



Rotterdam Partner Meeting February 2013

Pilot Reporting



Claim Period 3:
01.10.12 - 31.03.13

Pilot: Living with Nature



Timeline:

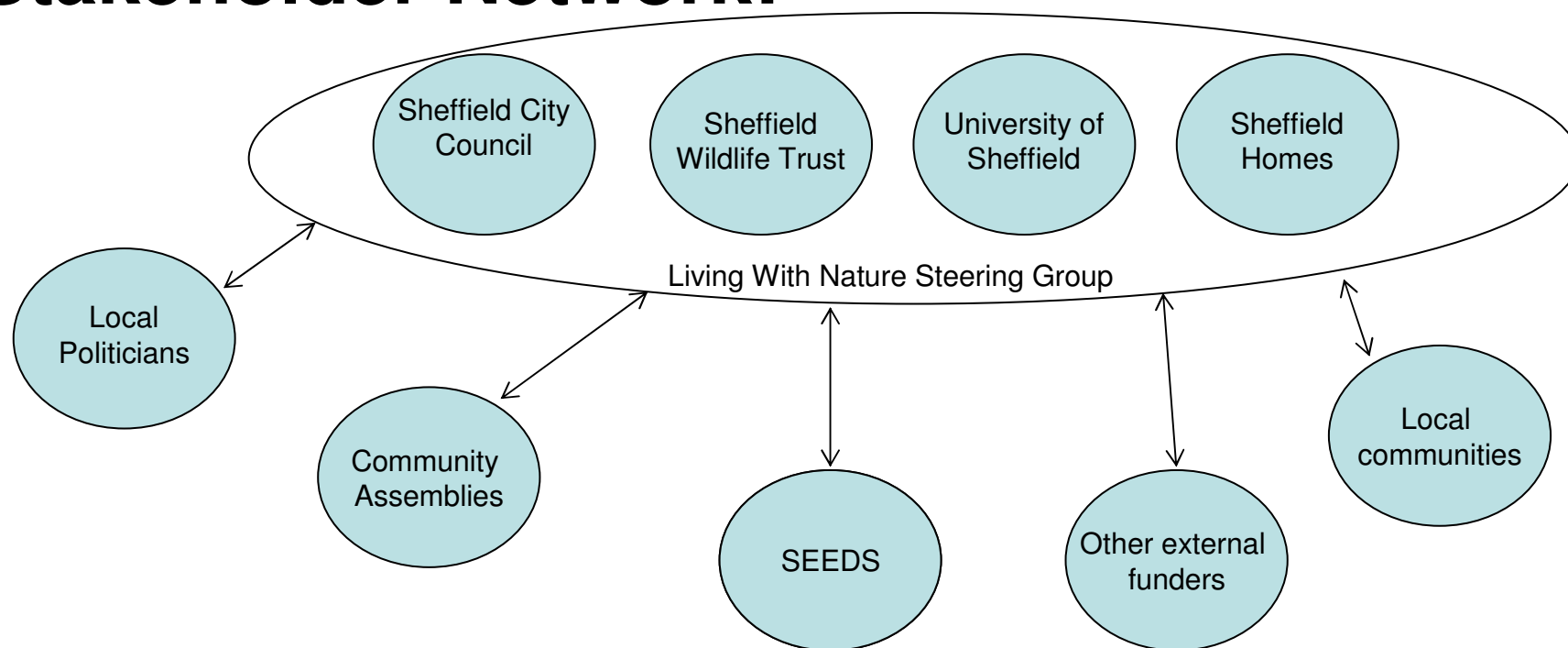




People and Partnerships



Stakeholder Network:





Engagement:

- Meetings, workshops, outdoor activities, events and community Workdays
- A broad range of engagement strategies means that the widest number of people become engaged
- Key stakeholders include local Tenants and Residents Associations (TARAs), community organisations and schools/nurseries likely to make use of the rejuvenated spaces
- It has also been very important that Sheffield City Council as landowner/maintainer is happy with proposals
- Interesting and unusual engagement activities have captured people's imaginations, with over 2,700 people engaged so far



