



Our Torbay

– now is the time



Town Deal - Briefing



Torquay Town Deal

- Torquay is the only place in Devon able to bid for Town Deal investment of up to £25M
- Linked to “levelling up” agenda nationally
- Covid challenges accelerating change
- Torbay Council is willing to use its powers and assets to support the transformation of Torquay including CPO, planning performance agreements & borrowing

Town Deal process



Town Board - Role

- Key role is to agree evidence based town investment plan
- Board recommends investment plan to Council
- Ensure engagement of partners
- Private sector led

Town Board - who

- Vince Flower – Chair
- Kevin Foster MP - vice chair
- Cllr Swithin Long – Torbay Council
- Laurence Frewin – SD College
- Jason Garside – Torbay Leisure Hotels
- Mike Watson - Stagecoach
- Andrew Robertson – Effect Photonics & Hi Tech Cluster
- Susie Colley – Torquay Chamber of Commerce
- Heidi Coombe – HoSW
- Jim Parker -Torbay Together
- Carolyn Custerson – ERTBID
- Kevin Mowat – Torbay Council
- Tracey Cabache – Torbay Community Development Trust

“Shadow” Community Board

- Representatives from community partnerships
- Neighbourhood Forum
- Faith Groups

- Will nominate representative to join Town Board

Towns Fund

- Government objective – to drive economic regeneration & deliver long term productivity growth
 - Urban regeneration & land use; town centres, site acquisition, premises, cultural assets, remediation
 - Skills & Enterprise Infrastructure; space to support skills and business growth
 - Connectivity; transport & digital
- Capital focused, 10% revenue but eligible activity not clear

Context

- Town Centre Masterplan
- Local Plan
- Neighbourhood Plan
- Broad alignment for town centre
 - retail relocating
 - encouraging more homes & commercial space
 - Leading to more residents and workers in the town centre
 - improved townscape, pedestrian flow and access;
 - Improve experience
- Covid.....
 - Economic impact forecast to be worse than 08/09 recession

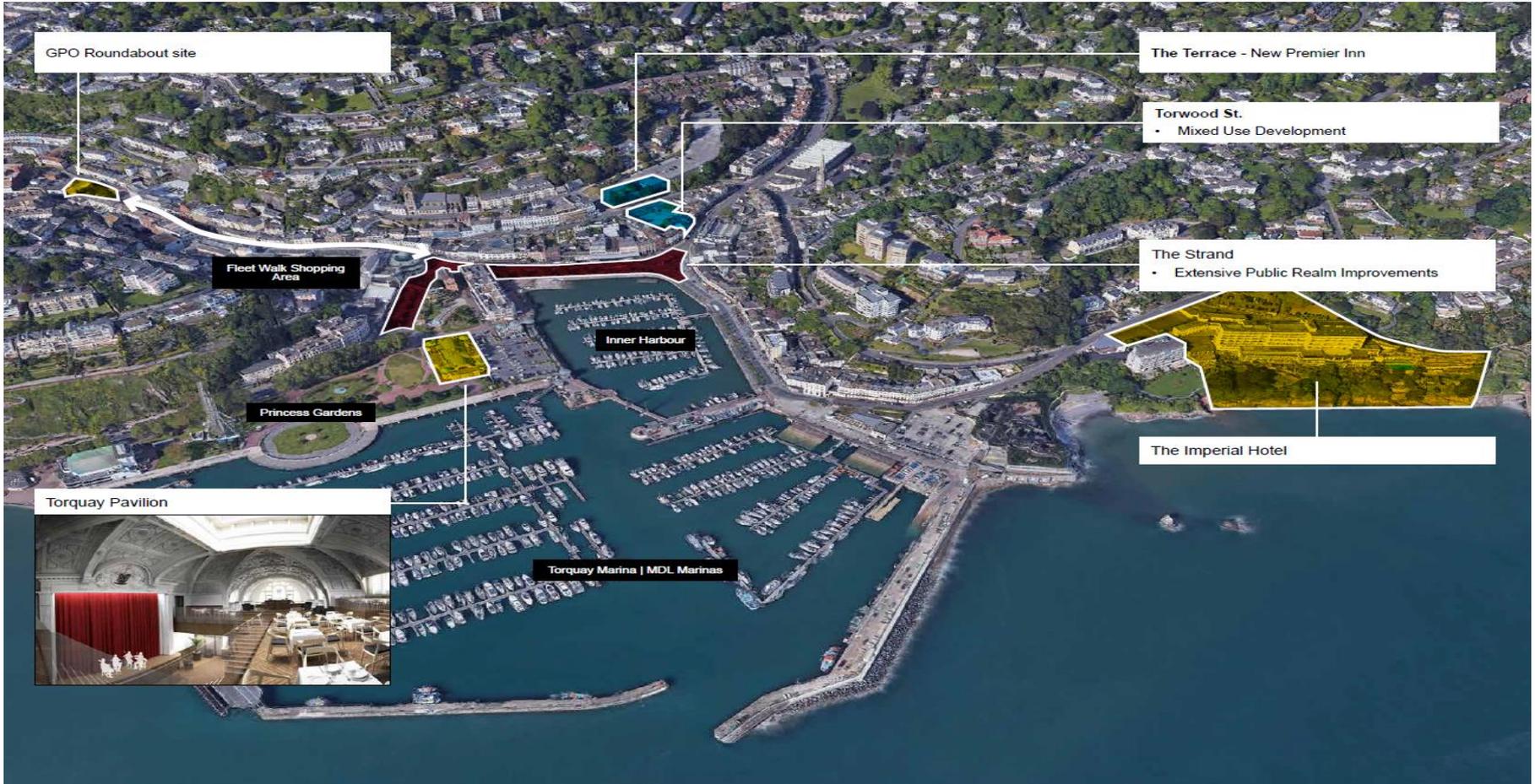
Town Fund - Opportunities

- Torquay Gateway (Edginswell)
 - Rail station
 - Employment space
- Torquay Town Centre
 - Likely focus for investment
 - Land assembly opportunities
 - Remediation & development leading to quality residential or commercial space
 - Public realm i.e. Strand
 - Smarter/digitally connected town centre
- Transport schemes tbc
- Employment space (Browns Bridge/Lymington Road)

Town centre sites



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Town Deal - more than just towns fund

- Investment plan is a “wrapper” so intend to make wider ask
 - Arts Council (Creative People & Places)
 - Visit England (Discover England Fund)
 - Dept Culture Media Sport (Cultural Destinations)
 - Dept Education (Opportunity Areas)
 - Cabinet Office (One Public Estate & government relocations)

Process

- 10th July draft investment plan to Town Board
- 14th July/16th July draft investment plan to Cabinet/Council
- 27th July final investment plan to Town Board
- TBC Council to agree and submit