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The document sets out the following vision for the town centre:

‘By 2025 Harrogate Town Centre will be a leading UK destination for shopping, leisure and business tourism. The unique qualities of the town centre will be enhanced to provide a distinctive visitor offer that differentiates Harrogate from its regional and national competitors. This distinctiveness will be characterised by an exceptional town centre environment, the key components of which will be:

- public realm of an outstanding quality;
- a special blend of retail and leisure uses;
- unique facilities for conferences and events; and
- integrated and sustainable transport infrastructure.

The realisation of this vision will ensure that important economic benefits are delivered for local residents and businesses, and that opportunities for the sustainable development of the town centre are fully exploited.’
The masterplan sets out a series of projects and policy recommendations designed to deliver the vision. These include key opportunity sites and public realm improvements for Harrogate town centre as shown on the plan below.

**Cenotaph and Prospect Gardens**

The Cenotaph is a focal point of the town centre surrounded by some of the town’s finest Victorian architecture. Proposals here include:

- Improving pedestrian links between Cambridge Street and the Montpellier Quarter.
- Redesigning the public realm, creating space for informal recreation and events.
- The closure of Cambridge Crescent and Montpellier Parade to general traffic and the removal of on-street car parking.
- The creation of a tiered performance space at Prospect Gardens.
Station Square and Station Parade

Station Square is the gateway to the town centre for visitors arriving by train. However, it currently suffers from a disjointed appearance that makes it difficult for visitors to orientate themselves on arrival, and also suffers from the environmental impacts of the A61 at Station Parade. Below is an artist’s impression of the potential redevelopment of Station Square that would address these issues and complement plans to improve facilities at the train station.

James Street and Princes Street

James Street has evolved into one of the town’s premier shopping street and acts as an important east-west route connecting Station Square to the Cenotaph. Subject to an assessment of the traffic impact, it is proposed that James Street is fully pedestrianised, maximising the benefits to the pedestrian environment.
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- the rationalisation of car parking and new tree planting in Princes Square.
- improving connections between the bus and train stations through new development.
- the use of Hall Q of the HIC for a family-orientated visitor attraction.
- the potential redevelopment of the HIC holding area off Dragon Road.
- securing a suitable redevelopment of the council’s Crescent Gardens offices and remodelling the gardens opposite.

The consultation document sets out a range of other projects, including:

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Implementation Plan

The document also includes an implementation plan identifying lead organisations for delivering projects, potential partners, proposed phasing and funding sources.

How can you get involved?

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Whilst we would encourage people to respond online, responses can be e-mailed to planningpolicy@harrogate.gov.uk or posted to Planning Policy, Planning and Development, Harrogate Borough Council, P.O. Box 787, Harrogate, HG1 9RW (please remember to provide your name and postal address).

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Draft HTCSM Consultation Flyer
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