

# REOPENING OUR HIGH STREET SAFELY...



**FOLLOWING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL, ARE PROMOTING A NUMBER OF INITIATIVES TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO RETURN TO THE AREA; TO FEEL SAFE IN PUBLIC PLACES; COMPLY WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDANCE; AND TO ENCOURAGE MORE CYCLING AND WALKING WHERE EVER POSSIBLE.**

**THE EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL IS WORKING WITH HOWDEN TOWN COUNCIL TO LOOK AT A NUMBER OF OPTIONS TO OPEN UP HOWDEN'S HIGH STREET AND TO MAKE IT SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE TO PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS.**

**AS YOU KNOW WE HAVE VERY NARROW PAVEMENTS AND PARKING BAYS ALONGSIDE THE NARROW PAVEMENTS WHICH RESTRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING, CAUSING PEDESTRIANS TO STEP OUT INTO THE ROAD TO PASS EACH OTHER. WE ALSO HAVE SMALL SHOPS THAT HAVE TO RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THEY CAN ALLOW IN AT ANY ONE TIME, POTENTIALLY CAUSING A BLOCKAGE ON THE PAVEMENTS.**

**THERE ARE STILL MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE VERY WORRIED ABOUT ENTERING PUBLIC PLACES DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING AND THE ONGOING THREATS FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO VISIT HOWDEN FROM NEIGHBOURING VILLAGES OR FURTHER AFIELD AND WE NEED TO ENSURE THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO RETURN TO HOWDEN AND FEEL SAFE.**



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**DURING LOCKDOWN OUR STREETS WERE EMPTY OF VEHICLES, QUIET AND THE AIR WAS CLEANER AND FRESHER. WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO WALK AND CYCLE AROUND HOWDEN AND TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL RESIDENTS TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL SHOPS BY SHOPPING LOCAL.**

**THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE HOWDEN AS A FRIENDLY AND SAFE PLACE TO WALK OR CYCLE TO, AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL BUSINESS TO ENCOURAGE TRADE BACK TO HOWDEN.**

**THE OPTIONS BEING CONSIDERED ARE TO ENCOURAGE SOCIAL DISTANCING, GIVING RESIDENTS AND VISITORS CONFIDENCE TO VISIT THE HIGH STREET SAFELY AND TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO WALK OR CYCLE AROUND HOWDEN AND TO THE TOWN CENTRE RATHER THAN JUST TO 'POP TO THE SHOPS' BY CAR.**

**THERE ARE A SMALL NUMBER OF PARKING BAYS IN THE TOWN CENTRE THAT ARE RESTRICTED TO ONE HOUR PARKING BUT THERE ARE TWO PUBLIC CAR PARKS WITHIN A VERY SHORT WALKING DISTANCE THAT OFFER FREE HALF HOUR PARKING AND THERE IS ON-STREET PARKING CLOSE BY.**