Paradigms and Policy



Policy:

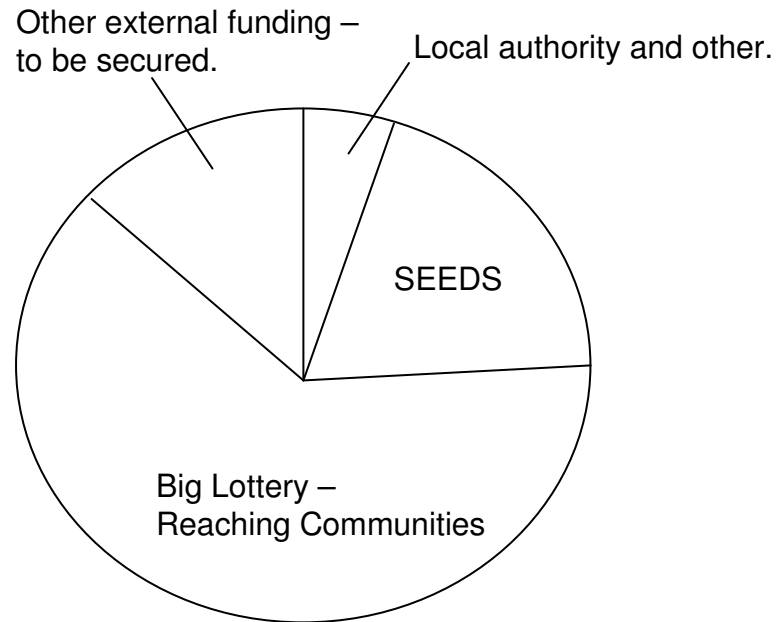
Limited budgets remain a challenge: events and activities can be organised on sites but site improvement is restricted to 'quick wins'; any capital funding has to be reserved for the delivery of permanent site improvements later down the line.



Practice and Finance



Finance:





Practice:

On-the-ground progress:



- Planting bluebells with local school children at Hackenthorpe
- Funday events at Club Garden Rd, Beeches Drive, Spital St, Derby St and Duchess Road
- Bulb planting at Stockton Place and Randall Place
- Hot picnic and karaoke at Edward Street
- Lantern making at Birley Spa and Philadelphia Gardens



Pilot development:

Biggest problem is overcoming people's perceptions of the negative aspects of some of the sites

There is a need to get people to think ahead to how the site could be improved and how this would positively affect their quality of life.

Future plans:

On completion, sites will revert to Sheffield City Council for ongoing maintenance and future development. New site maintenance plans will be prepared to assist this transition



SEEDS Partner Involvement



How have you involved your SEEDS partners?

Very little so far, although we have shared the overview of our project with the other partners

What support, help or information do you need from your SEEDS partners?

Have requested whether any other partners have implemented any innovative community engagement techniques that have been successful. No response to date



Lessons Learnt:

That its possible to spread yourselves too thin! In terms of community engagement we are now looking at doing fewer high quality events rather than loads at a lower quality

Evaluation:

The University of Sheffield is evaluating the project as it progresses – this will try and capture how the project positively affects and develops individuals and community groups as well as evaluating how the site enhancements themselves benefit people



The Next Claim



What Happens Next:

Final sign off on the first 3 sites expected.

- Delivery of site improvements to one site will take place
- Community engagement will commence on the next tranche of sites

Challenges

- Balancing the management of delivery on site with further design, community and funding work

