



HANHAM HIGH STREET

High streets across the UK and in South Gloucestershire have faced a number of challenges in the past decade, many of which have been accelerated by the Covid pandemic.

This has included changes in how people shop – such as online shopping and visiting out of town shopping centres – and more recently, the impact of the cost-of-living crisis.

However, from these challenges, new opportunities are being created.

High streets are no longer places where people come to just shop. They are increasingly becoming places that people come to socialise, access services, attend events, view culture and visit surrounding green spaces.

Working from home and more flexible working has remained in place for many, meaning people now prefer to, and choose to shop locally.



WHAT YOU'VE TOLD US

In Autumn 2020, we carried out a survey asking local residents, business owners and shoppers what they thought of Hanham High Street and what improvements they would like to see.

THE SURVEY HAD 758 RESPONSES, OF WHICH 77% WERE FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS.

The results showed:

64% of respondents said they visit Hanham High Street once a week or more.

75% of respondents said they normally walk to/from the High Street.

73% of respondents said improving trees, plants and green space on the High Street was important.

64% of respondents said improving the paving on the High Street was important.

70% of respondents said additional outside seating on the High Street was important.

Historical art installations were also deemed as important. The full results can be found on the project website:

www.southglos.gov.uk/hanham

FUTURE SUPPORT

We have recently been awarded funding through the West of England Combined Authority's Love our High Street fund. This funding will provide future support to Hanham High Street and help us deliver some of the improvements people have asked for.

Using this investment, we aim to:

- Improve the character and attractiveness of the street – to create a distinct identity for the High Street to benefit local residents, visitors and businesses.
- Increase footfall on the High Street by creating an attractive and walkable space which will support local businesses and the wellbeing of visitors.
- Increase the time visitors spend on the High Street which will benefit local businesses.
- Support recovery and respond positively to the changing nature of the High Street.
- Improve biodiversity for nature and respond to climate emergency priorities.



THE PROPOSALS



Listening to your feedback and early discussions with key stakeholders we plan to make the following improvements:

PLANTING

We plan to install new planters along the High Street, as well as increasing our planting in verges by the library and the junction with Chapel Road. The planting will improve the look and feel of the High Street by creating seasonal interest, as well as benefitting pollinators and enhancing biodiversity. We also plan to plant two trees in the car park without affecting any parking spaces.

GREEN ROOF BUS STOP

There is an option to install a green 'living roof' on a bus stop on the High Street. The green roof will require minimum maintenance, will absorb carbon and provide a small haven for insects.

BIRD BOXES

We plan to install some bird boxes onto the library or youth club buildings to help provide nesting space for bird species that are in decline.

MORE SEATING

We plan to install new benches and seating areas at several locations along the High Street. Providing more seating will be beneficial for everyone but especially older people and people with mobility issues.

GETTING AROUND

Making it more attractive to walk or cycle will encourage more people to travel this way. Walking and cycling are not only healthier ways to travel but help reduce congestion and help improve air quality.



We plan to:

- Resurface some sections of pavement that are uneven and include tactile paving at key crossing points where needed.
- Install safe and convenient bike maintenance stations and cycle stands for people to park their bikes.
- Install new signs to make it easier to find local places of interest and give realistic times for travelling to them.