# THE OPTIONS...



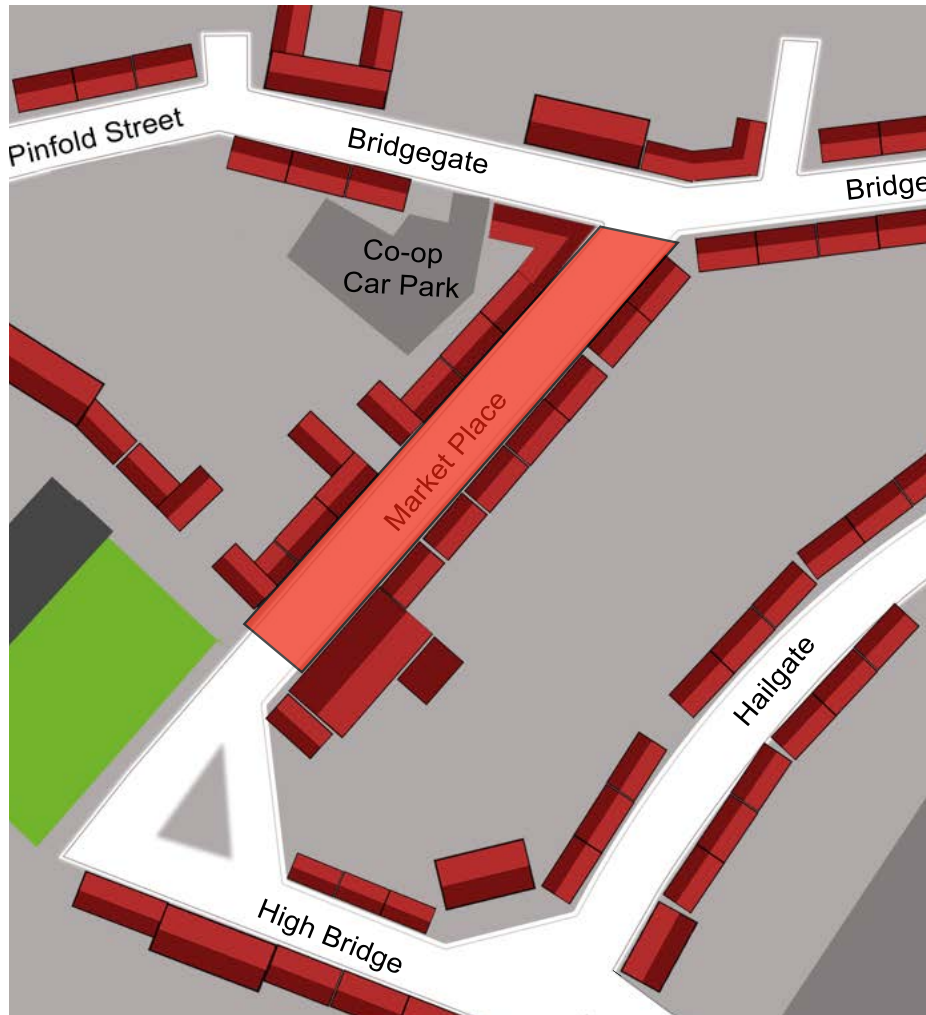
**THE OPTIONS BEING CONSIDERED ARE FOR AN INITIAL TRIAL PERIOD, THEY NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND ARE SUBJECT TO THE FUNDING BEING MADE AVAILABLE FROM GOVERNMENT.**

**IF THE OPTION IMPLEMENTED DOES NOT WORK IT WILL BE REMOVED AFTER THE TRIAL PERIOD, HOWEVER IF IT IS FELT TO HAVE BEEN OF BENEFIT TO THE TOWN CENTRE IT COULD BE EXTENDED (BOTH LOCATION AND TIME) OR IT COULD BECOME PERMANENT.**

**IN ALL CASES LOCAL BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS WILL BE CONSULTED AGAIN TOWARDS THE END OF THE TRIAL PERIOD.**



