

A Vision for Liskeard Cattle Market

'Liskeard Unlocked' Newsletter / September 2020

A lot has happened since December 2017 when the final livestock sale was held at Liskeard cattle market, creating an opportunity to rethink the future of this key area in the heart of the town. Timed to coincide with the Liskeard Unlocked, this newsletter sets out the latest exciting news and progress towards unlocking the cattle market site, including progress on built projects and event activities.



Ploughman's Summer Produce & Craft Market in Liskeard Town Council's new community event space © Jason Higgs/Liskeard Ploughman's Festival

Background

The Liskeard Neighbourhood Plan, drawn up with extensive community participation, encourages the development of "a mix of uses that support the vitality and viability of the town centre (Cattle Market Policy TC4)". Cornwall Council is working closely with community to enable these ambitions to be achieved. In March 2019, with the help of central Government funding, a public design workshop or 'Charrette' was held, facilitated by architects JTP, to create a Vision for the Cattle Market, including an illustrative masterplan for the site.

Since then the JTP led design team has drawn up and submitted a detailed planning application with proposals for phase one, a new creative industry workspace called 'Workshed' and a covered market area, the first of three key phases for the delivery of the masterplan. Phase two, a Makers project is also underway with a funding

application now with the Community Led Local Development (CLLD) fund. Events and activities are now well underway in the Town Council's new community events space, with the first event, the Ploughman's Summer Produce & Craft Market in mid-August, proving a great success.

Future work to progress the regeneration of the Cattle Market site includes the potential expansion of the Rosedean GP Surgery and talking with community groups and other stakeholders about the further phases of regeneration at the western side of the site. Keeping Liskeard residents informed and involved is really important so please look out for further engagement events and you can keep in touch with the progress of the regeneration of Liskeard cattle market by visiting www.cornwall.gov.uk/liskeardcattlemarket.

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'Workshed' Update



Artist's impression of the 'Workshed'

Since the closure of the cattle market in December 2017, Cornwall Council, Liskeard Town Council, the community and other partners have been working together to develop proposals to transform the site with a mix of uses that will regenerate the site and support the vitality of the town centre.

Subject to securing planning permission this September, the first phase of redevelopment to progress will involve the demolition of some of the derelict buildings and cattle pens and construction of new workspace 'The Workshed', which will be located close to the town and provide 17 flexible units aimed at Cornwall's booming digital and creative industries sectors, supporting around 33 jobs and adding around £1.2m a year to the local economy.

This work is expected to cost around £5.6m and is being funded through a mix of funding including from the Government's Local Growth Fund, which has been awarded through the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership, the European Regional Development Fund and Cornwall Council's own investment.

In addition to the new workspace being built, the adjacent car park surface will be re-laid, and a new covered market area will be created, together with high quality public spaces. The planning application for this work has been submitted by Cornwall Council and is expected to be determined by Committee in September.

'Workshed' Timeline

Planning Determination	Demolition Work		Construction Work	
End Sept 2020	Start Dec 2020	Finish Feb 2021	Start May 2021	Finish June 2022

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Makers Project

The Liskeard Cattle Market Makers Project – led by Liskeard Town Council, is another exciting initiative that is planned for the Cattle Market site. This project is seeking investment from the Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Programme to build a community of makers and provide effective start up spaces for smaller artisan or creative businesses. Cornwall Council has committed match funding to make the project deliverable, and the Town Council have provided significant officer time to support the development of the scheme and bids. It includes delivery of a Creative Industries Hub, a small-scale and modular development of around 100 square metres, that will incorporate workspace units, training rooms and a site office, all aimed at individual craftspeople and makers, as well as the provision of business and skills support.

This support will start with established makers, who can help as trainers and technicians, and will extend to economically inactive people whose interest and confidence can be stimulated by participating in creative and craft activities as steps towards education, job search or self-employment.

Cornwall Council is supporting the Town Council with bid development and will act as delivery partner with the specific role of delivering the workspace element of the project.

The development of workspace in Liskeard is identified as a priority within local place shaping strategies, building on local strengths and capitalising on local opportunities, whilst contributing to the productivity of the area both through the direct impact on local businesses and the knock on impact of the regeneration of the town centre.

The project will combine physical regeneration, through delivery of the Creative Industries Hub, and business and skills support to enable the growth and expansion of the creative sector in the Liskeard area. It will provide unique opportunities for excluded individuals to gain arts and crafts skills that can help them on the way to securing employment within this expanding sector of the local economy.



Artist's impression of the Cattle Market Makers Project

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Photographs of Liskeard Town Council's new community event space



Ploughman's Summer Produce & Craft Market © Pauline Hubner/Liskeard Ploughman's Festival



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Ploughman's Summer Produce & Craft Market

On Saturday 15th August 2020 Liskeard held its Ploughman's Summer Produce & Craft Market in the Town Council's new community event space.

There was a fabulous range of food stalls selling local products including locally produced cheese, artisan bread, fermented foods, honeys, natural cordials and locally-distilled gin, as well as a number of talented local crafters and makers. Visitors told us they took the opportunity to check out the established shops in the town too.

Also adding to the success of the day were 'Liskeard in Bloom' and most of the permanent traders in the Cattle Market.



Lions organised St Matthews Fair

New Community Event Space

As part of the regeneration of the Cattle Market a new community event space has been allocated to the east of the site adjacent to the proposed Workshed building and proposed future covered area and accessed from a pedestrianised Hurlers Court. The space is managed by the Town Council and will be available for a range of cultural, performance and market events be organised by local groups and partners. There are plans developing regular food markets. If you are interested in organising a public event there please contact the Town Council at reception@liskeard.gov.uk.