

SEATING FOR HIGH TOWN

At least as many benches will be retained in High Town as are currently provided. The intention is to install most of these along the sides of the main area, in line with the lamp columns. In addition there will be a line of seating near the Old House, looking down High Town, close to some planters with trees or bedding plants.

The materials for this seating have been subject to some debate since the new benches were installed in Eign Gate. The brief for those benches was that they should be modern, maintenance free, graffiti proof, vandal proof, skateboard and rollerblade proof. The use of steel addresses that brief, but there have been concerns that they look cold and that rainwater pools on them. For that reason an alternative bench has been identified, at a similar cost, that incorporates wooden seat slats with a stainless steel structure. The use of wood addresses some of the concerns raised, but these will be more difficult to clean of graffiti, and although rainwater may not pool on them they will be damp after rain. A coating can be applied but it is inevitable that this wear off at some point.

In the interests of recycling and keeping costs down we have also included the option of refurbishing the existing seating. These would all be repainted in black, possibly with the features picked out in silver. This is not expected to look out of place in High Town as some elements of the street furniture, such as the planters and notice boards, will also be painted black.

The options for benches are:

- To continue with the unique Eign Gate design, but with a back included (there is no picture of a bench with a back available at present);
- To introduce a new stainless steel and wood design; or
- To refurbish the existing benches (the picture shows a bench **before** refurbishment).



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