

Scrutiny Briefing Note

The Tourism and Visitor Economy Scrutiny Panel have asked to monitor progress on the following issues. This briefing contains the latest position as at 2nd September 2021.

Subject: Greater Grimsby Heritage Action Zone (HAZ)

1. Programme Update

Following the annual update of the Delivery Plan in April 2021, there are now 21 key projects (see Appendix), with the investment in HAZ projects now totalling almost £28m (including grants from public bodies, North East Lincolnshire Council (NELC), Town Deal through the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), and private investment.

A reassessment of the governance for the programme as part of the Delivery Plan review has resulted in the Kasbah Steering Group being expanded to become the HAZ Steering Group. The group meets bi-monthly and includes all HAZ delivery partners: NELC, Historic England (HE), Associated British Ports (ABP), Great Grimsby Ice Factory Trust (GGIFT), Minster Church of St James PCC, and Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership (GLLEP). HAZ Project partners have also been updated. Due to the Humber Local Enterprise Partnership being disbanded, GLLEP were invited to become a delivery partner in May 2021.

2. Museum / Attraction HAZ Projects

Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre (GFHC): Historic Vessels Conservation: NELC is responsible for the care and custodianship of the 'North East Lincolnshire Collection' on behalf of the local community. The Collection includes three historic vessels: The Ross Tiger, which is the centrepiece of the GFHC and the largest asset in the Council's Museum Collection; The Esther/GIC; and The Perseverance.

The ongoing maintenance, conservation, and long-term management strategy for the three historic vessels is crucial. Their condition is therefore regularly monitored through Conservation Management Plans (CMPs) which were prepared in accordance with relevant guidance from the National Heritage Lottery Fund (NLHF), National Historic Ships and specialist consultants, Beckett Rankine. This includes regular inspections of the Ross Tiger's exterior timber and steel upper decks to ensure that she continues to remain watertight.

Funding options for urgent maintenance works for the vessels have been explored, and in July 2021 an application was submitted to the Museum Estate Development Fund through Arts Council England, to undertake some prioritised works to the Ross Tiger including reinstating the degraded timber decks and works to the hull. Due to the competitive nature of the fund, this application was not successful, but the team continue to identify future funding opportunities including private sponsorship and potential partnership arrangements etc.

The GFHC was, however, successful in receiving £75K Arts Council Cultural Recovery funding in 2020 and part of the funding has been used to create quality digital content which allows for greater engagement with wider audiences. Access to the Ross Tiger was severely restricted during the pandemic and the funding has allowed for the development of a digital tour of the ship, including a 3D scan of the interior combined with a detailed 3D graphic model of the full hull. This tour is believed to be a first of its kind in the UK museum sector and it is the first time that the ship has been accessible to those not able to physically visit since 1993. This new and exciting digital content was launched prior to the Heritage Open Day 2021 in Grimsby and is available for the public to engage with.



In addition to funds secured for the GFHC, NELC was successful in applying for £60,000 Cultural Recovery Fund for Heritage which has seen a study completed regarding the development of the Time Trap

Museum. Some of the actions highlighted in the study have already been completed with the visitor flow reserved to enhance the experience and greater prominence placed on some the original design and building stronger links between the Time Trap and the heritage offer of the Town Hall.

With the support of the HAZ Grimsby Minster secured multiple Recovery Grants from both HE and NLHF. This has allowed some essential building work to be completed, installation of a new boiler and vital business development work leading to the opening a new café as a new income stream which supports the use of the building as vital heritage asset within the town centre.

3. Town Centre HAZ Projects

Public Realm Projects: The public realm improvement projects in St James Square and at Garth Lane Waterfront are both largely complete and have had official openings by the Mayor of North East Lincolnshire. St James Square has already been used as an event space for Festival of the Sea in July, and further events are planned for 2022, several of which are in partnership with Grimsby Minster.

West Haven Maltings: Safeguarding and stabilisation works at the West Haven Maltings building have now been completed by ENGIE, and planning and Listed Building Consent have been approved for conversion of the buildings to form Horizon Youth Zone. OnSide are awaiting the outcome of funding bids before further works can begin.

