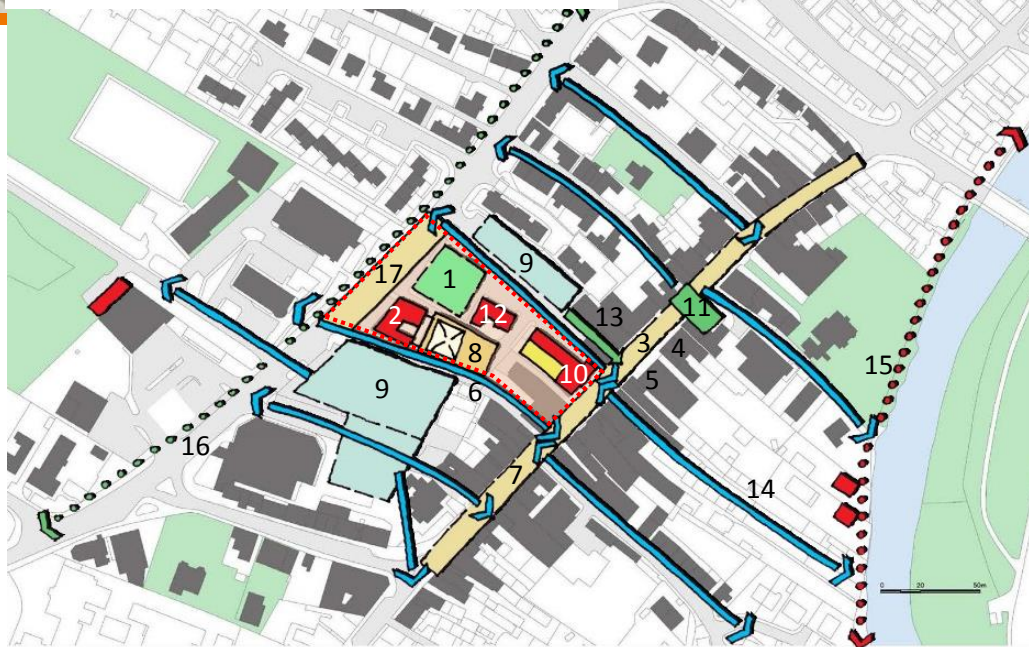



Concepts and proposals raised by participants



Short term

1. Multi-Functional Space (King Street)
2. Social work office conversion
3. Tidy Up High Street
4. Upper floors conversions
5. Shopfront enhancements
6. King Street/ High Street vennels

Medium term

7. High Street
 8. Town Square
 9. Reconfigure car parking
 10. Civic hub
 11. Castle Square
-  Town Centre core area for detail design work.

Long term

12. Finance Office Conversion
13. Investigate High Street access at library
14. Promote river access
15. Develop riverwalk
16. Re-instate King Street (A96) as a street
17. King Street Traffic calming

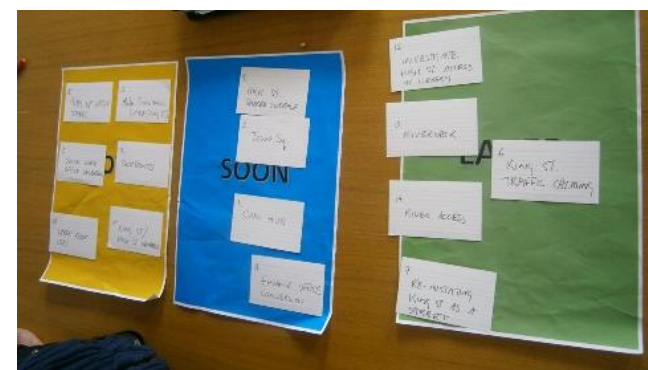
Implementation

Alongside the suggested built projects participants were keen to see the Council publish information on what businesses and property owners can do for themselves, including potential sources of funding.

There was recognition amongst participants that a range of different organisations need to work together to explore these proposals further and agree on actions to follow. Further details will be set out in a full report to be published soon – see www.highland.gov.uk/actionplans

Nairn Town Centre Action Plan workshop

30th April & 1st May 2014



What happened during the Town Centre workshop



Day 1- Session to Identify Design and Planning Principles

- Walked around Town Centre to highlight local issues.
- Presentation on key issues affecting the town centre.
- Stakeholders registered concerns and expectations.
- Presentation on best practice schemes to inspire ideas.
- Attendees were split into 4 groups (elected members, council officials, residents and local interest group/NICE), to produce sketch plans that represent their key interests.

Elected members

Vision 'Nairn town centre first'

Key interest:

- Create a central 'hub' of activity, perhaps located in Court House and including the library, CAB, museum. Discussed opportunities of a contemporary extension at back facing towards King Street.
- Create a multipurpose covered space for events such as markets, could facilitate parking when not being used
- Configure car, bus and bike parking
- Strong, attractive links including trees and lighting

Council officials

Vision 'Shaped by the community: Valued by all'

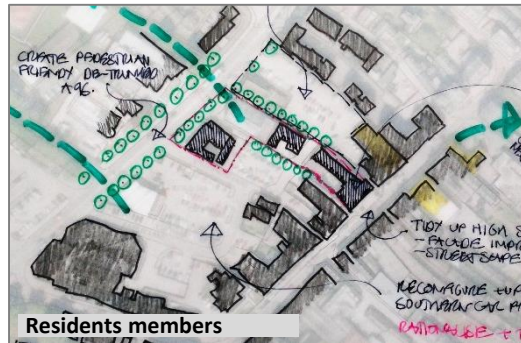
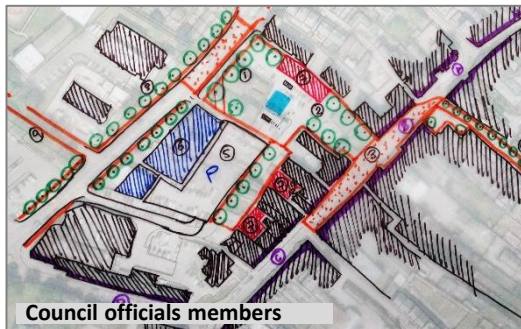
Key interest:

- Create a public plaza
- Strong pedestrian linkage to High Street, River and Museum
- Shared surface space on King Street and the High Street to improve linkage
- Explore possibilities of a multi-storey parking building
- New mixed use buildings fronting on to King Street

Residents

Key interest:

- Use the Court House as Tourist Coordination Centre/ Cultural Centre
- Tidy up High Street
- Upgrade footpath network
- Attract big sporting events e.g Iron Man
- Need family focused evening economy



Local Interest Group

Vision 'Activity: Culture: Heritage'

Key interest:

- Improve connectivity to the park, river, through vennels, and at crossings.
- Rationalise parking
- Create a new civic town square

Summary

All agreed that Nairn needs to be supported through design interventions to ensure its future vitality. Many recurring themes and ideas were raised by each group. Common interventions included improving connectivity, rationalising parking, creating a public square/ space and revitalising the High Street. Improvements to King Street once the bypass is built was a common long term goal.

Day 2- Session to Refine Principles & Focus on Delivery

- Summary of refined plans and key principles agreed by each group from the previous day.
- Attendees were again split into 4 groups ensuring that key interests were represented in each including transport, social, environmental and economic. Groups were asked to choose their most favoured sketch plan as a base to be developed further.
- Based on the discussions during the workshop, an illustration was produced, which represented the emerging preferred concepts and proposals.

