

2 Town Centre - Public Realm



'Urban Pause Points'



'Urban Pause Points' are spaces in the public realm carefully designed with clusters of seating, planting, shelter, and shade.

Two potential new 'pause points' have been identified on the map below:

- The space next to the library and bus station
- Halfway along the High Street (opposite Superdrug)

The examples above show how these spaces can introduce greenery into the town centre, make space more accessible and sociable by providing additional resting points, and provide opportunities for outdoor dining and small kiosks.

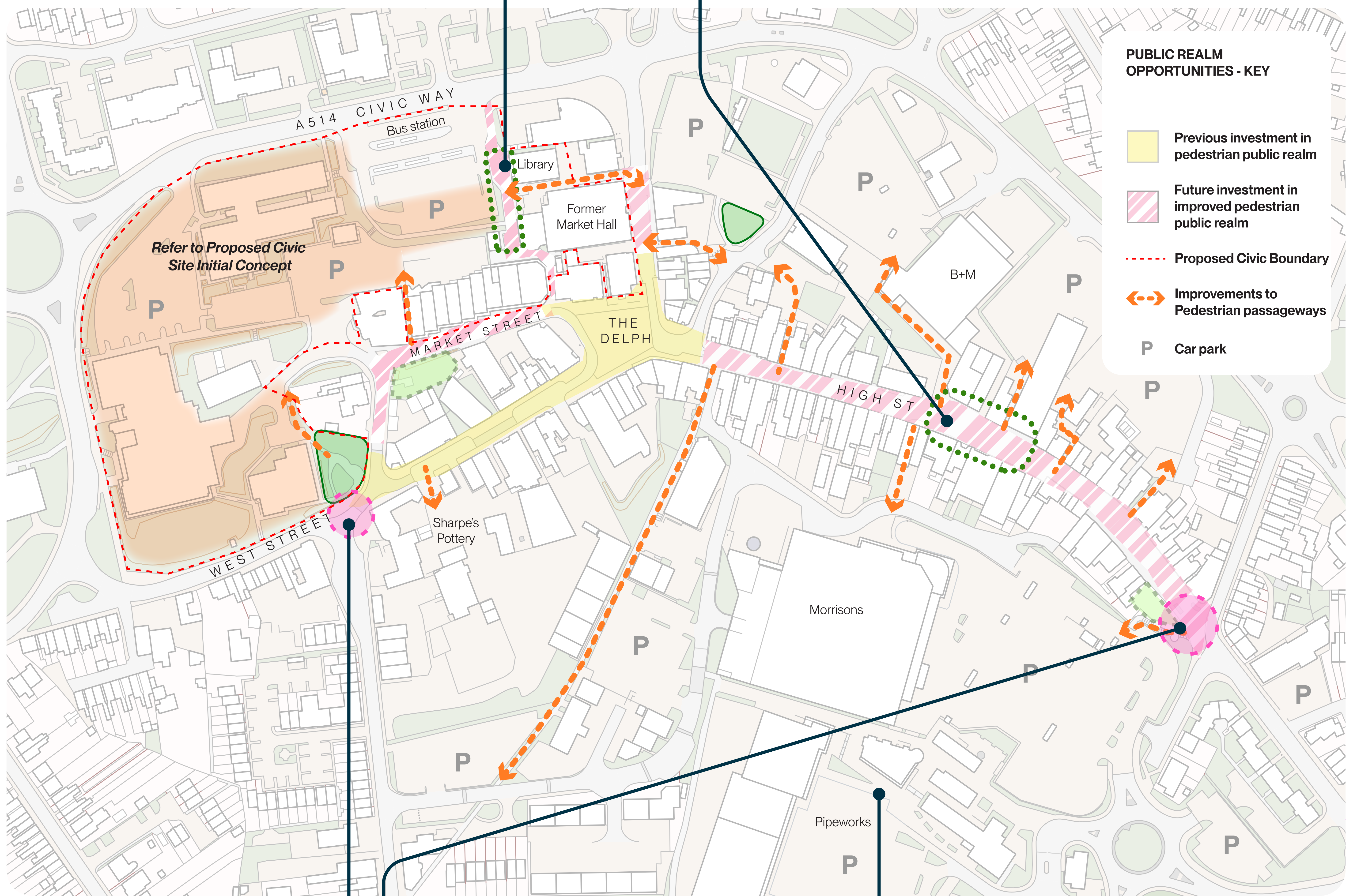
Public realm improvements



The map highlights the priority areas for future public realm improvements, including High Street, Market Street and Midland Road.

General improvements would include reducing the size or replacing over-sized trees, and introducing new paving, signage and street furniture to match the works already completed in the Delph and West Street.