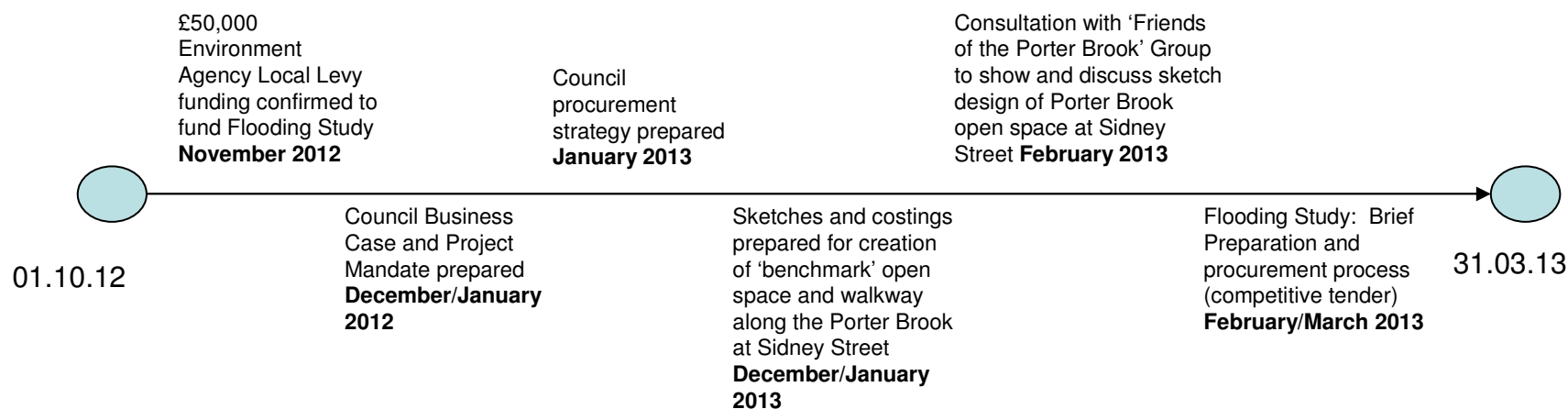


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Pilot: Porter Brook



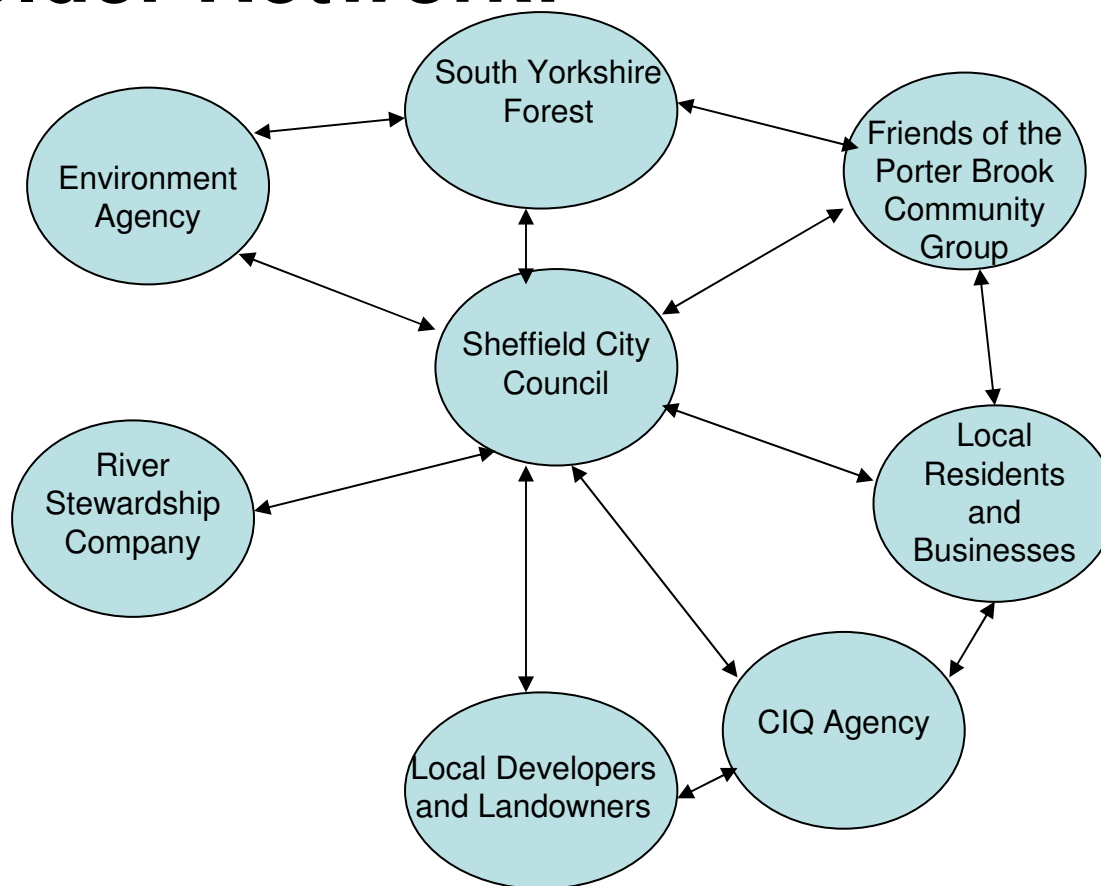
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People and Partnerships

