

Wiveliscombe Square and Town Centre Options

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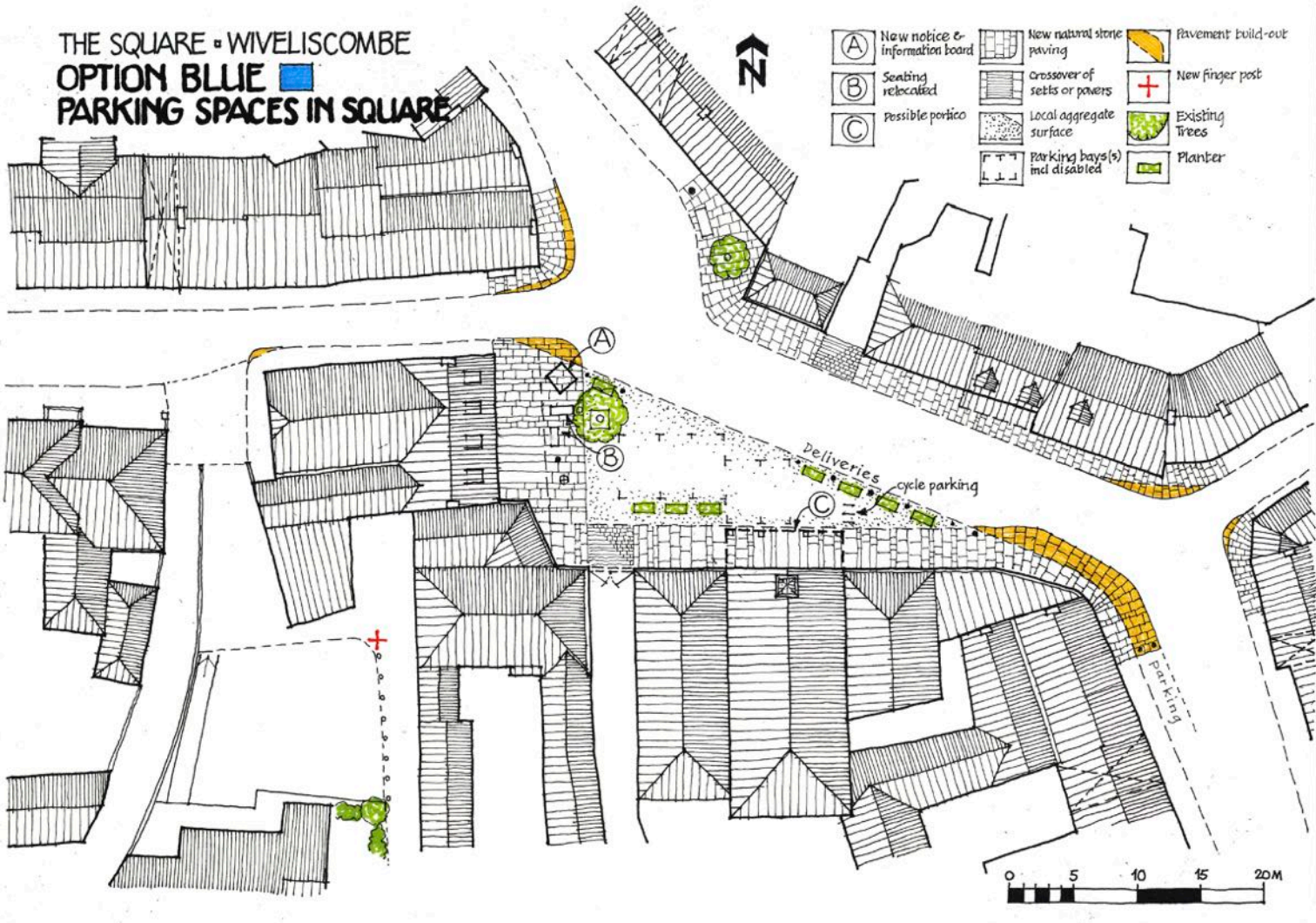
From the survey undertaken in October 2021 we have developed five options for the future of The Square and town centre. They represent different approaches and solutions to the challenges we face but also seek to make the most of the good things.

