

MARKET SQUARE AND GREENMARKET

Second consultation: Friday 25 November - Friday 9 December 2022

Carlisle City Council and Cumbria County Council are working to prepare a vision for Market Square and the Greenmarket.

The project aims to deliver a re-imagined public square with improved infrastructure that puts people first, prioritising pedestrian movement and encouraging residents, workers and visitors to stay longer in the city centre.

This funding for this project is provided by the Government's Future High Streets Fund. £2.7m is available to deliver the scheme with the aim to implement works by March 2024.

The new space will support the diversification of the retail core facilitating events and bringing new leisure and cultural uses to the heart of Carlisle.

We are now holding our second consultation with the public and local stakeholders in a series of public engagement events to feedback on what you said and gain further input on the proposals developed so far.

This consultation asks for your views on the concept designs developed to identify the features that are most important to the public and inform our final design. This is your opportunity to have a say in the future of Market Square and the Greenmarket.

The concepts presented can be used to identify features that are preferred to be included in the final design.



Greenmarket

Three concept designs have been developed for the Greenmarket. We want to hear your thoughts on each option. We want to know what you like about each concept, what you don't like, and if there is anything missing.

Your thoughts will help shape the final design.

Concept 1: Green the Greenmarket

- Maximise greening - new trees, plants and raised lawn
- Create quiet contemplative space focused around the War Memorial
- Large street planters to frame the Crown & Mitre frontage



Concept 2: Flexible & Fun

- Sunken flexible events space
- Playful water jets are the focus of activity
- Jets can be switched off to accommodate temporary events
- Places to sit and space for spill out cafe seating
- Enhanced War Memorial setting



Concept 3: Destination Events Space

- Define the Greenmarket as a place distinct from Market Square
- Multi-functional events space & bandstand/pavilion
- Shelter from inclement weather & supporting facilities
- A new plug-and-play events destination



Town Hall and Market Square

Three concept designs have been developed for the Market Square.

Concept 1: Green Edges

- More and better positioned mature trees
- Create a green edge to the Market Square with raised planters on the west side
- Integrate seating to provide sheltered and comfortable places to sit
- Enhance paving to the Market Cross to emphasise the heart of Market Square



Concept 2: Playful and Interactive

- Large, sociable benches and moveable street furniture
- Integrate feature lighting to animate the evening environment



Concept 3: Simple and Flexible

- Feature art installation in the pavement
- Remove street clutter to open up views and usability
- Simple, flexible design
- Interesting seating arrangements to encourage interaction
- Mature trees to define the edge of the square
- Provide optimum space and infrastructure for events



Have your say

Our second consultation will be taking place between **Friday 25 November** and **Friday 9 December 2022**.

Have your say by:

- Attending the public consultation events - for details see www.carlisle.gov.uk/marketsquare
- Fill in a questionnaire and drop it off at The Old Town Hall Tourist Information Centre.
- Visit www.carlisle.gov.uk/marketsquare and fill in a questionnaire online.

This project is part of a wider city centre strategy which includes investment in the Citadels, the Railway Station and Caldew Riverside. Together with the Market Square and the Greenmarket, these projects aim to rejuvenate the city centre and improve the visitor experience.

Your views on the concept designs for the Market Square and the Greenmarket will be used to inform the final design for the Market Square.

Timeline

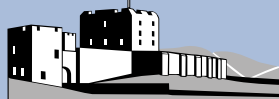
- November 2022 - Second consultation
- December 2022 - Feedback report published
- Winter 2022/23 - Design Development
- Early 2023 - Traffic Regulation process launched
- Early 2023 - Public exhibition of final designs
- Winter 2022/Spring 2023 - Detailed design and tender
- Spring 2023 - Construction begins

To find out more and to keep informed visit www.carlisle.gov.uk/marketsquare for updates.

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