Stakeholder Network:





Engagement:

- Carry out consultation through attendance at local community group meetings (Friends of Porter Brook) to show the initial drawings of the proposed river-side open space and riverside walkway at Sidney Street
- Take the opportunity to speak to local businesses about the project during meetings, at local events etc
- Further consultation required as the project grows and a strategy for the Porter Brook is formed



Paradigms and Policy



Policy:

No direct problems regarding policy so far

Delays have been experienced in deciding the method of procurement of the Flooding Study



Practice and Finance



Finance:

£50,000 EA Local
Levy Funding for
Hydrological
Flood Modelling
Study of the
Porter Brook in
the City Centre

£15,000 EA
funding for
sketch design
and preparation
of associated
costings – Open
Space at Sidney
Street



Practice:

On-the-ground progress: No on site progress to report

Pilot development: Project still at brief-development stage

Future Plans:



SEEDS Partner Involvement



How have you involved your SEEDS partners?

No involvement yet, other than information-sharing through normal reporting procedures.

What support, help or information do you need from your SEEDS partners?



Lessons Learnt:

None as yet - project in brief-development stage.

Evaluation:

No evaluation has taken place as the project is in its pre-brief stage



The Next Claim



What Happens Next:

Procurement of the Flooding Study and appointment of Hydrological Consultant

Consultation session with local community group, the Friends of the Porter Brook



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Pilot: Sheffield Showcase



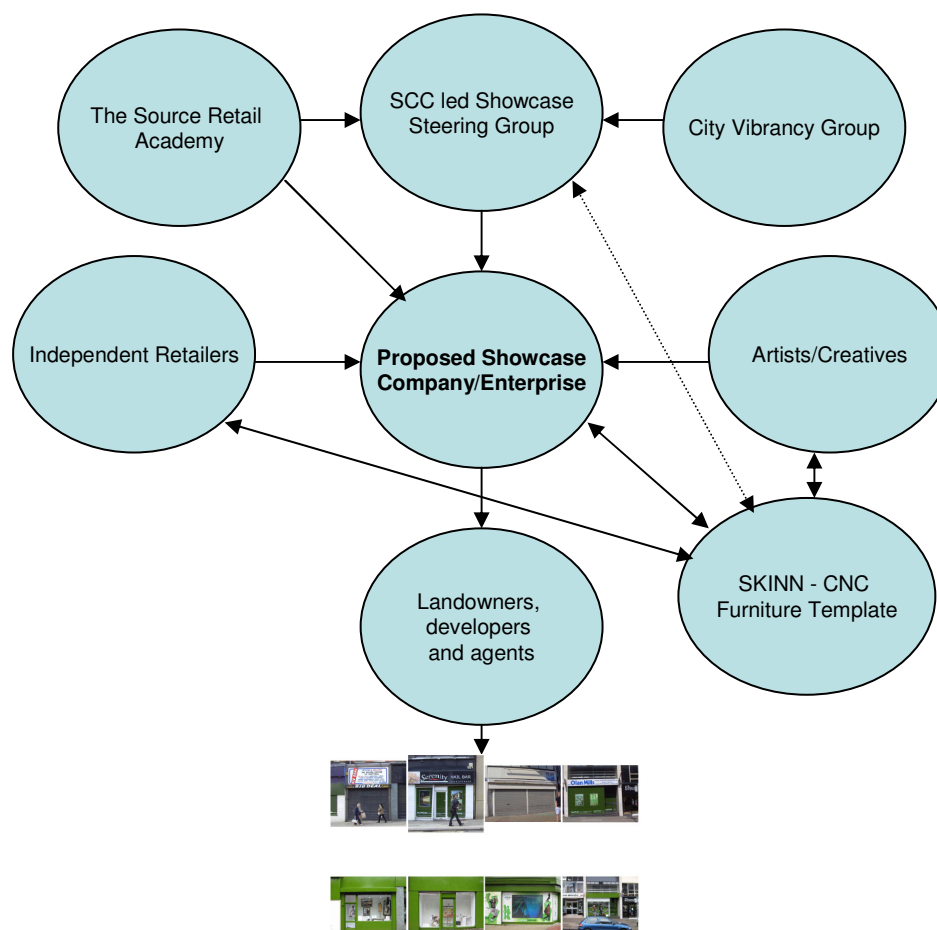
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People and Partnerships