Corporation Road Bridge: Planned investigation works are now complete. Results are being collated into a document for a Listed Building Consent application which will show proposed works. An Environmental Screening Assessment has been submitted to the Planning Team, which will determine whether a Environmental Impact Assessment will be required, followed by the Listed Buildings Consent application. The tender for the phase two contractor will be released alongside the application.

4. Kasbah / Grimsby Docks HAZ Projects

Kasbah Partnership Schemes in Conservation Areas (PSiCA) Grants: Over 30 enquiries have now been made for grants towards building repair projects, with seven Offers in Principle being made following Grant Panel review of Expressions of Interest (covering 15 buildings). Four full applications are currently being prepared for HE and NELC approval and grant award in 2021/22.

Peterson's Project: Permission to Start received from the funders in April 2021, and following a short delay, a project management team has now been appointed to deliver the construction works and a programme of activities. NELC sits on the project board, but GGIFT are the accountable body.

Creative Workspace: Planning application submitted for both phases of the Workspace (six buildings) and is pending determination. Enabling works ahead of the main construction phase have begun and will include asbestos removal and works to make the phase 1 buildings weathertight so that they dry out before construction begins in April 2022. Procurement of an operator for the workspace will begin shortly, and it is hoped to have them in place before technical design begins.

Grimsby Ice Factory: Planning and Listed Building Consent applications, for remedial works to arrest its deterioration and make it secure, are pending consideration by the Local Planning Authority.

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Appendix: HAZ Projects Update: September 2021

Project	Aim	Status	Public Funders	Lead / Accountable Body	Target end date
Kasbah: Peterson's Project	Return a listed Smokehouse back into use and remove it from the Heritage at Risk Register, along with repair and re-use of an additional building as offices/café.	In Delivery	National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) £677,400 Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) £335,000	Great Grimsby Ice Factory Trust (GGIFT)	Autumn 2022
Kasbah: Marine Support Centre	Repair and reuse of a cluster of 7 heritage buildings on the Kasbah as a support centre for renewables supply chain contractors.	On hold until a funding package / sponsor is identified		HAZ Project Manager / ABP	n/a
Kasbah / Partnership Schemes in Conservation Areas (PSiCA)	Grant scheme to encourage new businesses to the Kasbah and halt further deterioration to the heritage buildings. Create a website for the Kasbah to showcase the area to potential new tenants / grant applicants.	In delivery Website complete: www.thekasbah.co.uk	Historic England £500K NELC £500K NLHF Digital Confidence Grant £10K	HAZ Project Manager, NELC NLHF Grant - GGIFT	August 2024
Kasbah: Creative Industries Workspace	One strand of the Grimsby Creates programme. Creation of a major new hub for cultural production, including studios and shared production facilities to meet an identified gap in provision and act as a catalyst for the regeneration of the Kasbah.	In delivery, although awaiting planning decision	Cultural Development Fund (CDF), ACE/DCMS £1.36m PSiCA match funding (NELC/HE) £500K NELC £100K	HAZ Project Manager and CDF Programme Manager, NELC	March 2023

Ice Factory	Determine a sustainable future use which will remove the building from the Heritage at Risk Register. To be informed by a fully costed condition survey and assessment of the roof structure.	Condition Survey completed in 2019 - Roof survey undertaken by Planning application	MHCLG Coastal Revival Fund £40K Historic England Repair Grant £40K	GGIFT for the CRF grant HAZ Project Manager, NELC, for the HE grant	n/a
Victoria Mills Silo	Determine a sustainable future use with a proposal and funding package which will remove the building from the Heritage at Risk Register.	Work continues to identify a proposal / funding package	None	HAZ Project Manager and Director of Operations, ENGIE	n/a
Corporation Bridge	Feasibility study to determine extent of works to safeguard the structure and a proposal and conservation repair project to remove from the Heritage at Risk Register.	In delivery	NELC: £1.83m capital, £170K Local Transport Partnership (£2m total) DfT: (Local Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund) £2.967m	ENGIE Highways Project Team / NELC	Summer 2023
Garth Lane (West Haven Maltings & Haven Mill)	Feasibility study to determine extent of works to safeguard the buildings and provide a proposal to remove from the Heritage at Risk Register through bringing the buildings back in to use and providing a strategic link to Grimsby Town Centre.	In delivery, but on hold until funding application to NLHF is determined	Town Deal £7.5m	NELC for Town Deal OnSide for Orsted Grant	TBC
Garth Lane Waterside Improvement Scheme	Scheme to deliver new highway and public realm works that will encourage private and public sector investment in key town centre sites, and improve the waterside as a leisure area.	Complete	Town Deal £2.225m Humber LEP £1.295m NELC £125K Accelerated Towns Fund (MHCLG)	ENGIE Town Centre Project Manager / NELC	March 2021 (4 month delay due to Covid/Br exit)