THE PROPOSALS

PUBLIC TOILET BLOCK AND CAR PARK AREA

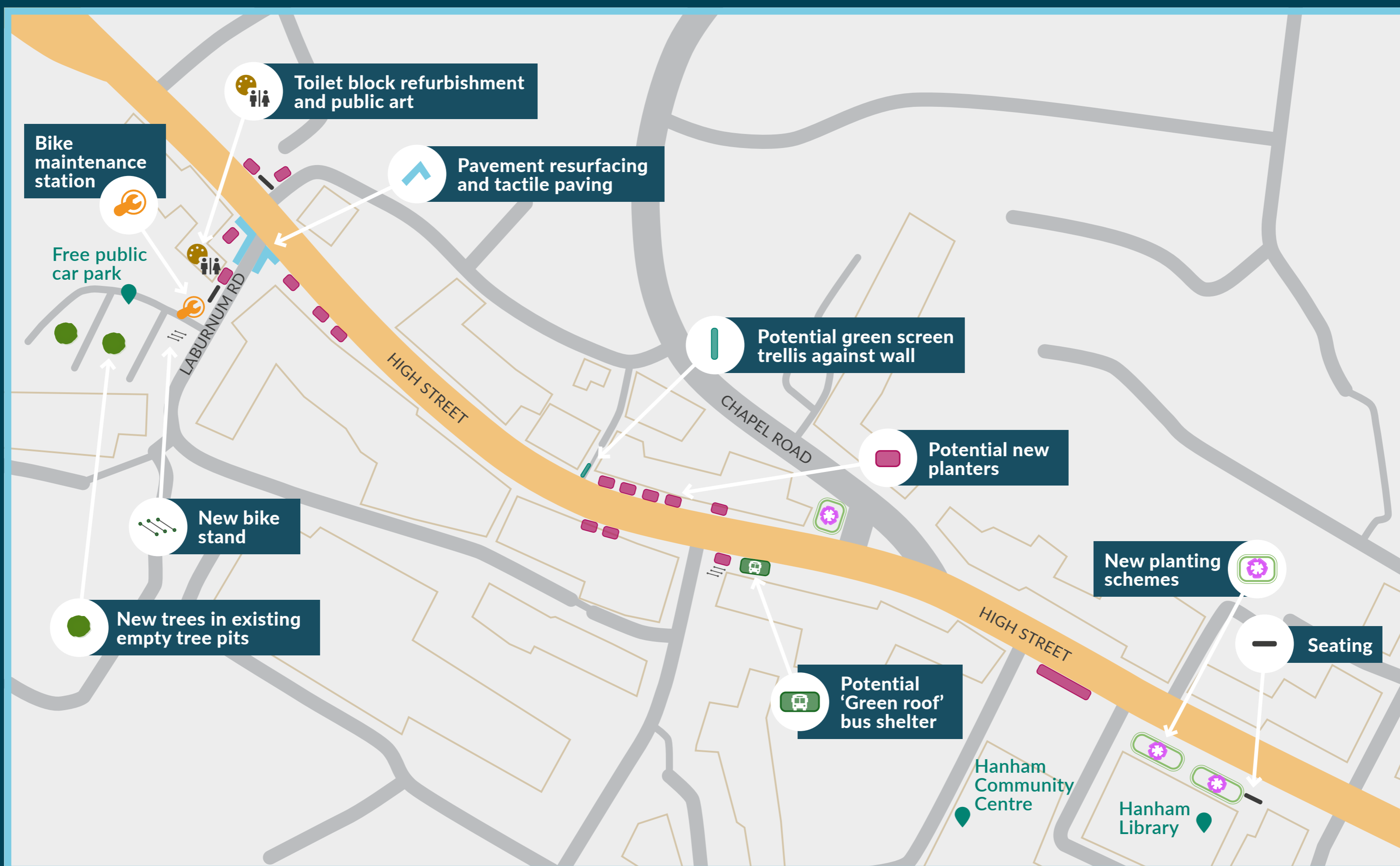
The public toilets will be deep cleaned and refurbished, to include baby changing facilities if space allows. Outside there is potential to create a more attractive environment with new planters and seating. In the car park we plan to plant new trees without compromising parking spaces. These improvements will increase biodiversity, support local wildlife and make the area more visually appealing.

PUBLIC ART INSTALLATIONS

We will be working with the local community to create public art on some properties along the High Street.

THE MAP IS AN ILLUSTRATION OF WHERE SOME OF THE IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE MADE.

(Image is indicative only and may be subject to change).



PROJECT TIMELINE

■ Please note, future dates and timeframes could be subject to change.



WANT TO KNOW MORE?

For further information, visit www.southglos.gov.uk/hanham

To keep up to date on this work, please sign up to the Hanham High Street newsletter.

You can do this via the project website by scanning the **QR code**.

If you have any questions or comments, please email highstreets@southglos.gov.uk

