

## TOWN TRAIL (QUESTIONNAIRE) COMMENTS

This was intended as a more interesting and engaging type of questionnaire than is usual. It took the form of a problem-solving trail around the town centre. Those tackling the challenge had to use photos taken at every street or main footpath junction to tell them which direction to take next. At each junction, a question was asked about the participant's views on a particular issue, such as design or traffic. The trail ended at the Library where the completed trail and question answers could be submitted.

Only 5 completed trails were received, all from people in Ross, so no analysis was possible. Responses per issue were as follows:

- 1. Wish to be consulted?** Email questionnaire/ Like this method of consultation, gets to others/ Like this method, need to see results/ Have given ideas.
- 2. Centre safe?** Some minor anti-social behaviour in evenings/ No problems/ More police exp. weekend evening/ Publicise crime information better.
- 3. Enough for visitors?** Canoe hire facility/ Poor one-way system puts off visitors, TIC not obvious, more and more frequent markets attract people/ TIC hard to find, visitors need free parking, more events, need own website?/ TIC in Old Chapel Cantilupe Road, public toilets needed and signposted.
- 4. Conservation standards?** Old buildings OK, not so old not so good/ Old Mill at Fiveways to be kept/used, few prominent run-down premises/ Not all sympathetic in design/ Preserve and use for community events.
- 5. Enough sport provision?** OK/ Representation of local groups poor at River Festival/ Good range of provision, not easy to find out about/ Difficult to find out what's going on – website again/ Better use of surrounding countryside.
- 6. New housing in centre?** Eco housing needed/ No more retirement housing or low cost housing/ Self-build and eco housing, less of Persimmon type/ Housing for police, eco housing, no more Persimmon type/ Is land needed for burials, local hospice on site?..
- 7. Pedstrianisation?** Pedestrianise High Street (bit steep for events)/ Yes/ Possible but need great care/ Pedestrianise High Street/ Small paving dangerous, retain access for deliveries.
- 8. Use of empty centre land?** Car parking free/ No more retirement housing or low cost housing/ Starter units, shops, food market, mixed use possible/ Is car park needed?/ Need car parks, especially for visitors, should be free for special days.
- 9. Traffic and congestion?** Congestion problems/ Congestion High Street and Gloucester Road, difficult to get from Market Place to Gloucester Road, dangerous to walk to Labels/ Difficult town to negotiate by car, Gloucester road congested, one-way system poor/ Problems: Brookend Street into Station Street, make Station Street one-way.
- 10. Traffic movement and parking?** One-way system linked to car parks/ Maybe too many car parks, need to be free/ Need car parks nearby.
- 11. Shops?** More service centred shops/ Shops too spread out/ Free parking helps/ More corner shops on edges of town/ Need larger shop like Dunelm, M&S Food and for clothes, too many charity shops.
- 12. Another supermarket in town?** No more supermarkets, more attractions/ Probably Ok for large supermarkets, smaller one near residential areas perhaps/ Not another supermarket.

**13. Use of old buildings?** Museum, art centre, new tourist office/ Reuse good but not always residential, look at other towns / Housing/ Use space above shops.

**14. Paths and cycleways?** More safe paths/ Better paths from new Persimmon housing, zebra crossing by Fiveways/ Some good paths, some not so good, need them to housing/ Paths good but need more and better from new housing? More paths need more bins and to be safe and signposted.

**15. Keep/improve facilities?** Digital media centre/ Keep library open, some playgrounds poor, Ropewalk needs more/ Keep library – run café inside, more and better play equipment/ Public facilities to be open on bank holidays.