

SITE SPECIFIC TOTNES:

This Exhibition addresses the question –

How do we improve and enrich the public spaces in the town centre?

For different reasons, many of the proposals concerning development produced in the past few years (by both community groups and the local authorities) have only focussed on particular issues and locations.

The aim of this Exhibition is to involve the community in reviewing and refreshing previous thinking on these matters, and to propose two new approaches. It is also the longer term aim that action to implement the best of both past and new proposals should be initiated as soon as possible (where they have not already commenced).

It is arguable that in recent years the quality of the public realm in the town has perceptibly deteriorated. We must ensure that any developments, whatever their size, scale or nature, are carried out to the highest possible standards and in a manner which is truly complementary to the ambience of the town.

We propose that, in addition to previous proposals, there needs to be an integrated and comprehensive Urban Design Strategy for the town centre. This needs to deal with traffic movement and access in order to minimize conflicts between different modes of transport. At the same time the spaces in the town centre need to be improved and enriched in order to engender a high quality of experience for all the users and to support a good quality of life in a clean, attractive and safe environment – night and day.

As part of improvements to the public spaces and the efficacy / enjoyment of our shared public realm, we propose that the dearth of high quality Public Art needs to be remedied. Such enrichment can have both sociological and economic benefits. Many places elsewhere, in this country and abroad, use Public Art as a generator of investment and wellbeing. Why not here in this centre of creativity and sociability?

We invite you to enjoy the Exhibition .. please let us have your comments .. thank you.

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