A summary of each option follows.

You can leave comments on the wivey.co.uk website, or email us at comments@wivey.co.uk or drop-in at the community centre on Friday 28th January (5-7pm) or Saturday 29th January (9am-1pm)

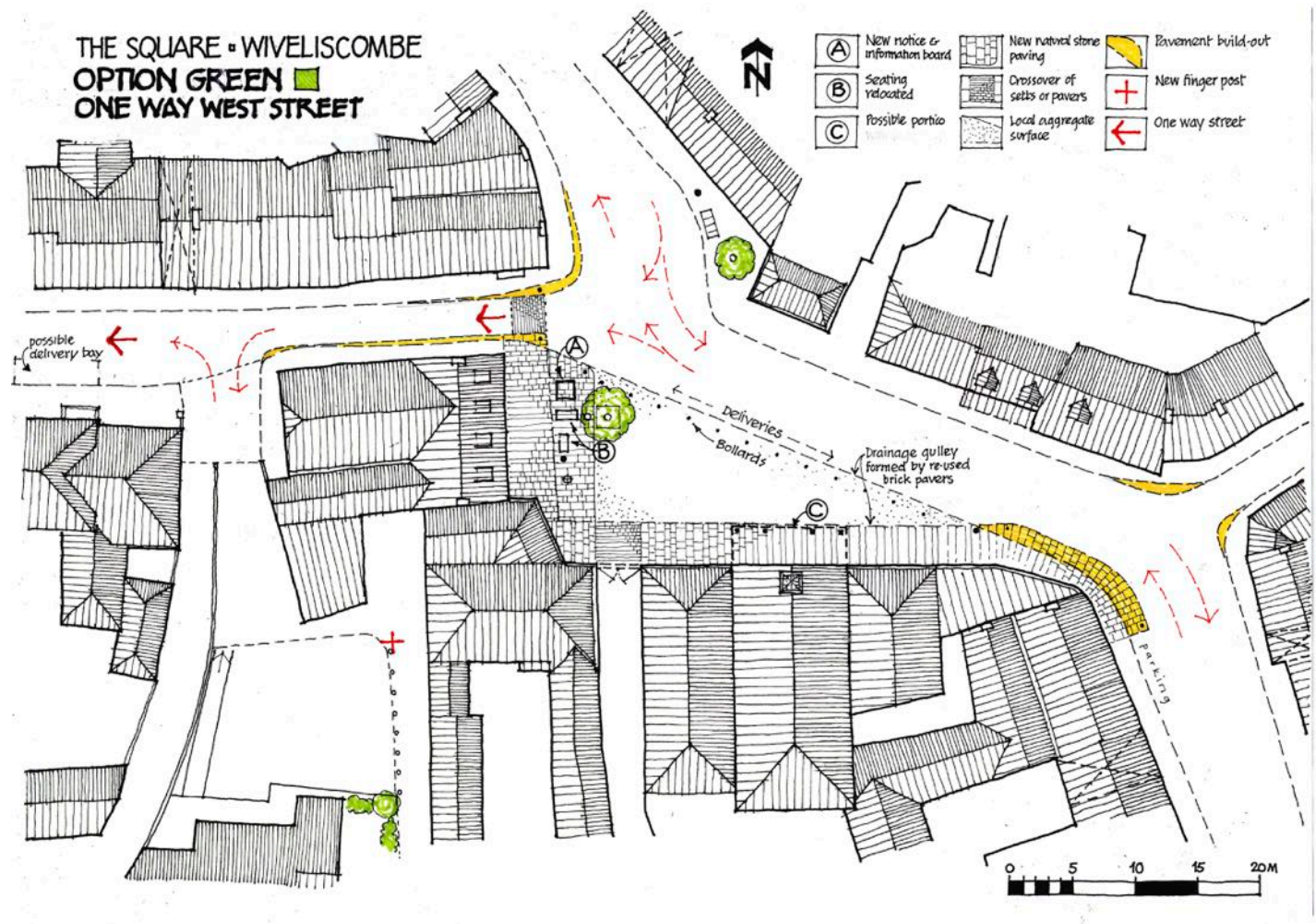
BLUE OPTION: Enhancements with some parking in The Square