# OPTION 1 - CLOSE MARKET PLACE



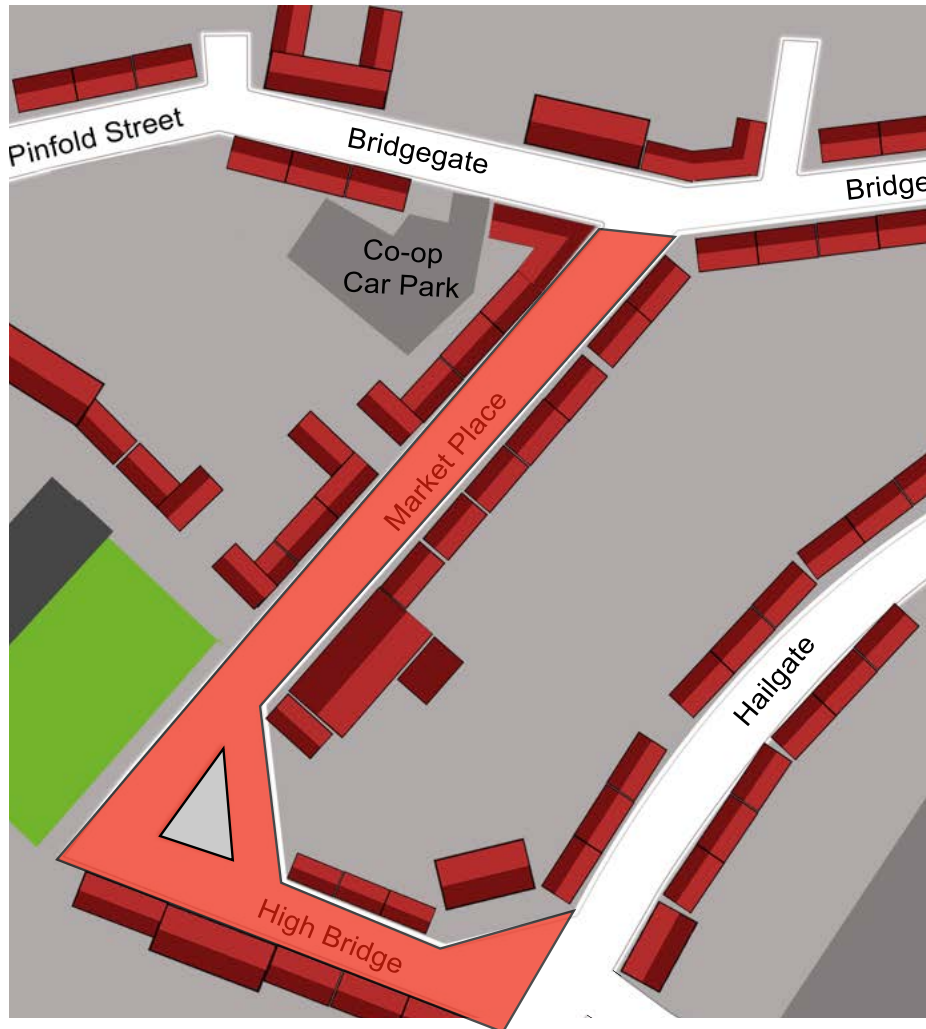
**TEMPORARILY CLOSE MARKET PLACE TO ALL VEHICLES FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH BRIDGEGATE THROUGH TO WHERE IT WIDENS OUT IN FRONT OF THE MARKET CROSS. NORMAL VEHICLE MOVEMENTS ALONG HIGHBRIDGE AND AROUND THE MARKET CROSS.**

**THIS SECTION OF MARKET PLACE WOULD BECOME A PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE ZONE. NO DELIVERIES WOULD BE ALLOWED IN THE ZONE.**

**THIS WOULD GIVE MORE SPACE FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL BUSINESS TO USE THE PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE ZONE, SUBJECT TO LICENCING RESTRICTIONS.**



