

LINCOLN CITY CENTRE MASTERPLAN



Issue 4

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Welcome to the fourth edition of the newsletter for the City Centre Masterplan.

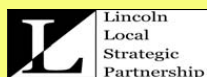
This newsletter is to keep stakeholders informed of the progress of the plan and is published twice a year.

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BUILDING ON SUCCESS



The proposed new street for Lindongate

The 2nd Annual Stakeholder Conference

On 17th November 08 focused on the success stories and progress to date of Lincoln's City Centre Masterplan (CCMP) 30 year vision.

City of Lincoln Council Leader, Cllr Darren Grice welcomed everyone to the event and highlighted the considerable activity that has taken place throughout the year since the inaugural conference last November. With the opening of The Terrace creative industries managed workspace by 'Red or Dead' world renowned designer Wayne Hemmingsway who stated 'The Terrace is the finest example of its type I have seen' and the comple-

tion of the high quality Cultural Quarter public realm. Also this year has seen the eagerly awaited submission of the Planning Application by Modus for the Lindongate development, which seeks to regenerate and transform major intervention sites (C4, C5 & C6) on the eastern route of the CCMP and provide much needed connectivity to the Park Ward area.

Back to the Future

Bruce Edgar, from the Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment, opened the presentations with a reminder of the central principles and policies of the Masterplan

- Movement Strategy and Street Hierarchy – "Restitching" the city cen-

- tre to its wider context
- City Centre Built Structure – Urban blocks consolidated based on Walkable Neighbourhoods
- The City Centre Uses – Achieving a good mixed use
- The City Centre Retail Strategy – A Strategic Merchandising Plan
- Cultural Strategy – Enhancing Lincoln's Character Quarters

and their continued importance as the 30 year vision begins to take shape. However, he stressed that the Masterplan is a living document and would need to adapt to challenging changing circumstances of the economy and the city community.

The final report, **Linking Lincoln – Enquiry by Design**, with outline action plans for implementation and delivery through to 2025, is now available on the City of Lincoln Council website - www.lincoln.gov.uk - and on CD from the address at the bottom of page 4. There are 17 intervention sites included in the plan.

PROGRESS TO DATE

Historic Lincoln and Castle Developments

Mary Powell, Tourism Development Manager for Lincolnshire County Council gave a presentation on behalf of Historic Lincoln Partnership, whose partners are Lincoln Cathedral, Lincolnshire County Council, City of Lincoln Council, Lincolnshire Enterprise, English Heritage and Lincoln BIG, on the proposed developments for Historic Lincoln.

Firstly, Mary reminded the conference that the HLP vision is "To be come the first choice Cathedral City for visitors by establishing Lincoln as a world class tourism destination; with our heritage making its full contribution to the economic regeneration of Lincoln, Lincolnshire and the East Midlands" and recapped over the work that has already taken place in the area e.g. clearance of the Castle Banks, removal of ivy and de-frassing works on the walls, new interpretation boards in the Castle and the Castle Hill Feasibility Study. She then went on to reveal the recent bids that have been submitted for future development proposals.

Bailgate Restored £1.18m is a bid to E. Midlands Tourism to restore the paving in the Bailgate and improve the interpretation and landscaping of St. Paul in the Bail and the Roman Well .

Building on the Past is a bid for £1.75m to build a Centre of Heritage Vocational Excellence within the Castle grounds, where it will be possible to learn the heritage skills of masonry, lead work, stained glass, joinery etc

Lincoln Castle Revealed £15.2m, a bid-proposal to HLF, Lincolnshire Enterprise and emda. which seeks to increase access to the castle by providing free admittance to the grounds and to interpret the Castle through exhibitions relating to Magna Carta, Lincoln's troubled years 1215-1217 and the Battle of Lincoln Fair, which determined England's future as an independent state. Power, Justice and Accountability are the themes that will be explored for the interpretation.

We are pleased to announce that since the conference the bid for Bailgate Restored has been successful. This project will be managed by Mark Welsh, the County Council's Area Highways Manager who recently delivered the successful public realm works in the Cultural Quarter.



Lincoln Castle

Castle Hill Feasibility Study

Stephen Anderson of Buttress Fuller Alsop Williams, consultants for the study, gave a short presentation, which demonstrated the methodology of the study and the projects and delivery strategy, that highlighted the possible potential for Castle Hill and its immediate environs and how it would complement the plans for Lincoln Castle.

