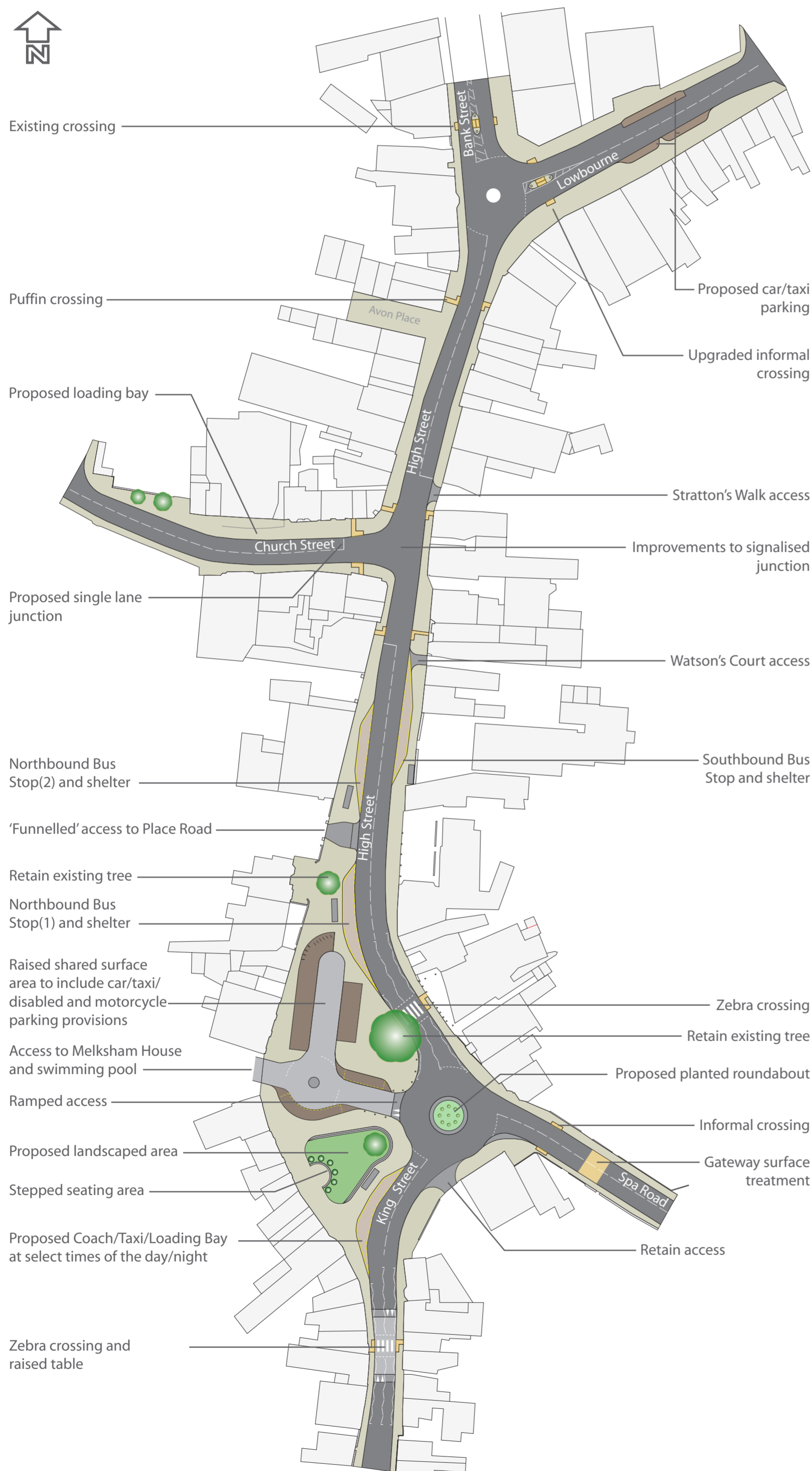


Melksham Town Centre Improvements

Proposed Town Centre Layout




Scheme Overview

The proposed scheme layout has been prepared in line with the scheme objectives and the requirements of local stakeholders, local residents and the steering group. The plan on the left shows an overview of the whole scheme which sees improvements throughout Melksham High Street, from King Street all the way through to Lowboume.

The key elements of the design include:

- A multi-functional shared space within the Market Place which can be used for community events, such as a Christmas market, as well as meeting the everyday needs of the town.
- Creation of new footways to improve accessibility not just for pedestrians but also for those with mobility impairments.
- Realignment of the carriageway through Market Place creating a gateway feature to Melksham High Street.
- Improved crossing facilities throughout the town centre scheme.
- Retention of the large tree near the Market Place that currently splits the main carriageway in two. This was a major factor in how the overall scheme looks and was an issue close to the heart of those local people involved in directing the design team.
- A new roundabout which will be smaller than the existing one but will incorporate an island with planting.
- A new area of greenery outside of the Crown House to the left of the Town Hall which could feature lawn steps, planting and seating.
- New bus shelters and a shelter for the coach stop, which builds on the current facilities for public transport users in this area.
- Secure parking for motorcycles and bicycles and an area set aside for taxi operators.
- There is scope within the scheme for a piece of public art work which could be commissioned to echo and commemorate a historic feature of the town and be located in the Market Place.
- To allow for all these changes to be brought into being, the number of short term parking spaces will be reduced.

Key

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|  | Proposed carriageway |  | Proposed parking |
|  | Proposed ramp /vehicle overrun area |  | Improved footway |
|  | Proposed landscaped area |  | Proposed bus stop |
|  | Proposed /Existing tree | | |

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