Stakeholder Network:





Engagement:

- Feedback from users of Sheffield Showcase – Great success in engaging local independents, businesses and artists/creatives
- Forum to discuss the formation of a Independent Retail Association and creation of social/private enterprise to run Sheffield Showcase
- Including Business Network/Organisations on Steering Group – SKINN
- Meetings with major landowners and/or owners of buildings in areas of transition to facilitate meanwhile uses
- Proposed Consultation/Networking through Vibrancy Workshop Conference



Paradigms and Policy



Policy:

Business Rate Issues – Vacant Rates in CPO and/or listed buildings

Encouraging Landowners/Agents and Meanwhile Users to meet

Sheffield Showcase Partnership as a vehicle to bring the two sides together.

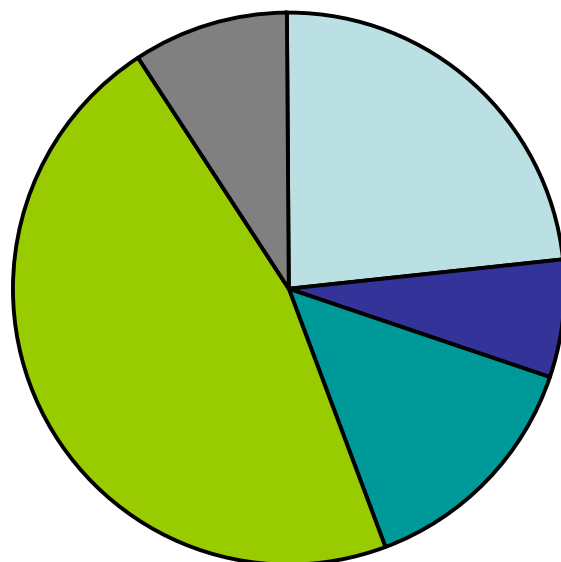
First step in this is engaging through a workshop/conference facilitated by SCC



Practice and Finance



Finance:



- ☐ SCC
- ☐ Officer Time
- ☐ Developer in kind?
- ☐ High Street Innovation Fund
- ☐ SEEDS?



Practice:

On-the-ground progress:

Pilot scheme open and ongoing meetings with numerous vacant building owners regarding temporary/meanwhile use.