# OPTION 2 - CLOSE MARKET PLACE & HIGHBRIDGE



**TEMPORARILY CLOSE MARKET PLACE AND HIGHBRIDGE TO ALL VEHICLES FROM THEIR JUNCTIONS WITH BRIDGEGATE AND HAILGATE.**

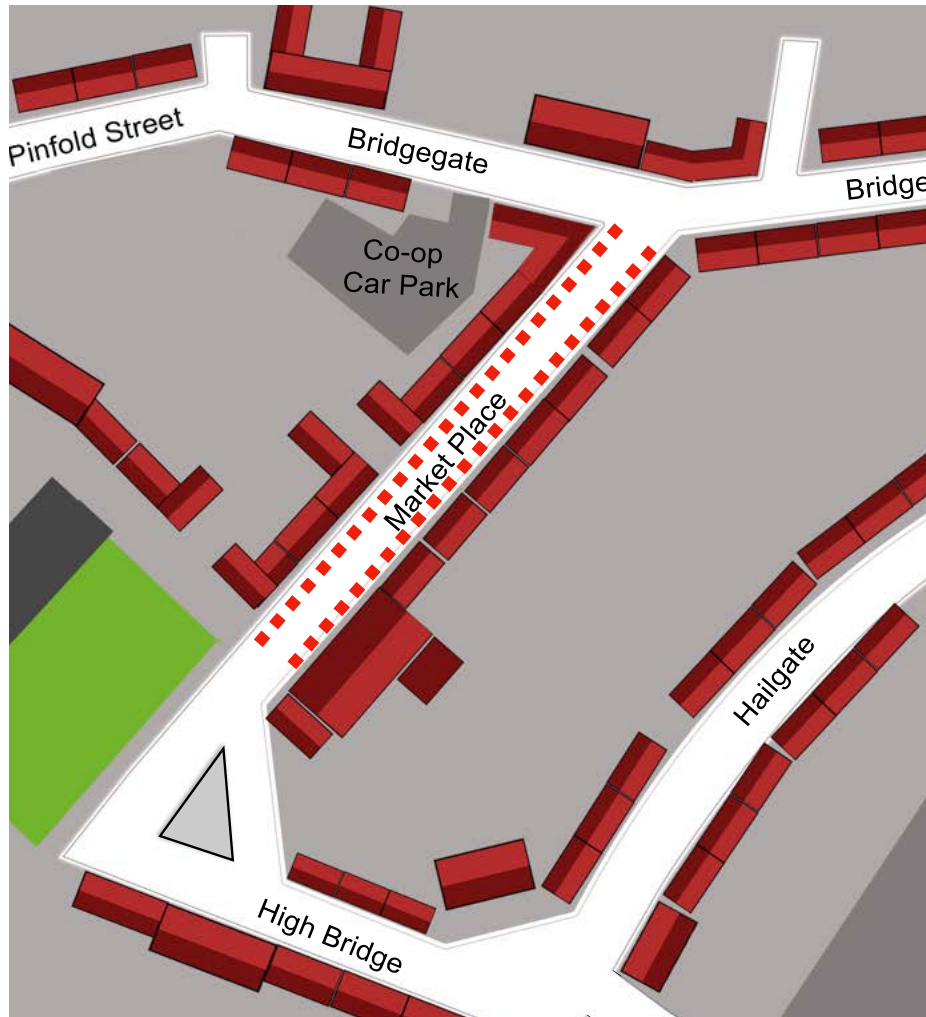
**THE TOWN CENTRE WOULD BECOME A PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE ZONE. DELIVERIES WOULD STILL BE ALLOWED VIA HIGHBRIDGE (BEFORE 10AM AND AFTER 4PM FOR EXAMPLE).**

**CONSIDERATION COULD BE GIVEN TO 'ACCESS ONLY' VEHICLE ACCESS AT NIGHT AND OVERNIGHT PARKING FOR RESIDENTS ON HIGHBRIDGE.**

**THIS WOULD GIVE MORE SPACE FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL BUSINESS TO USE THE PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE ZONE, SUBJECT TO LICENCING RESTRICTIONS.**