			£200K (for dredging)		
St James Square	Project to create an outdoor space to support a range of activities and cultural events in the town centre, to compliment Grade I listed St James Minster.	Complete except installation of the Murmuration artwork	Humber LEP LGF £1.54m CDF (ACE/DCMS): £240K Unlocking the Potential (NELC) £85,603 Accelerated Towns Fund £50K	ENGIE Town Centre Project Manager / NELC	March 2021 (3 month delay due to Covid/Br exit)
Grimsby Minster / St James House	Repair and strategic development to remove the Minster from the At Risk Register, and renovate/replace St James House	In Delivery	Culture Recovery Fund (HE) £81,860 Culture Recovery Fund (NLHF) £182,900 NLHF Covid Emergency Fund £37,900	Grimsby Minster	TBC
Cooperage	Proposal and funding package to bring the building back into use	Complete	Private Investment	Private investment	2020
17-19 Wellowgate	Secure funding to repair, improve appearance and secure long term future, removing it from the risk register.	In development: Planning application awaiting approval	Private Investment – not eligible for public funding due to conversion to domestic	n/a	TBC
Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre (GFHC)	Develop proposals for short-term maintenance/repair of the three historic vessels forming part of the Council's Museums Collection and for the long-term revitalization of the Fishing Heritage Centre.	Conservation Management Plans & restoration plans for the vessels completed 2019 Museum Development Study	MHCLG Coastal Revival Fund £50K NELC £35K ACE Covid-19 Emergency Response Fund £17K	HAZ Project Manager / GFHC Operations Manager, NELC	June 2021

		completed Sept 2020 Fishing Heritage Centre in a Box Completed - Digital access of the Ross Tiger completed	NLHF Digital Confidence Grant £10K DCMS Culture Recovery Fund (via ACE) £75K		
Central Library, Town Hall and Archives	Further feasibility work, building on One Public Estate-supported study, to integrate and develop role of Central Library, Archive and Town Hall. Improve engagement, education and outreach of Time Trap, and develop a viable business Plan	Town Hall Square public realm complete Time Trap Development Study complete In development: feasibility work - awaiting outcome of funding bid	Humber LEP £500K (Town Hall Square Public Realm) DCMS Culture Recovery Fund (via NLHF) £60K for Time Trap Development Study	HAZ Project Manager and Strategic Lead for Culture, NELC	n/a
Culture, Heritage and Tourism Strategy	Develop and publish Culture, Heritage and Tourism Strategy to provide a strategic framework for heritage- led regeneration and develop detailed heritage action plan	- Culture and Heritage Framework Completed - In Delivery: heritage action plan	n/a	Strategic Lead for Culture and HAZ Project Manager, NELC	March 2023
Historic Places Panel	Evaluate the progress of the Heritage Action Zone and projects detailed above, and review aspirations for the Kasbah Master Plan.	Completed – Review Paper published here: https://historicengland.org.uk/about/who-we-are/committees-and-panels/historic-places-panel/review-papers/	Historic England (all costs paid directly by HE)	Historic England	n/a

Informed Conservation Book	Published book succinctly outlining the history and development of Grimsby and its fishing history, with a particular focus on the Kasbah.	Research currently being undertaken	Historic England (all costs paid directly by HE)	Historic England	Nov 2022
Web mounted 'Story Map'	An online Story Map with 'pins' indicating key heritage assets and/or HAZ projects.	- Map is live and regularly updated: https://englishheritage.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d0a66033098a4364a95f72cb7b79660e	Historic England (all costs paid directly by HE)	Historic England	March 2023
Heritage Trail	Development and delivery of a heritage trail connecting key heritage assets/nodes within the HAZ	In Development – to be added to the Love Exploring App	NLHF Digital Confidence Grant £10,000	HAZ Project Manager, NELC NLHF Grant – Our Big Picture	Sept 2021