ACTION PLAN

ISSUE	WHY IS ACTION NEEDED	ACTION PROPOSED	PARTNERS	SUGGESTED TIME SCALE
Environment				
(a) Cleanliness	General concern re cleanliness esp. litter, dog mess around town and playing fields	Re-position dog bins. Modify cleaning schedule.	EDDC/HTC/Community Action?	**Now**
(b) Graffiti	Detracts from town	Remove fast	EDDC/HTC	**Now**
(c) Recycling	Absence of central facility	Improve recycling facilities and encourage use. Skip service to be re-introduced?	EDDC/Community	**Soon**
(d) Composting	Lack of site for community composting	Explore options for siting and running community compost scheme	EDDC/Volunteer Group	**Soon**
(e) Waste Collection	Black bags being attacked	Change to wheelie bins	EDDC	
(f) Grass cutting	To enhance the appearance of the town (and control knotweed)	Maintain good grass cutting regime – and clear up afterwards	EDDC/Highways Agency	
Town Centre				
(a) High Street	Much valued – as expressing the town and its history	Protect what we have – and enhance with care	Everyone	**High Priority-**
		• improve traffic flow	DCC	**ongoing work**
		• make pedestrian friendly	Chamber of Commerce	
		• more seating in town	EDDC/HTC	
		• reduce number of bill boards. Improve access to shop premises for the disabled	Traders	
		• encourage well maintained shop fronts	Chamber of Commerce	**Soon**
		• keep clean	EDDC	
		• complete water channel project	HTC	
(b) Street market	Felt to be vitally important both for commerce and tourism	Enhance appearance of stalls, Publicise market e.g. in tourist leaflets	EDDC/Stall Holders	**Soon**
(c) Farmers Market	Valued- but felt to be inaccessible.	Look for permanent site. Better publicity e.g. as to location	Market Organisers	
(d) Toilets	Close too early (although conflict with avoidance of vandalism is recognised)	Increase policing and security in this area to enable toilets to close later	Police/EDDC	
Traffic & Transport				
(a) Pedestrian safety	Difficulty in getting around the town for pedestrians.	Investigate more crossings.	DCC/Chamber of Commerce	**Now**
(b) Pedestrian access	It was felt that improved safe access in and out of town was needed – mentioned by children and older people.	Identify particular links missing and work with partners to improve pedestrian access	DCC/Local community	**Now**
(c) Parking	Complex needs of shoppers, workers, tourists and visitors to hospital/doctors surgery – need to balance short and long term parking	Look at total picture of parking in Honiton to find solutions. Consider Park & Ride. Ensure that there is adequate, well positioned parking for disabled.	EDDC/Primary Care Trust Chamber of Commerce/HTC	
(d) Traffic flow improvements	Congestion has been identified as a problem- e.g. New Street area and Dowell Street area	Link with Community Transport Plan to improve road network and traffic control	DCC	
(e) Street signs	Street names are not very clear	Look at making street signs clearer//more visible	EDCC	
(f) Links	Suggestions were made for improvements to links with Exeter and Taunton, as well as outlying villages	Commission a Transport Survey to identify real needs and possible providers (as part of Market and Coastal Towns Initiative)	HTC	
Recreational Facilities				
(a) Community Centre	General agreement: this is a much needed facility – requests for cinema/theatre/youth activities/society meeting place	Build on work of Community Centre Association in order to achieve funding to build multi-purpose Community Centre	EDDC/HTC HCCA/funders	**High Priority- Long term project**
(b) Playing fields	Feeling that more general playing/kick around space would be valued	Can Allhallows field be used as public open space? Could land at St. Rita's Seminary be used for some general activity	St Rita's Seminary/EDDC	**Soon**
(c) Outdoor sports	Requests have been made for Astroturf/all-weather facilities, etc.	All sports clubs in Honiton have responded to a questionnaire.	HTC/EDDC/Sports Clubs	
(d) Open spaces	Lack of open space near the town centre	Make the most of all available open space e.g. along water ways Link areas of open space	EDDC	
(e) Network of pathways	Existing pathways not joined up or publicised	Create a "Town Trail" leaflet.	Chamber of Commerce? HTC	
(f) Information	There was felt to be a need for more information on what was on offer and where it is- there is often a lot on offer!	Plaques on buildings to identify special places Information leaflets on pathways/rights of way, open spaces, recreational facilities Signage?	Rotary/Library/TIC/HTC	**Now**
Young People	Young people were asked for their ideas at the Consultation Day, and more work will be done with young people attending the Community college at a later date. There were also requests from parents for child- friendly facilities.	Café/meeting place needed – possibly near station A further skateboard facility was requested.	DCC/EDDC/Community College Youth Organisations Chamber of Commerce	**Now**
Employment and Economy	A strong economy is vital to the vibrancy of Honiton – and local employment opportunities should be encouraged.	The Chamber of Commerce are organising a wide-ranging questionnaire to businesses in the town. The results will feed into future Action plans	Chamber of Commerce working with partners	**Medium priority**
Housing and Development	Honiton has a tightly drawn development boundary, which places pressure on the town. There is a need to maintain the character of the town.	These issues are being addressed through the Town Design Statement which forms part of the Town Plan	HTC/EDDC	