

# APPENDIX 3

## Safely Reopening the High Street

### Temporary Small Public Realm Programme

June 2020

#### 1. Introduction

As lockdown restriction ease and footfall in the town centres and high streets increase, the safety of our residents and the businesses that operate within those town centres is seen as a priority of the council. In order to restart the local economy it is crucial that businesses, residents and visitors feel confident that it is safe to reopen and visit the town centres within the borough.

Engineers have undertaken a number of site surveys within the town centres and surrounding areas in order to identify problem areas. This may be narrow pavements, street furniture that impede social distancing requirements under current guidelines and pinch points.

These initial surveys have provided the information to put together a programme of temporary eligible works as per the guidance supplied from MHCLG. The list is not exhaustive and as guidelines change, more businesses open and footfall increases other works may present themselves.

There may be additional work required at different times of year as we recognise there will be various times when traditionally footfall increases especially around Christmas time and promotional efforts in autumn when people will be making more regular journeys by car.

#### 2. Programme Aims

- To assist business owners, staff and customers to follow government guidelines whilst moving and queuing around the town centre.
- To will help improve consumer confidence and increase, safely, the number of active consumers.
- To enable the safe movement around the town centres enabling customers to shop safely and responsibly.
- To ensure that public spaces that are next to businesses are as safe as possible, temporary changes will need to be made to the physical environment.
- To ensure consistency of approach across individual and multiple public spaces including high streets.

#### 3. Indicator requirements as defined in guidance

- Temporary CV-19 adaptations made to public spaces adjacent to commercial areas which help Small and Medium Sized Enterprises, including Social Enterprises (see Notes below) to build their resilience and adaptability in the context of the economic impact of CV-19 in the area covered by the ERDF support.
- Adaptations can include but are not limited to signage, street markings, temporary barriers, changes to street furniture or parking arrangements.

#### 4. Minimum requirement for this indicator as defined in the guidance

- Public spaces are defined as those under the control of a public sector organisation.
- A High Street is defined as a cluster of 15 or more retail addresses within 150 metres.
- Temporary is defined as a change to the environment that lasts no more than 12 months.

#### 5. Exclusions as defined in the guidance.

Temporary CV-19 adaptations made to public spaces adjacent to commercial areas are excluded where they do not:

- Meet the count threshold criteria
- Help the public assess commercial areas in a safe way
- Help small and medium sized enterprises including social enterprises build their resilience and adaptability in the context of the economic impact of CV-19 in the area covered by the ERDF support.

#### 6. Cost Plan

Removal of pedestrian guard rails around taxi rank to provide space for pedestrians to walk safely	Ashton town centre bottom of Penny Meadow and side of Market	As required	Estimated cost £1400.00
There are a number of these planters around Crown Point, some may have to be removed/relocated to achieve recommended social distancing.	Denton Crown point area	As required	Estimated cost £5000.00 (includes cost of remediation)
Narrow footway, relocate litter bin and possible removal of rails at traffic signals.	Denton Junction Nelson Street (Opposite Morrison's)	As required	Estimated cost £400
Clear Footway widths at Crown Point Junction. Above, max 2.4m to min 1.7m	Denton Crown Point. Road/Stockport Road/Manchester Road.	As required	Estimated cost of barrier removal/reinstatement on all sides of the junction £5000
Rail on radius protecting pedestrians from high kerb face, possibly remove four panels from crossing point towards radius.	Droylsden Junction of Manchester Road/Market Street	As required	Estimated cost of barrier removal and reinstatement- £1200

Barriers and bollards removed to improve social distancing	Droylsden Road outside Church Hotel public house	As required	Estimated cost of barrier/bollard removal - £1000
removal of barriers to assist with queues at Post Office?	Droylsden Manchester Road	As required	Estimated cost of barrier removal and reinstatement - £2000
Removal of bollards on very narrow footway to improve social distancing.	Droylsden Market Street	As required	Estimated cost of bollard removal and reinstatement - £1000
Street furniture restricting footway width – bollards control access to market ground. Cycle rails could be relocated as a covered cycle shelter has been provided on the market ground.	Hyde Market Street/Market Place	As required	Estimated cost of cycle stand relocation £1000
Remove Bollards along Greenfield Street outside Town Hall Planters and bollards could be removed to increase the space available to pedestrians.	Hyde Market Street /Greenfield Street	As required	Estimated cost of bollard removal and reinstatement £2000.00
Barrier rails at crossing could be removed to improve space available and assist social distancing	Hyde Market Street /Market Place	As required	Estimated cost of barrier rail removal and reinstatement - £1000
Possible removal of barrier rails. A review of the safety implications of removal need to be undertaken.	Hyde Union Street junction	As required	Est. costs for removal and reinstatement bollard £1000 sign £100 and barrier £900
removal of bollards and guard rail to assist social distancing	Hyde Market Street	As required	Est. costs for removal and reinstatement bollard £1200 and barrier rail £750

possible bus shelter removal to assist social distancing. Work with GMPT needed	Hyde Street Market	As required	<b>Costs will be met from contingency if work is required</b>
NORROW FOOTPATH – Potential to put cones / barriers on the road where the existing car park white lining is which means this measure exceeds the two metre social distancing requirements.	Manchester Road Bottom Mossley	As required	Costs will be met from contingency sum if required
Bollards and planters removed to increase space for pedestrians and assist social distancing.	Manchester Road bottom Mossley	As required	<b>Estimated cost of bollard removal and reinstatement - £1000 cost needed for planter removal and reinstatement £1000</b>
Bollards a removed to increase space for pedestrians and assist social distancing.	Mossley Stamford Street	As required	<b>Estimated cost of bollard removal and re-instatement - £1000</b>
Parking bays could be removed to allow temporary widening of footway with cones/barriers. NB will need to check if there is enough retail in the area for it to be eligible	Mossley Stamford Street	As required	Estimated cost £500 for temporary cones/barriers
remove/relocate 2 No. posts with No Entry signage. They are in the middle of the footway and reduce the width to approx. 500mm. Further investigation on feed to signs req. Potential footway build out needs assessing	Stalybridge Corporation Street -o/s and opp David Pluck Bookmakers	As required	Estimated cost for removal and re-instatement of bollards - £1000. Costs will be met from contingency sum if work is required for signs and build out

Footway here is very wide, would benefit from having the 2m reminders sprayed at the 6 locations identified on the mapping. In addition give way on bridges as not wide enough to pass marking either end of bridge and a sign saying give way for safe passage.	Stalybridge Grosvenor Street/Melbourne Street	As required	Estimated cost say £500 for 10 footway thermoplastic signs
Close passageway between shops. Is likely to be privately owned Social distancing signage could be placed on the footway.	Stalybridge Back Melbourne Street	As required	Estimated cost say £500 for footway thermoplastic signs. Costs needed for boarding up if that option chosen
Herras fencing	<b>Ashton x 3:</b> Entrance to Arcades, Ladysmith & opposite former Cinema <b>Stalybridge x 2:</b> Top of Grosvenor Street & Armentieres Square <b>Hyde x 2:</b> Market Ground leading to Mall, other entrance into Mall opposite The Queens	During campaign - present to March 2020	7 locations x 3 fence panels = 21 – approx. costs: £840
Contingency sum to cover any unforeseen activity that may be required.			£21,169.00
Small Physical works programme total			<b>£31,290.00</b>