- Up to 5 spaces, including a disabled parking bay created in The Square.
- The bays will be set out perpendicular to the Town Hall, allowing for efficient use of the pedestrian part of The Square.
- Vehicles would arrive and exit the bays directly onto the street, which would induce careful driver behaviour.



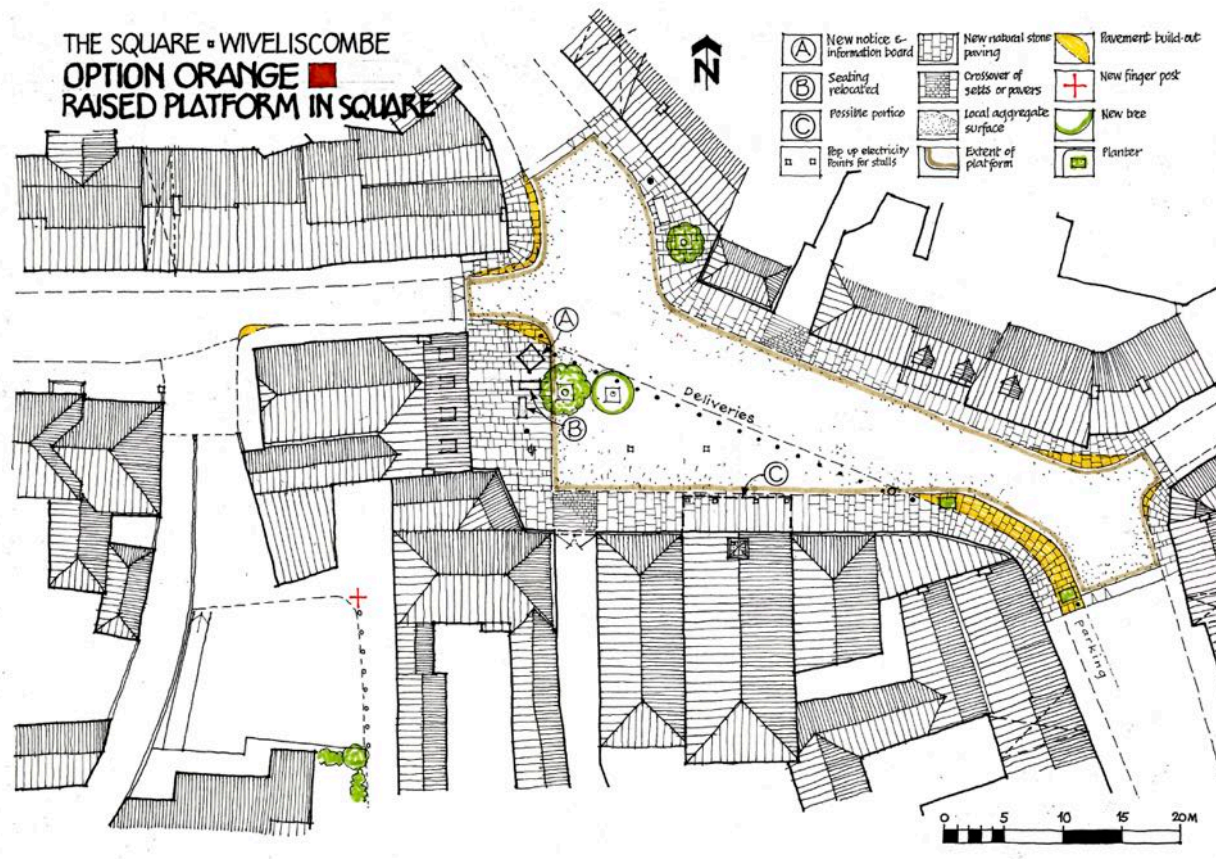
GREEN OPTION: One Way West Street

