

Selby leads the way

Following the success of the Village Design Statement Initiative, the Countryside Agency proposed “to promote improvements in design by setting up pilot projects to test the feasibility of adapting the Village Design Statement concept to larger settlements such as market towns.”

The aim of the study and subsequent publication of this document is to provide a design toolkit and develop a vision for Selby that people living and working in the area will be able to support. It is also a pilot document for other towns that may have a Town Design Statement in the future. It is anticipated that the statement will encourage high quality new design that reflects the local areas with its Benedictine Abbey - often called “the jewel of the North” and encourage sympathetic new development to the town.

The Statement seeks a deeper understanding of Selby’s historic character and civic pride, which will promote and encourage investment and growth for the town in the 21st century.

This document has been drawn up by a group of people representing the community of Selby including businesses, interest groups, and individuals with an interest in development of the town. Supporting and providing guidance to the group were representatives from Selby Town Council, Selby District Council, Countryside Agency and Groundwork.

The Abbey Church and Market

