

MASTERPLAN EXPLANATION

Ashfield Road

New pedestrian courtesy crossing points along Ashfield Road improve the pedestrian experience for residents seeking to access the town centre by foot. A new 3.0m wide, two-way segregated cycleway will improve connectivity from Washway Road to The Bridgewater Way.

Cross Street / Washway Road

Improved Pelican crossings allow pedestrians to cross the junctions in a single move.

Ashton Lane

A narrowed carriageway and wider footpaths seek to improve the pedestrian experience and connectivity to the new development on the former Magistrates Court site.

The reintroduction of vehicles on School Road

The masterplan has been developed with an option to re-introduce two-way vehicles to the western end of School Road with a link from Hayfield St to Wynnstay Rd. The option considers certain types of vehicle may access the road during specific times of the day. Out of hours servicing will be maintained along School Rd throughout, with taxis introduced along the new link after the core shopping hours. It is hoped this new access will encourage the evening economy and provide better access to School Rd during evening hours. Further detail is provided in the main report.

A new Taxi Rank

A new opportunity for an improved taxi rank to serve the town centre is proposed for Sibson Road, adjacent to Tesco's supermarket.

Lighting in the town centre

Lighting plays an important part of any external environment and a well considered lighting scheme can create both a feeling of safety and also provide visual interest in the hours of darkness.

The masterplan proposals will seek to provide a level of safety throughout the town centre, but also contribute to creating a vibrant environment after daylight hours.

Safe and attractive lighting is critical to extending the economy of the town and ensuring businesses have the opportunity to trade into the evening, and visitors have the ability to explore the town throughout the day and into the evening.

Sainsbury's Link

An improved approach to Sainsbury's provides a visible link from the car park to the town centre along Curzon Road

School Road

Public realm improvements including lighting throughout the high street & spilling into the side streets. Improved dwelling opportunities with play, new trees & planting and defined squares of different character. Periodical introduction of vehicular traffic at the street's western end.

Sibson Road

Narrowed carriageway and introduction of segregated two-way cycle lane. New pedestrian courtesy crossings reduce vehicle speeds without impeding flow, and provide multiple opportunities for residents and visitors to access the town centre more readily.

The Square Shopping Centre

These proposals show an indicative layout for The Square. It reflects the principle objectives of this masterplan regarding pedestrian and vehicle movement and wider connectivity.

Claremont Road

A narrowed carriageway and widened footpaths will create a better environment for the shops on Claremont Rd and an enhanced pedestrian experience for people accessing the town centre. It will become a key route from the new Square redevelopment.

Sale Waterside

A new entrance plaza and planting create a more inviting arrival sequence to the Waterside building.

Town Hall Plaza

A unified space connecting the Town Hall, Waterside Art Centre and plaza, the canalside and the bridge. A unique destination with an improved canalside space that announces Sale to the Bridgewater Canal.

Springfield Road

A narrowed carriageway has created a footpath adjacent to Springfield Road that is in places 3 times wider than existing. Additional courtesy crossings also provide greater opportunity for east-west connectivity.

The Bridgewater Way access

With the appropriate permissions, the access adjacent to the church of St. Paul will be retained and improved as a link to the Bridgewater Way. An opportunity to create a new link to the canal should be encouraged between the church and Springfield Primary School.

Waterside Plaza

The new Waterside Plaza will feature generous terraces to bring the Bridgewater Canal into the town centre and the newly formed Waterside Plaza. This high quality, flexible space will become the new heart for Sale's programme of events and will become a new destination for the town.

Northenden Road/Broad Road junction

This busy junction will be amended to provide a priority arrangement roundel, allowing for improved vehicular throughput and increased pedestrian crossing opportunities.

Broad Road

Will be retained as a one-way street with an opportunity for a contra-flow cycle route to improve east-west connectivity.

Bus Connections

Bus stops and routes in the town centre will be maintained with improved pedestrian connectivity to the key destinations in the town.

Northenden Road

Reduced carriageway width and widened pavements for improved streetscape and spill-out opportunities. Additional parking to support businesses. Improved junction environment with Hope Street.

Taxi Ranks

Taxis provide a vital service for a successful town centre. Ranks should be provided on both sides of the road adjacent to major transport hubs.