- A one-way layout would run west from The Square, to the Garage/Jews Lane, with two way access-only for West Road. Traffic heading east and north would go via Croft Way.
- This would improve the pedestrian environment of West Street's narrow pavements, and for on-street parking.
- A dedicated delivery bay for West Street shops could be provided.
- Access to and from the Community Centre would be maintained



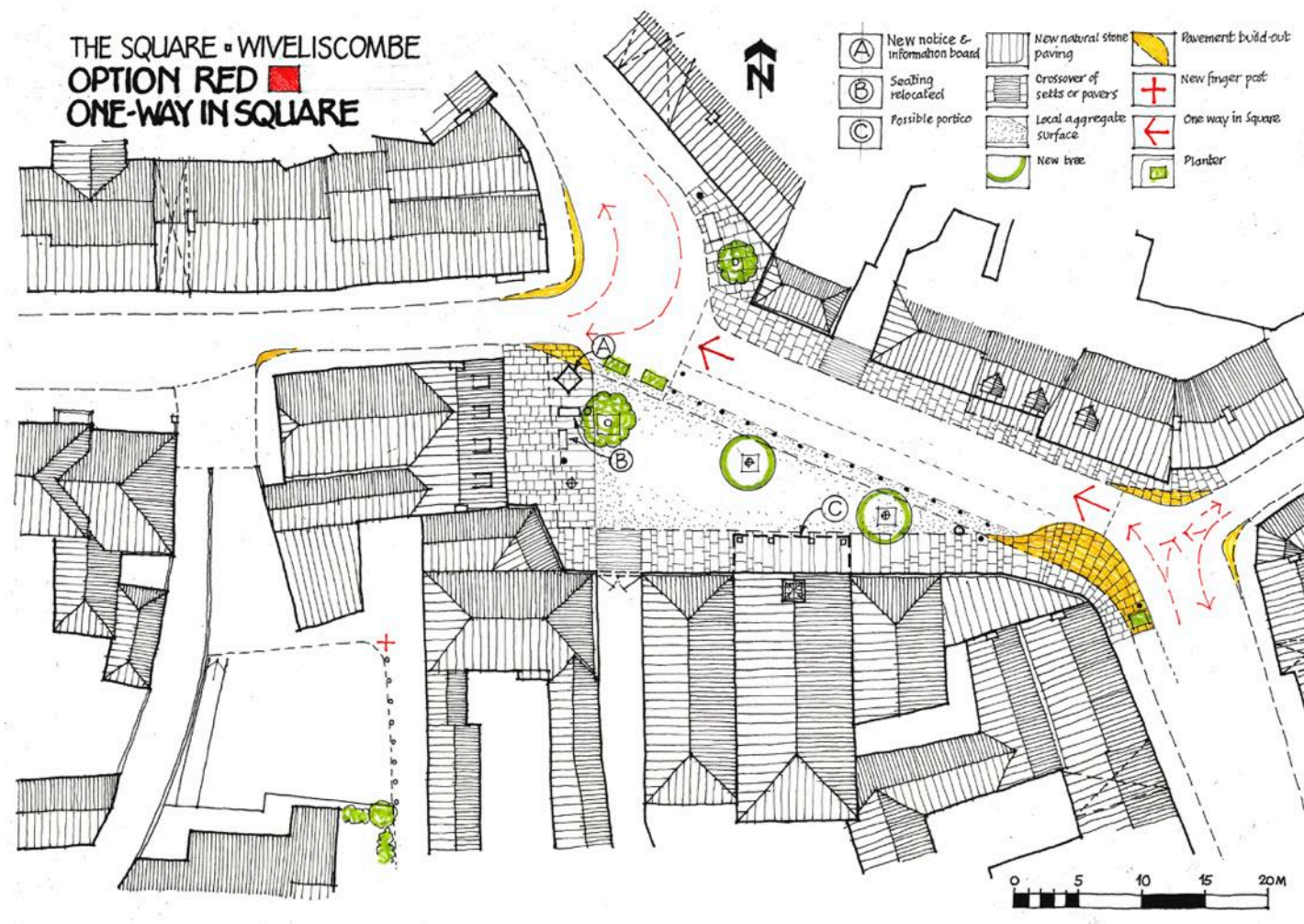
ORANGE OPTION: Raised 'platform' in The Square

