

Stowmarket Masterplan

Client: Mid Suffolk District Council
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Services Provided:

Phase 1 master plan for whole town
Phase 2 development briefs for three key town sites

Date of Service Provision:

Phase 1 2007 -2008, Phase 2 autumn 2008-spring 2009

Contract Value:

Approx £155,000 in total fees including associated sub-consultants

Description:

Phase 1

Started in June 2007, the masterplan is in two stages: firstly a consultation exercise to find how the residents visitors and users of the town feel about it and in particular what changes are needed, followed by identifying site specific areas where considerable change was likely to happen, and an overall masterplan for discussion with key landowners and stakeholders. There has been extensive public consultation, in which techniques included: topics debated at workshops, all day drop-in exhibitions, web based documents, surveys and blogs, schools' involvement via debates and art projects, presentations to town and parish councils and presentations to councillors.

core connections provided services of: planning, townscape conservation and urban design, and economic and social development, with sub consultants Rhubarb Rhubarb and low-res to prepare the consultation material, whilst the Environmental Assessment of the townscape and landscape qualities was undertaken by Alison Farmer Associates, again working closely with core connections.

Phase 2:

The second stage began in July 2008, in which three key sites were selected to take forward through more detailed masterplanning within the overall framework. The team is transport and drainage consultants EAS, architects Gardner Stewart, and graphics design by Seventeen Creative Communications, again working with the lead consultant **core connections**