There are also opportunities for additional tree planting, seating, and to use areas of paving to highlight key heritage features of the town.



The Town Centre 'Welcome Markers'



Swadlincote has a long, linear town centre, and it can feel as though the activity 'peters out' at each end.

One way to welcome visitors and 'bookend' the two ends of Town Centre (High Street / West Street) could be to introduce a piece of feature public art, signage or lighting.

The examples above are just a few ideas, but this is something that could be commissioned via local artists, with involvement from the community alongside heritage experts to select an appropriate design.

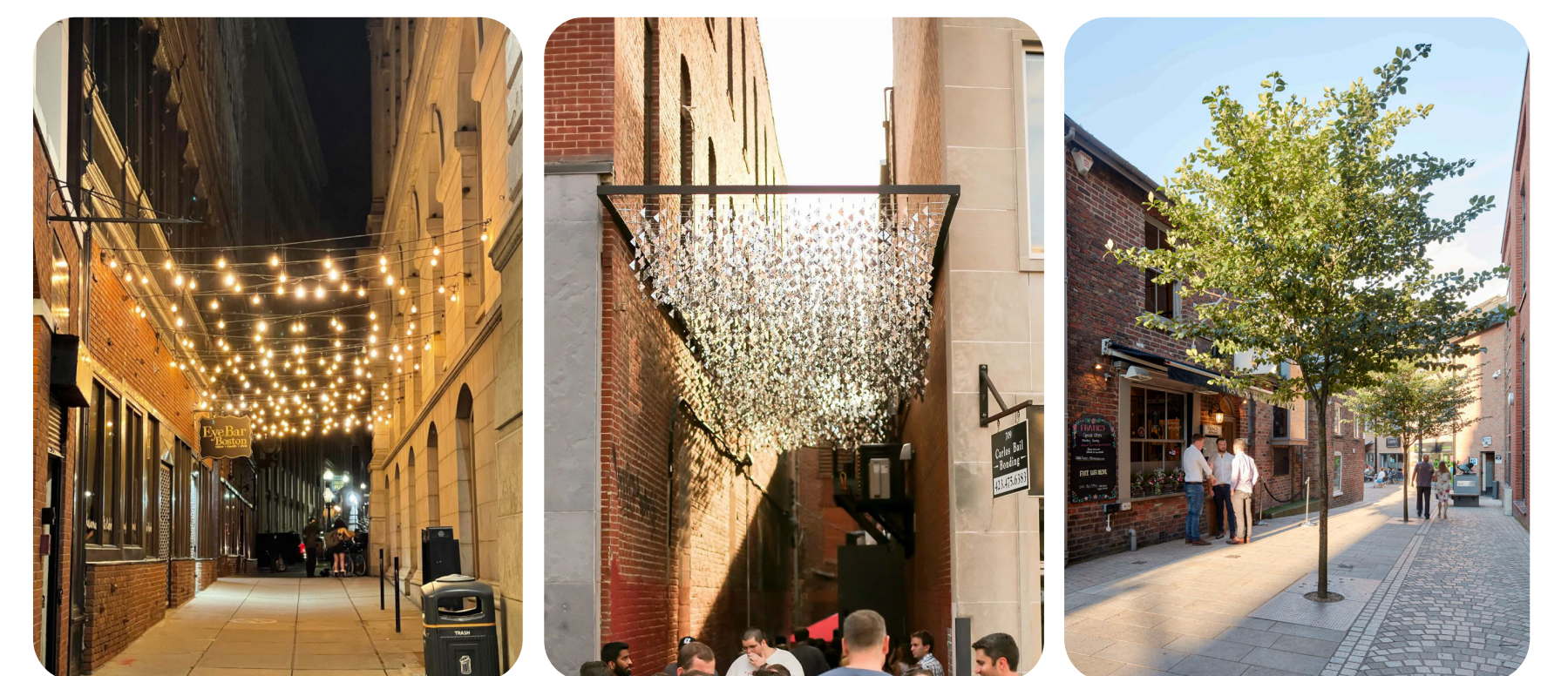
Street art and sculptural installations



Street art and sculpture is a way of telling the story of a local area's culture and heritage. This could be Swadlincote's rich history of ceramics, coal mining, or links to the National Forest. The sculpture of the two colliers at the Pipeworks is one example of this.

Sculpture trails can also be used to draw visitors into the town, such as the Snowman and Snowdog trail from 2021.

Pedestrian passageway improvements



The map highlights a number of pedestrian passageways, which are an important feature of Swadlincote's town centre. However, many of these passageways currently feel unappealing to use.

The examples above highlight potential improvements including lighting, planting and resurfacing to make these passageways safer and more inviting.