- A raised platform will be created within the Square and its approaches, reducing the kerb height to approximately 2cm. This will convey the impression that the Square is predominantly a pedestrian scaled place and that vehicles should proceed with caution. The surface could be brick pavers.
- A delivery and pick-up bay will be delineated on the southern side of the platform by a line of bollards to prevent vehicles going into the pedestrian part of the Square.
- A new tree could be planted adjacent to the existing tree, which would reinforce the pedestrian priority of the Square, especially on approaching from North Street. This tree would replace the tree previously located near this point.



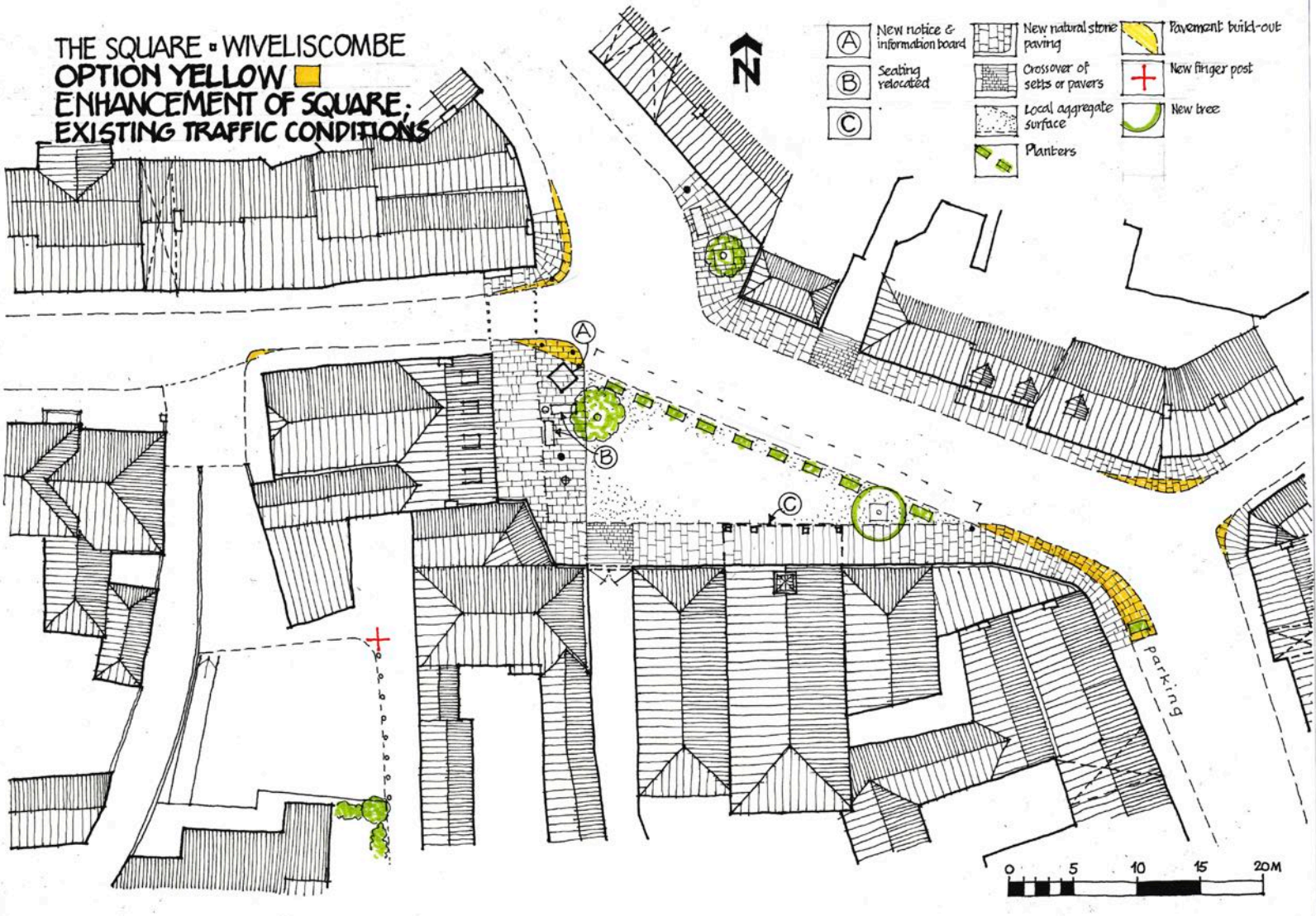
RED OPTION: One way traffic in The Square, running east to west

