



## Spalding Town Board: Chair's Update

### November 2025

Hello,

On behalf of the Board, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has taken the time to share their thoughts and ideas with us in our recent consultation.

We've had a fantastic response, and I personally have really enjoyed the opportunity to speak to so many people and find out what matters to them in Spalding.

From all the feedback and the conversations we've had, it is clear that we have a shared ambition for a better future for Spalding. And now, with the deep understanding that we have of local people's priorities, we're finalising the plans for our town that will bring long-term improvements to benefit us all.



Robin Hancox  
Chair, Spalding Town Board

### Local people's priorities for Spalding

Thank you to everyone who had their say in our survey on '[A Vision for Spalding](#)' proposals for the town. We had 310 responses overall online and in paper form.

We also had the chance to speak to many people at our exhibition events and at our market stall.

The feedback to the survey, plus the applications to the open call for projects together with the findings of workshops and a government survey as well as other comments, ideas, and suggestions have been



*Councillor Nick Worth at an engagement event*



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*Conversations at an exhibition event*

analysed and compiled into a report. The report details the overall themes as well as the findings from the recent consultation:

- **Safety and welcoming environment** – 84% of respondents to October's survey feel the Public Space Protection Order is underused whilst 84% want dedicated wardens or patrols.
- **Community events and activities** - 90% want a year-round events programme and there is demand for affordable indoor and outdoor spaces for live music, workshops, and family events.
- **Town centre and market revitalisation** - there is strong support for a canopy to enable events and attract traders and a priority for local people is to bring empty buildings back into use.
- **Waterfront and public realm** - 76% support riverfront improvements (seating, pontoons, water taxi stop) whilst 80% back a leisure-boat landing point.
- **Supporting local businesses** – there is a need for a clean, safe, and attractive town centre to attract businesses and visitors.
- **Transport, access and parking** – there is appetite for free or low-cost parking to encourage visitors as well as public transport links and cycling / walking routes between key destinations.
- **Opportunities for young people** – there is a desire for youth facilities, sports and water activities, and outdoor recreation spaces.
- **Heritage and identity** – there is strong pride in Spalding's heritage assets.

The full findings can be found here [Spalding-consultation-FINAL-report-November-2025.pdf](#)

The consultation and engagement that has been taking place in 2025 builds on activities in summer 2024 which saw over 550 people get involved and share their thoughts on the town. Since the Board began engaging and consulting people in 2024, feedback has been captured from over 1,300 engagements online, in person, and through other channels.

### Open Call for Projects

Thank you to all the community groups, charities, and organisations who responded to our recent Open Call for Projects. Overall, 34 applications were received, particularly



*Dustin from Spalding Gentlemen's Society sharing possible ideas for shop windows at one of the exhibition events*



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across the themes of Regeneration, High Streets and Heritage Pride in Place. Other themes included Education and Opportunity; Health and Wellbeing; Safety and Security, and Cohesion. These expressions of interest are now being reviewed.

### What happens next



Based on the feedback from local people, the Pride in Place plans - which include a ten-year vision and a four-year investment plan - are now being finalised. The plans will then be reviewed by South Holland District Council Cabinet on 24<sup>th</sup> November and

the final plans will be submitted to government by the deadline of 28<sup>th</sup> November.

I will write to you again to update you after the submission.

**The Board will continue to work with you in the months and years ahead to make sure this funding makes a difference for our town.**



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