

PROGRESS REPORT N° 01/Rev. 0

Feasibility Study: Pedestrian Crossing of the River Avon,

Bradford on Avon

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Background

The appointment by the Bradford on Avon Area Board and Town Council was confirmed on the 12th August 2016, together with the Client Brief for the Feasibility Study.

The Brief outlines the areas of work to be covered and includes a Timeline for the work.

The principle objective of this Feasibility Study, as stated in the Brief is to contribute to the development of a strategic brief for a pedestrian crossing, within the context of improving pedestrian safety in the centre of the Town.

The study, in its second phase, will look at possible means of improving pedestrian mobility in the town centre, including across the river, should the initial consultations with stakeholders suggest that this is a viable option.

It is **not** however within the remit of this feasibility study to design or detail a pedestrian river crossing.

Programme for Phase 1

The phase from September until December 2016 will include, consultation with relevant stakeholders to ascertain the needs, wishes and constraints on any proposal, analysis of existing documentation including geological and topographical plans and an initial study of the wider implication on the town of any intervention.

Actions to date

A meeting was held with Mr. Russell Brown, Senior Planning and Conservation Officer for Wiltshire Council. Mr. Brown was very positive about the approach and happy to offer any support and advice during the process. He will also be able to advise us on planning issues for any proposals suggested during the consultation process. A meeting with Mike Dawson, the Council's Estates Manager, was also held this week.

Following these meetings an initial list of key stakeholders has been drawn up. These include local interest groups, organisations from whom permission would be required for any intervention and other key stakeholders.

Immediate pending actions:

A meeting has also been arranged with representatives of the Bradford on Avon Preservation Trust, in order to initiate an on going collaboration for the study.

Meetings are to be arranged during September with representatives of Bradford's business community and BoA Seniors Forum, who we expect to inform us of other local Stakeholders that should be consulted.