- Single lane layout for traffic moving from High St direction towards West St and North St. Traffic from North St would go south via West St and Croft Way.
- This would increase space for pedestrians and allow for two additional trees, defining The Square as a pleasant green focus to the town centre.
- A delivery and pick-up bay would be marked by planters or bollards.
- A bus shelter could be installed, reinforcing the pedestrian character of the space.



YELLOW OPTION: Enhancement of The Square, with existing traffic conditions

- This option would enhance the appearance of the Square as a place for people, whilst maintaining the existing road layout for traffic.
- Dedicated delivery and drop-off bay defined by planters and an additional tree to the edge of the Square.
- Installation of a bus shelter.



Common Features

There are some features which are common to each option:

- Pavements to be widened at hazardous and cramped points at the entrances to the Square.
- The existing trees in the Square and by the bus stop on North Street will be retained.
- Existing paving to be replaced with a margin of flagstones of natural stone on the west and south side of the Square.
- Triangular space between the margins and the street; existing brick pavers to be taken up and re-laid as drainage channels, between bays of local aggregate bound surface finish.
- The existing clutter in the Square to be removed and new seating, waste bin and community notice board installed. Space for sitting out for the cafe to be retained.
- The cramped arrangement of the bus shelter and seat etc in North Street to be repositioned.
- A finger post to be installed near the Community Centre car park, to improve wayfinding to the Square from the Croft Way car park.
- Cycle parking to be installed.
- The former portico to the Town Hall to be reinstated to a design to enhance the civic presence of the Town Hall whilst minimising overshadowing the shopfront.

‘Pick and Mix’ items: These preferences could be applicable to any of the Options above

- Fixed seats:- retain in existing position, relocate or remove.
- Retain existing tree in the Square.
- Retain existing tree by bus stop on North Street.
- Additional tree planting (1 or 2) in the Square.
- Remove and have no trees in the Square.
- Retain or remove existing artwork by the seats.
- Planters to prevent vehicles going onto the pedestrianised part of the Square.
- Bollards to prevent vehicles going onto the pedestrianised part of the Square.
- Natural stone paving around the sides of the Square.
- Replace the brick pavers in the Square with bound local stone aggregate.
- Marked loading bay for delivery vehicles in the Square.
- Marked loading bay for delivery vehicles in West Street.
- Retain or remove the art installation in the Square.
- Replace brick pavers in the Square with bound local stone aggregate.
- Reinstated the portico in front of the Town Hall