Bailgate Restored and free access to the Castle grounds are projects proposed by the study.



Lindongate

Lindongate

PLANNING APPLICATION

Director of Modus, James Ridings explained the retail-led mixed use Lindongate application, which will provide over 350,000 sq ft of new retail space including a department store, shops, a new 1000 space car park, restaurants, 180 new city-style apartments and a potential hotel, together with a new passenger transport interchange.

He stated that this application puts the scheme on target for completion in late 2011 early 2012. It will significantly improve retailing within Lincoln as well as building on its leisure destination success.

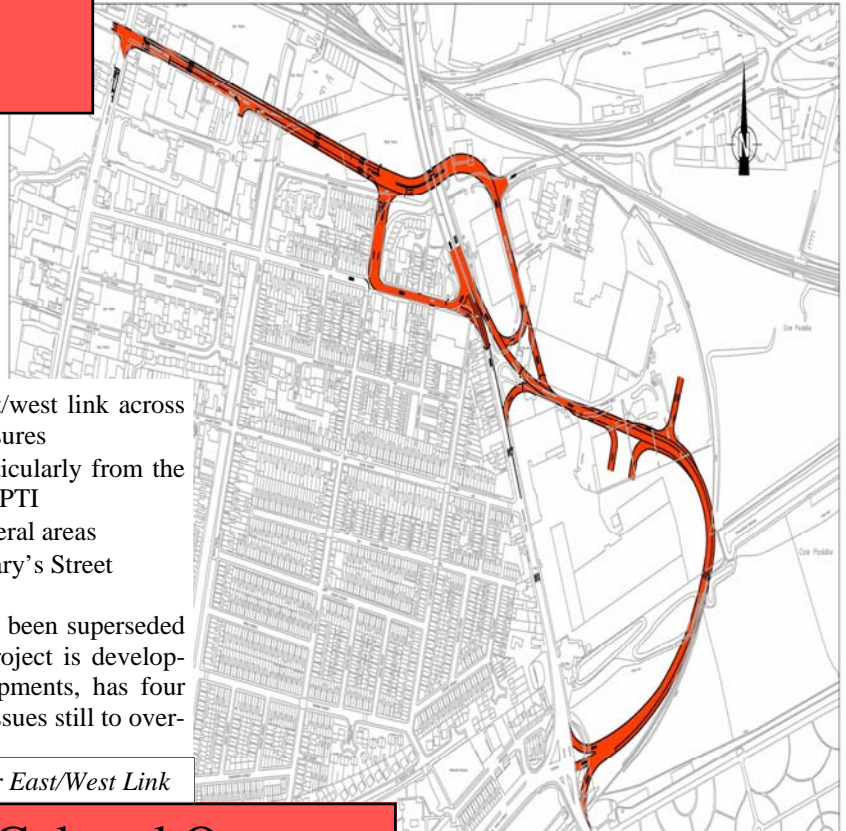
East/West Link

Les Davies, Senior Project Leader for the County Highways described to the conference how this link is central to improving the connectivity within the CCMP area, it will :-

- Cater for the anticipated traffic growth arising from the major development
- Provide a much needed improved east/west link across the city incorporating priority bus measures
- Improve passenger transport links particularly from the south and west of the city into the new PTI
- Improve pedestrian connectivity in several areas
- Reduce the volumes of traffic in St. Mary's Street

He went on to explain that the original layout has been superseded by the layout shown and that in summary the project is development led plus being dependent on those developments, has four possible phases, is a work in progress with many issues still to overcome.

Current proposal for East/West Link



Success Stories of the Cultural Quarter

Kate Mear, Programme Manager for the City of Lincoln Council enthusiastically presented the accomplishments in the Cultural Quarter, over recent years with £26million of investment.

The Lincoln Drill Hall (£2.6m) was the first project to kick start development in this area, followed by the award winning state of the art museum, The Collection (£12.5m), which houses numerous archaeological exhibits from the city and the county and is an outstanding educational facility.

Additional investment has then been added in the last year with The Terrace (£4.6m) designed by Bowman Lyons and opened in September 08 by Wayne Hemmingsway of 'Red or Dead' fame, who commented that it was 'the best creative industries managed workspace of its type that I have seen'.

