

Dear Kishor,

Thank you for submitting a question about the Grantham Market Place improvements to the last full council meeting.

I must apologise for taking so long to respond to you. In answer to your question...

Consultation on the projects was carried out during the development phase for the project when the bid was submitted, which Councillors, businesses, residents and members of the public were invited to participate in. This included workshops, email consultation, and on street surveys. This culminated in the determination of the projects which went forward to the bid which was confirmed by the Council in July 2021. The nature of the funding agreement did not allow the Council to reallocate funding to alternate projects which were not originally included within the bid. In consideration of concerns which have been raised prior to the initiation of the project works, the Council debated whether to go ahead with the works or to cancel the project and return funding to Government, and ultimately decided to continue with the project.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch again if you would like any further information.

With kind regards,

Richard

**Richard Cleaver**

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