

## MASTERPLAN DELIVERY & PROJECTS SCHEDULE 2022-2016

3 TOWNS (CROOK, WILLINGTON, TOW LAW)			
Masterplan	Priority Projects Identified	Status	Project Update
	<p><b>Key Priorities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A range of improvements in the three town centres to help improve the quality of shopping environment including improvements to buildings and public realm. Measures include; targeted business improvements, support for new development proposals, public realm improvements.</li> <li>Further business improvements are proposed for Willington that would seek to: Work with owners to develop/find uses for empty buildings and properties;</li> <li>Provide a dedicated support programme via match funding for commercial property owners to improve or install new shop fronts, signage and minimise the use of roller shutters;</li> <li>Develop a programme of public realm, street furniture and public space improvements to improve the overall appearance of the High Street; and</li> <li>Ensure linkages are made to highways related projects to provide improved parking options and traffic flows, whilst ensuring safe and effective pedestrian and vehicle environments and access;</li> </ul> <p><b>Town Centre</b></p> <p>A suite of retail, leisure, hospitality business support measures</p> <p>Improvements to car parking provision at Albion Place (adjacent to Co-Op) and Commercial Street in Willington will be explored further, to improve traffic flows along the A690 and support businesses;</p> <p>The Council will work with the community to explore the potential of bringing the former Empire Cinema in the Market Place back into use as a cultural venue for theatre, cinema and related education;</p> <p>Partnership working to develop end use of the former Crook Boys Club and Crook Bowling Club</p>	<p>Progressing</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Progressing</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Progressing</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Not progressing</p> <p>Progressing</p>	<p>Targeted Business Improvement Grant Scheme</p> <p>Public realm areas enhanced with new bins, street furniture refurbishments and soft landscaping</p> <p>Engagement and support to various building owners to support development of new uses across Crook and Willington, to help safeguard community facilities.</p> <p>Willington was the focus of the pilot shutter media project which provided shutter images to enhance the day time visual impression due to the number of evening operating businesses.</p> <p>Car parking provision</p> <p>Property has ongoing commercial use at present. Long terms aspirations for the property and / or development of cultural facilities being picked up through Shared Prosperity / Rural England Prosperity Programme</p>

	<p>Glenholme Boys site</p> <p>Provision of Service Hub (relocation of Services to DCC Offices)</p> <p>Current library provision to be relocated with reconfigured CAP in DCC Office</p> <p>Coroners' Office to be relocated in DCC Office Provision of Customer Access Point</p> <p>Crook improvements at Elliot Street was delivered following planning approval for a new Aldi store. (No proposed change to site entrance). This was the final stage to improve the pedestrian area across the main A690 junction, adjacent to the market place</p> <p><b>Walking and Cycling Infrastructure</b></p> <p>ParkThatBike Free cycle parking offered to all businesses, organisations and community groups who have staff or visitors who cycle to their property through social enterprise</p> <p>Town Cycling Map available on line and hard copy</p> <p>Long term aspirational plan to link Crook to Bishop Auckland (multi user route)</p> <p><b>Business</b></p> <p>Crook Business Centre</p> <p>Low Willington</p> <p><b>Housing</b> Support for housing delivery</p> <p><b>Tourism, Leisure &amp; Recreation</b></p> <p>The existing formal leisure provision in Crook is located within the centre run by Crook Community Leisure, at the Peases West Sports Centre at Roddymoor on the outskirts of the town. The Council will help the Community Group explore opportunities to enhance these facilities, including exploring the possibility of providing a new swimming pool in the town;</p> <p>In Willington, the Council will work with all partners to explore ways in which the town park could be developed further into a key integral part of village life, including a skate park, improved outdoor play facilities and informal leisure;</p>	<p>Progressing</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Progressing</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Progressing</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Progressing</p> <p>Progressing</p> <p>Progressing</p>	<p>Demolition of bowling club building has taken place with the Boys club due for demolition in 2024. Working with key groups to develop a end use sustainable solution for the site Crook will be part of the UKSPF Co Design activity due to commence in January 2024.</p> <p>Aldi</p> <p>Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan</p> <p>New Hope Street House Business centre, well served as a town Crook Business Centre occupancy is 65% 6000 sq ft</p> <p>13,500 sq ft of Offices 72% Occupied 12,250 sq ft of industrial which is 100% occupied As at September 2023</p> <p>Private and Social schemes progressed across Crook / Willington. Further opportunities being explored through the community Housing route.</p>
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