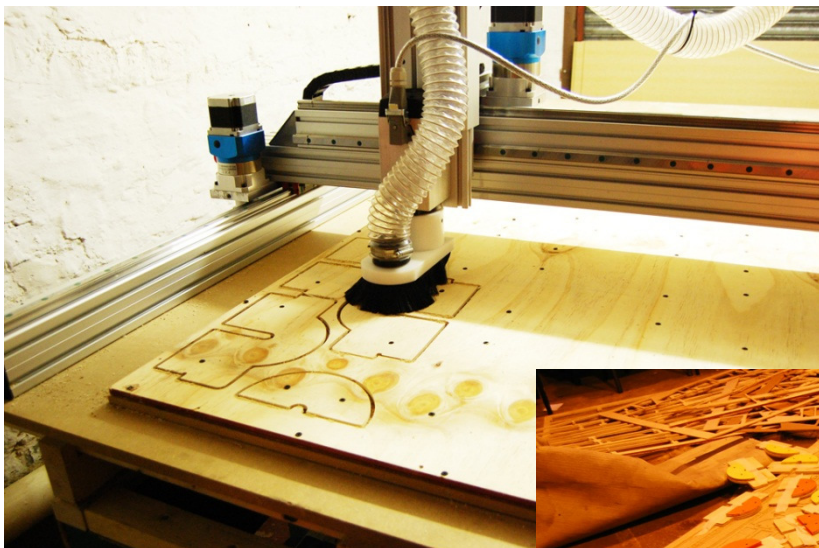
Creation/Design of template for CNC cut shop furniture for meanwhile users

Pilot development:

Pilot scheme on Chapel Walk now open and CNC furniture designs to be made publically available. Lessons Learnt will inform future plans

Future plans:

To make the Sheffield Showcase an enterprise run by local independents and artists to work with landowners/agents to utilise vacant buildings and sites





SEEDS Partner Involvement



How have you involved your SEEDS partners?

No Involvement other than sharing information on the pilot for the Copenhagen Conference/Partner meeting

What support, help or information do you need from your SEEDS partners?

Experiences in dealing with vacant buildings and processes/policy used by partners to encourage meanwhile/temporary uses
Make contact with Hamburg to discuss Hamburg Hohenhorst (Den Leerstand Nutzen) and any other suitable pilot projects
Potentially invite suitable partners to present case studies at Vibrancy Conference/Workshop highlighted earlier?



Lessons Learnt:

Chapel Walk lessons to be reported at future date

Evaluation:

None as yet. Chapel Walk Incubation Unit will be evaluated on impact through customer numbers, sales, number of independent retailers assisted and wider impact on footfall and sales for other retailers on Chapel Walk



The Next Claim



What Happens Next:

Further work to encourage meanwhile uses in larger buildings in the Riverside district

Creation of Sheffield Showcase meanwhile enterprise

Organising a workshop/conference to facilitate discussion between landowners/agents and potential meanwhile/temporary tenants



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**Pilot: Rotherham
Renaissance**



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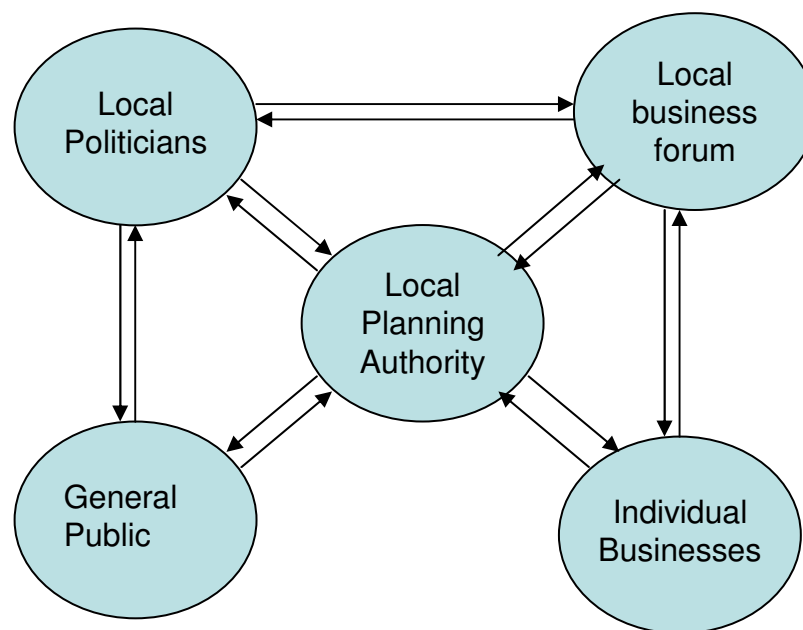




