



## Inverkeithing Heritage Regeneration Public Realm Streetscape Uplift- How you can shape what happens

A major part of the Inverkeithing Heritage Regeneration programme (IHR) will be improvements to the streetscape in the town centre. A first phase of works, in front of the Civic Centre due to take place this Summer, has been delayed by the Covid-19 lockdown until September. The main phase of the Construction works, focussed on the High Street Market Square, are due to start in Summer 2021.

**What's involved?** The works will conserve and improve historic features (like the Mercat Cross), enhance the setting of key buildings, like the Friary and Town House, and make the street space more people-friendly.

This will be done by resurfacing the roads and pavements, using natural stone in priority spaces, reducing clutter, and bringing in new street furniture (benches, planters, cycle racks etc). Although the street layout will see some positive changes, the number of car parking spaces will not be reduced. The Mercat Cross will move to a more prominent position in the square, but reduced clutter should allow the central area to continue to be used for events when required.

**How did we get here?** The Street Layout and design has been informed by your views, gathered at various public meetings and drop-in events, starting in Spring 2016. This includes the Imagine Inverkeithing Community Master-planning process in 2018. It is also guided by urban design principles in policy guidance that apply to development in the town.\*

**What can we do?** The general street layout and the surface materials have now been set, determined by this policy guidance and the consultations undertaken to date as well as traffic and health and safety regulations.

However, there are still decisions for you to make about the **design detail of street furniture and other features:**

- Gateway Features: We have commissioned an architect to draw up some design options for this, which you will also be consulted on. They should be at the approaches North and South of the Market Square.
- Benches: There is scope to position them to suit local needs, some with backs, armrests, some without
- Cycle racks
- Planters: We have already consulted Inverflora but other people may want to get involved – the sizes and finishes could alter to suit
- Trees: There is a demand for trees but not much space and difficult to establish and maintain
- Waste Collection/ Bin stores: There is a provisional interest in fencing off communal waste bins where they are unsightly



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- Motif/Interpretation designs for Mercat Cross, Gateway Features, street furniture: Being developed as part of the IHR Activity programme and will apply themes and stories generated by Inverkeithing people
- Interpretation Panels: Location only at this stage - the design/ content of the Panels is being developed as part of the IHR Activity programme but will be supplied and installed as part of the public realm programme
- Community Notice Board: Location only

**What's next? Dates for the Diary:**

30 <sup>th</sup> June; 2pm	Main Phase- Streetscape Layout and consult on Street furniture
w/c 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Planning Application process starts for streetscape layout
w/c 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Concept designs for Gateway Features & Mercat Cross & Motifs
Sept- Dec 2020	First Phase Public Realm- Civic Centre streetscape construction works- subject to easing Covid-19 restrictions
w/c 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Interpretation Panel themes; Mercat Cross Time Capsule research with Schools
w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Motif designs Finalised
w/c 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Design specifications for Gateway Features & Mercat Cross Finalised
Dec 2020- April 2021	Tender & Contracting Process for public realm
Aug 2021- Oct 2022	Main Phase Public Realm Construction

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\*See the following:

Inverkeithing Heritage Regeneration <https://fifehistoricbuildings.org.uk/project/inverkeithing/>  
 Inverkeithing Town Centre Design & Development Framework 2015  
<https://online.fifedirect.org.uk/publications/index.cfm?fuseaction=publication.pop&pubid=8F65BC17-D955-0AB2-42CFE7E3A0DC33F4>  
 Inverkeithing Town Centre Framework 2016  
<https://online.fifedirect.org.uk/publications/index.cfm?fuseaction=publication.pop&pubid=8F72F67A-008C-931E-A5A1B47AC94CA762>  
 Inverkeithing Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan  
<https://online.fifedirect.org.uk/publications/index.cfm?fuseaction=publication.pop&pubid=B96F53E9-0635-F694-A1F47D63DCC2386E>