

MARKET STREET NEWBURY

MARKET STREET NEWBURY COMMUNITY PLANNING WEEKEND

You are invited to the Market Street, Newbury Community Planning Weekend to participate in creating a Vision for a new 'urban village' improving the links between the town centre and the railway station.



BACKGROUND EXHIBITION & WORKSHOPS

1.45PM - 7.00PM, Friday 10 July
10.45AM - 4.00PM, Saturday 11 July

Venue: West Berkshire Council Offices,
Market Street, Newbury RG14 5LD

REPORT BACK PRESENTATION

7.00PM - 8.30PM, Thursday 16 July

Venue: St Nicolas Church
West Mills, Newbury RG14 5HG



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

COMMUNITY PLANNING WEEKEND

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS: 10 & 11 July
REPORT BACK: 16 July

BACKGROUND

Newbury's vibrant town centre is a key focus of West Berkshire Council's Local Plan, which aims to retain the town's market heritage whilst improving local infrastructure and renewing commercial uses and housing. As part of this strategy, the Market Street area has been identified as a future 'urban village': a mixed use, but predominantly residential area, with greatly improved pedestrian links between the railway station and the town centre. The site is located between the railway station and Market Street and includes the existing bus station and council car park. It can accommodate at least 200 homes, along with small units for appropriate commercial and retail uses and improved car parking for users of Newbury railway station. Station improvement works are also planned.

Grainger plc, one of the UK's leading residential property companies and the UK's largest listed residential landlord, has been selected to develop the site and has appointed architects and masterplanners John Thompson & Partners (JTP) to work with the local community to create a Vision for the 'urban village' and its relationship with the town centre.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE COMMUNITY PLANNING WEEKEND

The Community Planning Weekend will be an opportunity to share local knowledge and contribute to planning the new neighbourhood through workshops, walkabouts and hands-on planning groups. There will also be an exhibition explaining the background of the site. Participation is on a drop-in basis – there is no need to pre-register – and you can stay for a short while, a few hours or the whole event if you are able to. Team members will be on hand to answer questions.

REPORT BACK PRESENTATION

Following the public workshop days, the JTP-led team will analyse and summarise the outcomes and draw up a Vision for Market Street, Newbury, including an illustrative masterplan. This will be presented back to the local community on 16 July, 7PM at St Nicolas Church.

Following the Community Planning Weekend, the design team will move forward to prepare a detailed planning application for the site, which it is anticipated will be submitted to West Berkshire Council in Autumn 2015.

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PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 10 JULY

VENUE: West Berkshire Council Offices

- 1.45PM Background exhibition opens
- 2.00 Welcome and Introduction
- 2.15 Workshop 1 – The Area Today
 - What are the issues and opportunities locally?
 - What is the site's relationship with the town centre and neighbouring areas?
 - What are the challenges and opportunities for developing the site?
- Workshop 2 – Young People's Workshop
A chance for young people to talk about the site and draw ideas for the new 'urban village'.
- 3.15 Refreshment break
- 3.30 Hands-on Planning Groups and Walkabouts
Work in small, facilitated groups to consider key issues for the site and its relationship with the neighbouring area and start to plan ideas for the future. Groups may choose to walk areas on and around the site to see and discuss opportunities and connections.
- 5.00 Refreshment break
- 5.15 Reports Back from Hands-on Planning Groups
- 5.45 Workshops end and exhibition continues
- 7.00 Exhibition closes

SATURDAY 11 JULY

VENUE: West Berkshire Council Offices

- 10.45AM Exhibition opens
- 11.00 Welcome & Introduction
- 11.15 Workshop 3 – Market Street Tomorrow
 - Creating a sustainable, new 'urban village' with a strong community
 - Connections and landscape design
 - Housing opportunities
 - Retail and commercial opportunities
- Workshop 4 – Young People's Workshop
Another opportunity for young people to think about the site and draw ideas for the new 'urban village'.
- 12.45PM Lunch break – refreshments will be provided
- 1.30 Hands-on Planning Groups and Walkabouts
Another opportunity to work in small, facilitated groups to plan ideas for the future. Groups may choose to walkabout areas near the site to see and discuss opportunities and connections.
- 3.00 Refreshment break
- 3.15 Reports Back from Hands-on Planning Groups
- 3.45 Next Steps
- 4.00 Workshops end and exhibition closes

THURSDAY 16 JULY

VENUE: St Nicolas Church

- 6.45PM Doors open
- 7.00 Report Back of the Vision for Market Street
- 8.30 Close