People and Partnerships



Stakeholder Network:





Engagement:

- Significant consultation with the general public and business, leading to a Community Strategy
- A major programme of transitional change, which will be delivered by attracting inward investors
- The first stage has been the development of a Renaissance Charter
- Further consultation on the proposed public realm will take place with local businesses and the general public including face to face meetings, Town Team events and workshops
- Public realm schemes already carried out have been well supported by all stakeholders and are regarded as major assets for the public



Paradigms and Policy



Policy:

The area to be improved is within the Town Centre Conservation Area and fits in with existing Planning Policy

Part of the area will be utilised for outdoor events which compliment the uses within the surrounding buildings

Working with the Townscape Heritage Initiative, many buildings in the immediate location have been renovated and restored to reflect the historical importance of this area

Building on previous significant investment in both Public Realm and surrounding buildings/shops this pilot is the final phase



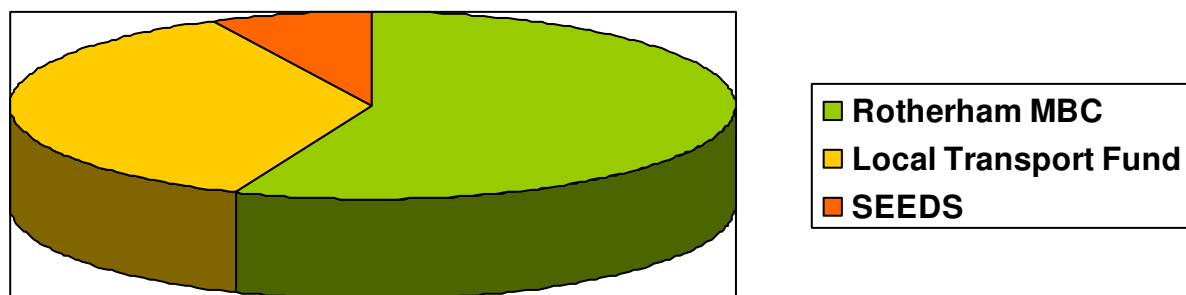




Practice and Finance



Finance:



PROPOSED PROJECT FUNDING

Rotherham MBC	£305,500
Local Transport Fund	£200,000
SEEDS	£40,000



Practice:

The project is now at detailed design stage

The Council's in-house Landscape Design Team will be responsible for the design and procurement

The final scheme will be a mix of hard and soft landscaping

The area is heavily used by pedestrians on a daily basis and forms the access to many diverse businesses. It will be a challenge to deliver the project efficiently due to the local footfall, but it is imperative that it is carried out with minimum disruption to the surrounding businesses