The work on the Public Realm (£2.4m) was completed using high quality heritage materials that has restored and transformed this non-descript area with its chipped and cracked modern paving into a quality contemporary landscape reflecting the surrounding architecture.

Lincoln Drill Hall

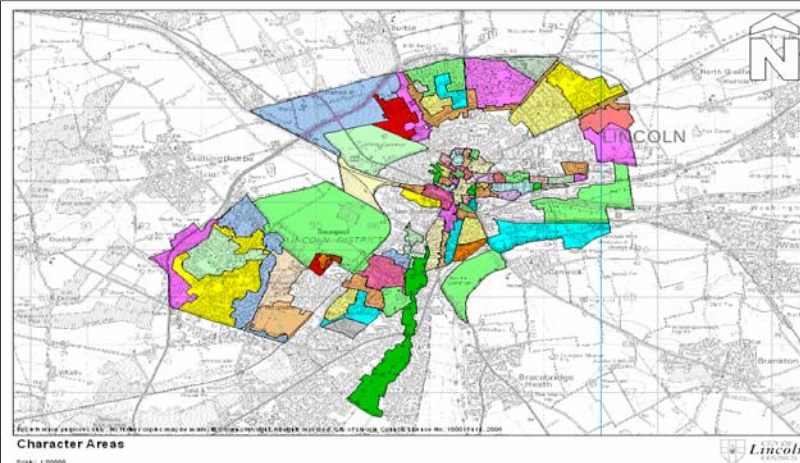


The Terrace



The Public Realm (top of High Street) and The Collection





Townscape Assessment

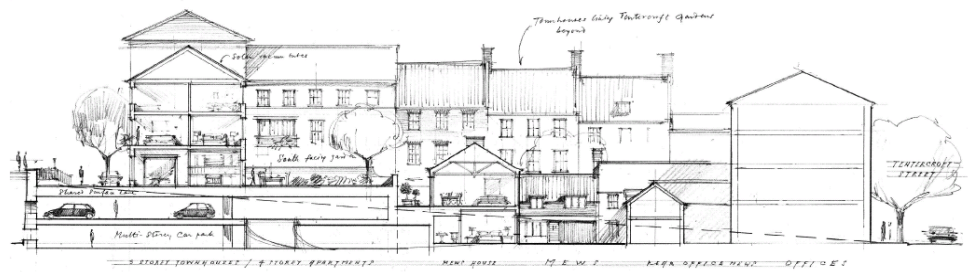
The last presentation in this section of the programme was devoted to the Townscape Assessment study, which has developed a new method for townscape characterisation of historic cities and assesses the inherited character of the current townscape for the whole of the city of Lincoln. Glyn Stocker, Planning Policy Manager for the City of Lincoln Council explained the many applications and uses by which this will maximise the benefit Lincoln gains from its inherited environment and sense of place, and from context for planning to visitor information.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The penultimate presentation was given by Mike Roberts, Head of Economic Sustainability & Tourism for the City of Lincoln Council who explained to the conference how the phased Delivery Plan was evolving, due to altering circumstances such as Lincoln's Growth Point status and the Credit Crunch. He went on to explain that the formulation of the new Delivery Plan is part of the work of the Implementation Team and that the emerging projects for the immediate future are City Square, Tentercroft Street and Wigford Way. Preliminary work is already underway on these projects and proposals will be coming forward at a later date.



Your involvement through the CCMP Stakeholder Conference is key
Copies of all the presentations can be obtained from Elaine Ranyard at the address below.



The Credit Crunch

The Chief Executive of Lincolnshire Enterprise, Andrew Thurston concluded the presentations for the event by reporting on the effects of the Credit Crunch on funding. He commented that:

- So far Lincolnshire's economy appears to be holding up relatively well.
- The Government remains "open for business"
- Short term initiatives are required to support business
- There will need to be some changes to medium term priorities
- There is commitment to continue to invest for the futurebut there could be some impact on funding programmes

In conclusion he stated that proposals must – align with strategies and plans, deliver appropriate outcomes and outputs, be included in business plans, deliver match funding, meet regulatory requirements, but above all they **must be deliverable!**

Sketch proposals for Tentercroft Street

The 2nd Annual Stakeholder Conference culminated with questions from the floor and the Leader, Cllr Darren Grice summarised the conference, thanked all speakers and particularly thanked all the stakeholders for their continued support, participation and commitment to the vision for the City of Lincoln.



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