# OPTION 3 - WIDEN PEDESTRIAN ACCESS, MARKET PLACE



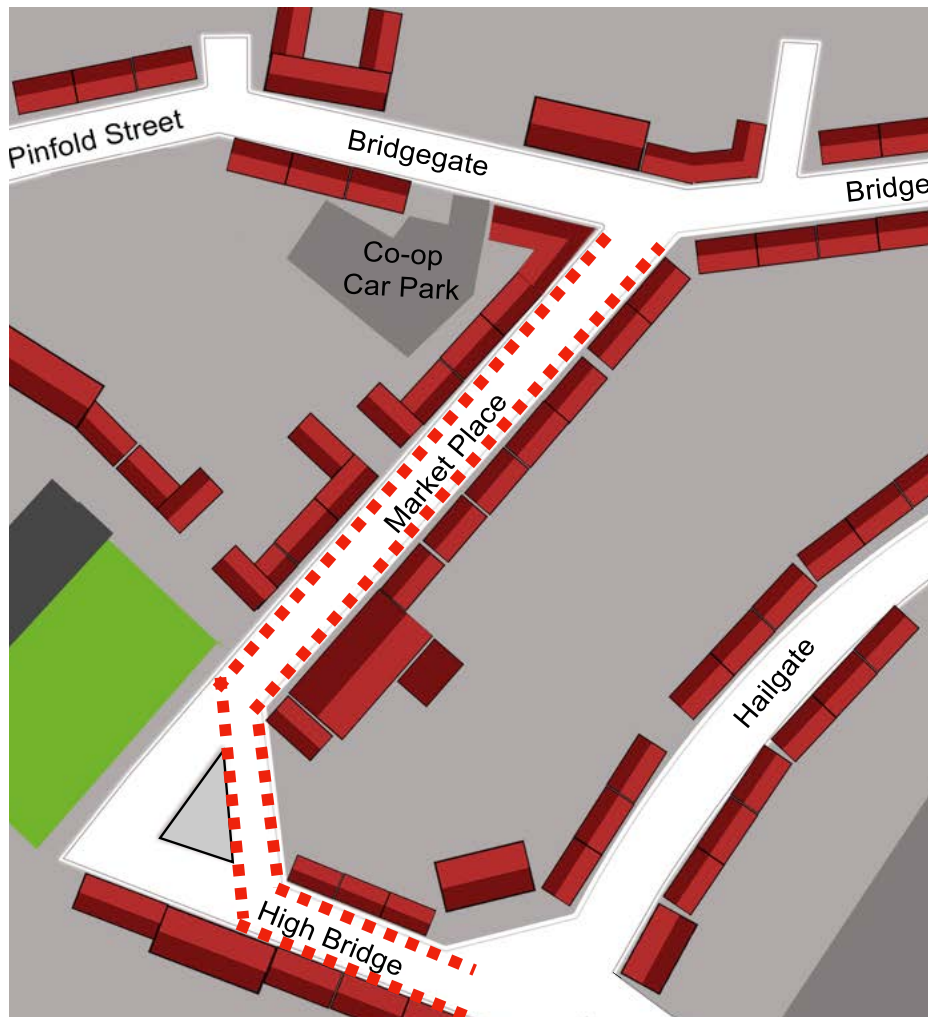
**TEMPORARILY CLOSE THE PARKING BAYS ON MARKET PLACE FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH BRIDGEGATE THROUGH TO WHERE IT WIDENS OUT IN FRONT OF THE MARKET CROSS. THE WIDER PATHS WOULD BE DESIGNATED BY BOLLARDS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD.**

**A ONE WAY SYSTEM FOR VEHICLES FROM BRIDGEGATE TO THE MARKET CROSS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED ALONG THIS SECTION OF MARKET PLACE.**

**THIS WOULD GIVE MORE SPACE FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING IN AN AREA WHERE IT IS MOST CONGESTED AND ALSO GIVE SOME LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESSES TO USE THE WIDER PAVEMENTS, SUBJECT TO SPACE AND LICENCING RESTRICTIONS.**