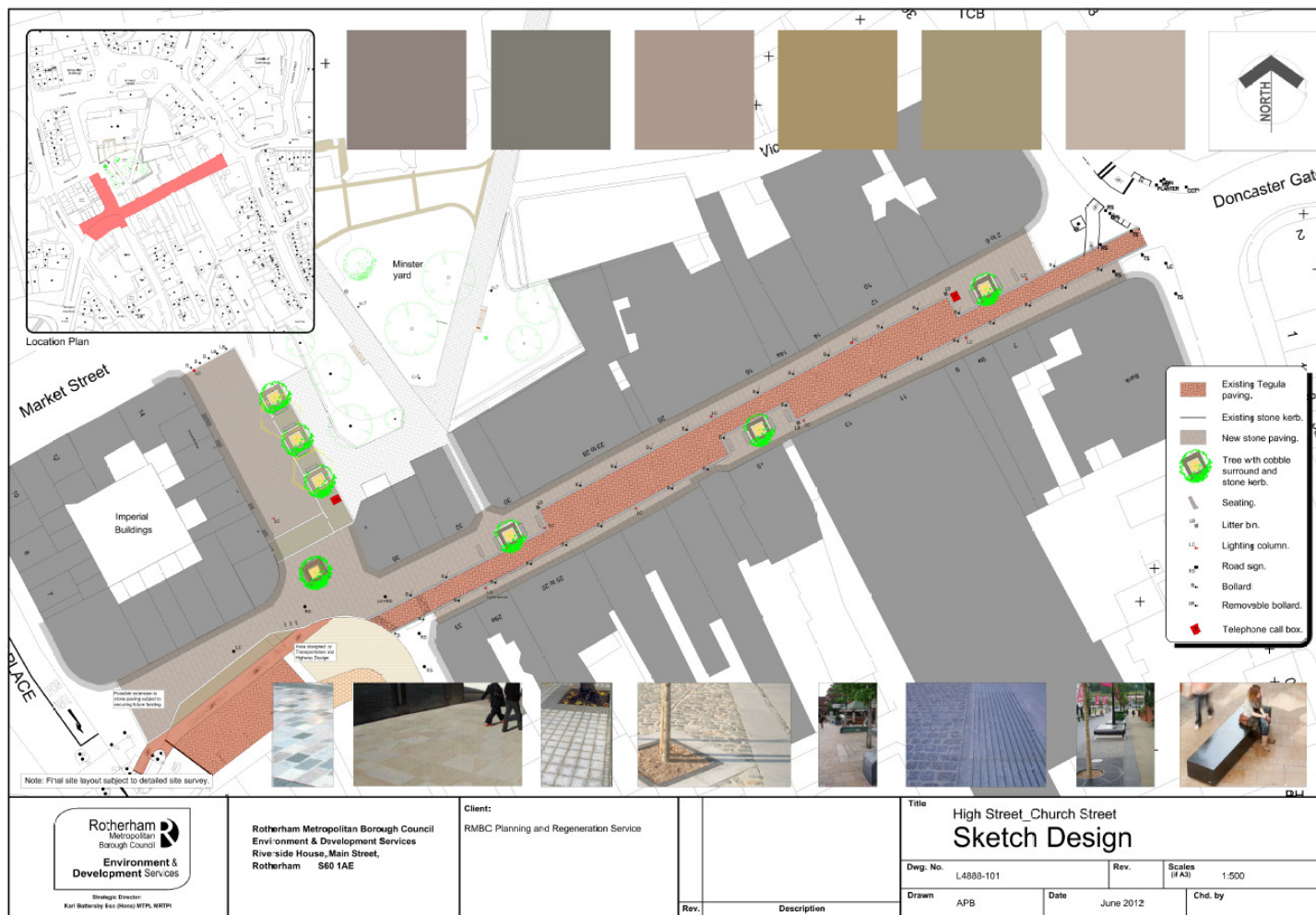
All of the land included within the project is designated as Highway land; future maintenance and aftercare will be the responsibility of the Local Authority



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SEEDS Partner Involvement



How have you involved your SEEDS partners?

To date Rotherham MBC has not had any direct involvement with any other SEEDS partners

What support, help of information do you need from your SEEDS partners?

Rotherham MBC would be interested to share knowledge with Other European Local Government Authorities on previous successful Regeneration Initiatives and Plans for the future.



Lessons Learnt:

The Local Authority has significant experience in delivering similar projects; nothing unusual has occurred with the proposal to date. Future lessons will be shared with partners

Evaluation:

The project will be evaluated throughout, to include Design, Value for Money, Programme, Sustainability and Client/End User Satisfaction



The Next Claim



What Happens Next:

Complete the detailed design and carry out further consultation with stakeholders

Seek a competent Contractor to deliver the works on site, with 'Best Value' a key component

The main challenge will be to ensure minimal disruption to the surrounding businesses and residents



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