that work is underway to address enforcement of parking breaches.</p>	Include reference to work already underway on this issue on p.26.
The following issues were raised for consideration in the LDP process:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome comments regarding the Railway Extension, which is identified in the Pilot. No amendment is proposed.</li> </ul>	CNPA welcome the comments, and it is

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rails to Grantown is the biggest development to boost the prosperity of High Street;</li> <li>• A Conservation Area management plan is needed and whilst some areas should be removed, other areas including the prominent Victorian houses which are currently outside it should be included. Any management plan should include controls which are enforced;</li> <li>• The use of town branding and welcome signage should be encouraged along with improving the roundabouts at the entrances to the town;</li> <li>• Parking in the town is getting worse and action is required – plans are needed to extend parking facilities as future congestion around the Co-op will be increased due to Caravan Park extension, new care home and possible new homes accessed via Seafield Avenue;</li> <li>• Parking around the Co-op is inadequate and the store is old and cramped. A site should be identified for a new improved store – a ‘radical’ suggestion is to utilise the largely unused BT building in the centre of the town;</li> <li>• There is not a fit for purpose community centre in Grantown and YMCA requires considerable funding. LDP policies should support upgrades to this.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments regarding the Conservation area are noted and the response to comment 1 above applies.</li> <li>• CNPA welcomes support for improving branding, signage and roundabouts. As these have already been identified in the pilot, no further amendment is proposed.</li> <li>• In respect of parking, please see response to comment 4 above. Congestion is an issue and further work on this may be required. The longer term implications are better addressed through the LDP.</li> <li>• Identifying whether a new site is needed for the Co-op is a matter for the Co-op to raise and should be a matter for consideration – if required – through the LDP. CNPA would welcome the respondent’s engagement on these issues for the LDP consultation.</li> <li>• The LDP already requires new development in Grantown to ‘add to and improve community facilities’ which would support the upgrading of the community centre.</li> </ul>	<p>noted that this response is identified for the LDP.</p> <p>No further amendments are proposed.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not like the branding produced for welcome signs;</li> <li>• Need to persuade shops not to close at lunch times or half days;</li> <li>• Agree that parking is a big problem and traffic management is required. Highlighted that there is public parking in front of CNPA offices which is used by staff and this will be worse along Church Ave when the extension is built;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Branding is already identified as a possible action, however the detail of this would be for the relevant community group to determine.</li> <li>• Shop opening times will be for the consideration of local businesses.</li> <li>• Parking is identified as an issue within the Pilot and actions identified will be progressed by the relevant group. See response to comment 4 above.</li> <li>• The issue of shop owners using the areas in front of their</li> </ul>	<p>No amendments proposed.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not support THC giving shops 'frontage' space – some are flaunting regulation which is unfair to people with disabilities;</li> <li>• Do not change the layout of the High Street.</li> </ul>	<p>shops would be a matter for THC if there is a breach of regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no proposal for the layout of the High Street to change.</li> </ul>	
Expressed support for the pilot and projects.	CNPA welcomes the support.	No action required.