# OPTION 4 - WIDEN PEDESTRIAN ACCESS, MARKET PLACE & BRIDGEGATE



**TEMPORARILY CLOSE ALL PARKING BAYS ON MARKET PLACE AND HIGHBRIDGE FROM THEIR JUNCTIONS WITH BRIDGEGATE AND HAILGATE.**

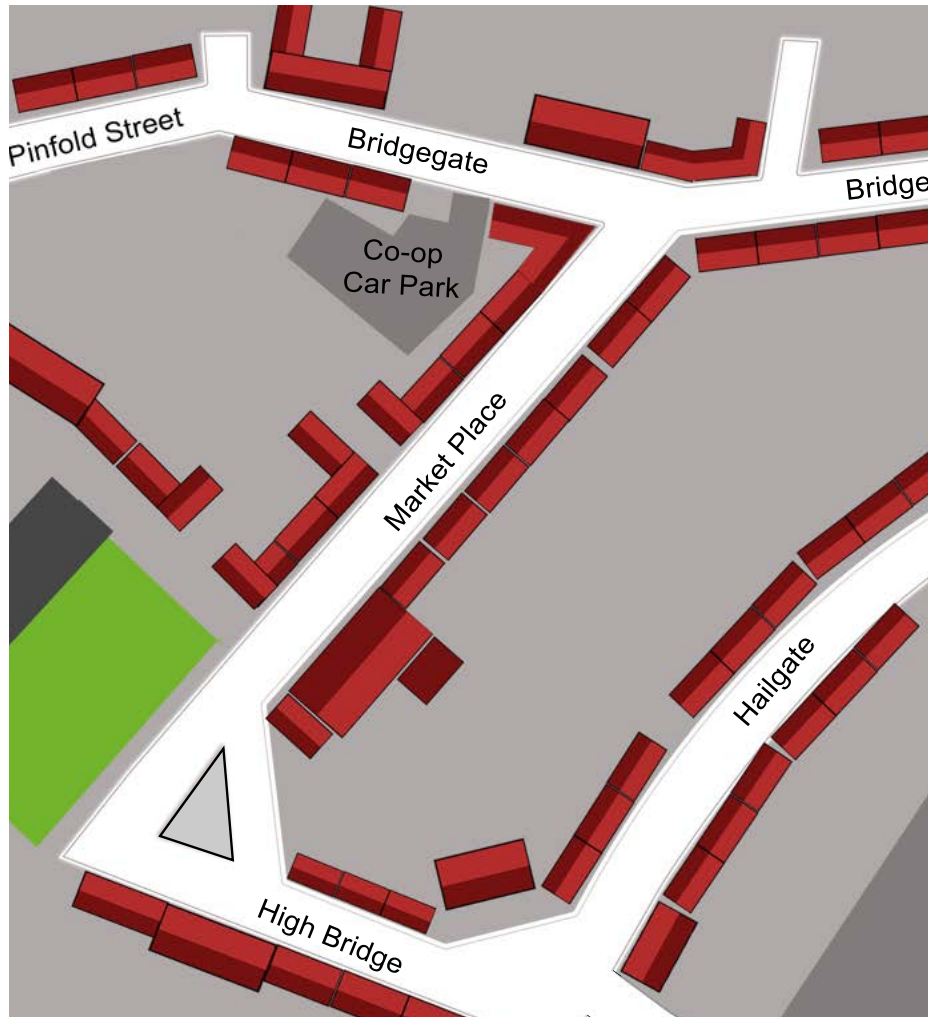
**THE WIDER PATHS WOULD BE DESIGNATED BY BOLLARDS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD.**

**A ONE WAY SYSTEM THROUGH THE TOWN CENTRE WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED.**

**THIS WOULD GIVE MORE SPACE FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING AND ALSO GIVE SOME LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESSES TO USE THE WIDER PAVEMENTS, SUBJECT TO SPACE AND LICENCING RESTRICTIONS.**



# OPTION 5



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**- AND JUST HOPE THAT OUR VISITORS RETURN AND THAT OUR RESIDENTS STAY SAFE!**





**OPTIONS 1 – 4 WOULD REQUIRE A TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER, ROAD SIGNS, BOLLARDS OR CONES AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, AN ELEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING FROM BUSINESSES AND VEHICLE USERS THAT A PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE ZONE WILL ENCOURAGE MORE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO ENJOY HOWDEN AND HELP US ALL STAY SAFE DURING THESE CHALLENGING TIMES.**

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FEEDBACK FORM AND RETURN IT TO HOWDEN TOWN COUNCIL BY 5 AUGUST 2020.**