

MARKET STREET NEWBURY COMMUNITY FORUM

Thursday, 24 September 2015, 7.00PM-8.30PM
St Nicolas Church Hall, West Mills,
Newbury RG14 5HG

The local community is invited to the Market Street, Newbury Community Forum for an update on the emerging proposals for a new 'urban village' linking the town centre with the railway station. The Forum will be an opportunity to see and discuss the latest proposals, including a new physical model.

COMMUNITY FORUM PROGRAMME

7.00pm	Exhibition opens
7.20pm	Update presentation of the emerging proposals
7.50pm	Questions
8.00pm	One to one conversations around the model and exhibition
8.30pm	Close

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 is the selected developer for Market Street and has appointed architects John Thompson & Partners (JTP) to work with the local community to create a Vision for the 'urban village' and then to draw up a detailed planning application, which it is anticipated will be submitted to West Berkshire Council in late Autumn 2015.

In July, local residents and representatives from local organisations participated at the Market Street, Newbury Community Planning Weekend. The JTP team then worked to pull the resultant ideas together and reported back the Vision for Market Street to the community on 16 July. A key outcome from the Community Planning Weekend was people's desire to continue to be involved in the development of the proposals for the site and the Community Forum has been organised in response to this.

THE SITE



ARTIST IMPRESSIONS



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!