

CONCLUSION: *WHAT HAS THIS PROCESS ACHIEVED?*

The production of this Strategic Development Framework follows a direct line of thinking from the Government's Urban White Paper through all the recent statements of new urban policy and planning guidance to this, a critical, locally focused statement of real intent.

The strategy set out in this document has been generated by the people of Halifax to guide the future of their town. In preparing it they have engaged in discussions and debates about all the issues related to the planning of their town, how that planning is done and by whom, and what they can do to influence the process for the better. They have debated what makes Halifax good and what makes it bad. They have considered how people get to and through the town at different times, and what range of facilities they should expect to find there. And they have debated how the town is managed on behalf of them all.

They have generated, through an open, democratic process, a vision for the town centre that has wide support and sets a real challenge for those responsible for its implementation and management. And they have reinforced respect for the heritage of their town while wholeheartedly embracing the need for change and new development to meet the needs of future citizens, businesses and visitors.

In engaging in this process, the people of the town, represented by its Town Team, have become much more confident about its future and its potential, and the town will benefit from this new, more positive outlook. Coverage of the discussions and proposals in the local newspaper has engaged much wider participation among the town's citizens, and the feedback has been very positive. And the Council has endorsed the principles set out in the strategy and is ensuring that its Unitary Development Plan reflects and underpins this new approach.

Today, Halifax is a great town; it can only get better.

THE HALIFAX URBAN RENAISSANCE TOWN TEAM

