

Project Experience

Skipton Renaissance Market Town


Craven District Council
 Investing in Skipton - Building for the Future

The aim of this event is to obtain your views on the initial scheme designs put forward by Craven District Council to invest in Skipton.

Craven District Council owns various sites in the centre of Skipton, which they want to develop for the benefit of the district and its residents

The key sites are:

- Cavendish Street • Coach Street • Canal Basin
- Town Hall • Granville Street



Separate proposals are being worked up to improve the Bus Station site. The proposals are aimed at maintaining and enhancing Skipton as a bustling, high quality and dynamic market town and gateway to the Yorkshire Dales

It is important to remember that nothing has been set in stone. **We want to hear your opinions and ideas about the proposals** The Council wants to develop these sites to deliver the objectives that have been identified, including:

- Improving public service provision • Extending the retail offer
- Increasing car parking from 1,200 space to 1,500
- Expanding the economic base • Providing Affordable Housing
- Environmental improvements • Traffic Management

Schemes will be delivered using private investment, via a partnership between a selected property developer and Craven District Council. Please note that no decisions have been taken. The schemes will change as a result of your feedback. The final design will be selected by the council following a rigorous competition between developers

The council will not make its decision until mid 2005

we want to hear your views- please complete a questionnaire

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Outline

Ben Aspinall was retained to provide cashflow appraisal support on a portfolio of inter-linked developments on five key Council owned sites in Skipton. The proposals were in support of the Renaissance Vision prepared by Yorkshire Forward.

The Council was seeking to develop a new Joint Services Centre including a new library and registry office to provide better access to public services. This required the town's car parking to be consolidated into decks. This was to be paid for by the release of high value retail, mixed use office-A3, and residential development opportunities.

Services Provided

Craven District Council retained Ben Aspinall as development adviser. Ben project managed the initial concept designs and feasibility surveys (topographical, flood risk, utilities, highways etc.). An exhibition of the proposals was held and much public debate was stimulated. The feedback from the work resulted in various options being tested.

Value Added

Throughout the conceptual design process Ben Aspinall tested the ideas with the public and also the development community. Ben Aspinall also maintained a consolidated development appraisal of the five schemes to ensure the Council's objectives could be delivered from the development surplus and to prioritise projects.