

At the heart of our thinking...



Culture: for everyone. The Cultural Heart should be somewhere everyone can enjoy cultural activities, attend outdoor events, watch live entertainment and meet up with friends and family.



Celebrating heritage. The proposals look to enhance the existing heritage buildings within the site and give them a sustainable future. The aim is to create a place the people of Kirklees feel more connected to, as well as drawing in visitors from beyond the district.



Safe and accessible. The Cultural Heart will be a welcoming, safe environment where children can play, and families and friends can spend time together. By planning dedicated accessible routes, provision for Changing Places facilities and minimising the level changes across the site, the town centre will be much easier to enjoy for people of all ages, including people with disabilities and additional needs.



Sustainability and transport. The Cultural Heart is being designed with long-term sustainability in mind and will align with Kirklees' evolving environmental ambitions and commitments. The new urban park and access routes will prioritise those on foot and cycling, encouraging physical wellbeing and more sustainable modes of transport.



Public spaces. A transformational new public space would be split into three family-friendly 'outdoor rooms' – a new urban park, the gardens and a public square. All three new spaces will become focal points for people of all ages to meet, socialise, relax and share experiences.

Get involved

This is your opportunity to get involved and tell us what you think of these plans. You can find out more and provide your feedback by coming along to one of our consultation events or visiting our virtual exhibition online.

Visit us online

Visit our consultation website where you can view our virtual exhibition and provide your feedback via our easy-to-use consultation survey:



www.kirkleesculturalheart.co.uk

Visit us in-person

Come and chat to our team, ask questions and provide feedback at our public drop-in sessions:

Date: Wednesday 8 June 2022
Time: 2.30pm-6.30pm
Venue: The Piazza, 25 Princess Alexandra Walk, HD1 2RS

Date: Thursday 9 June 2022
Time: 12.00pm-4.00pm
Venue: The Piazza, 25 Princess Alexandra Walk, HD1 2RS

If you have any questions or require the information in different formats or languages, please get in touch and we'd be happy to help:



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FREEPOST Cultural Heart

This phase of consultation will close on **Sunday 19 June 2022.**

Next steps

This current phase of consultation is going to help our team to continue to develop the design proposals for the Cultural Heart. We will be holding another phase of consultation later in the summer, prior to submitting a planning application in the autumn.



A decade of ambition



Your chance to shape Kirklees Cultural Heart

We want to hear your views on the latest proposals for Kirklees Cultural Heart – the new, inclusive destination in Huddersfield town centre.

May 2022

Hello

This public consultation is your chance to comment on the latest proposals for Kirklees Cultural Heart – the beating heart of the £250m Huddersfield Blueprint plans, led by Kirklees Council.

In 2019, Kirklees Council consulted local people on the Huddersfield Blueprint: a ten-year vision to create a thriving, modern-day town centre. The plan aims to deliver five key objectives for Huddersfield town centre:

- A vibrant culture, art, leisure and nightlife offer
- Thriving businesses
- A great place to live
- Improved access
- Enhanced public spaces for families



Consultation website

Kirklees Cultural Heart – in the Queensgate and Piazza area of the town centre – is the flagship project within the Huddersfield Blueprint. The name really does sum it up: the vision is to create a genuine cultural heart for the town, where people can come together and enjoy leisure, arts, music and food, all set within new and refurbished buildings as well as high-quality outdoor spaces.

Building on the consultation feedback received so far, the council and its delivery partners have worked to shape the design proposals for the Cultural Heart. These proposals are still at an early stage, but we are sharing them for comment now so that community feedback can help shape the development of these important plans.



Our early stage plans...

The plans for Kirklees Cultural Heart seek to breathe new life into the area around Queensgate and the Piazza by giving it a new focus based on culture and leisure. The overall aim is to create a welcoming destination that's open to all, and to bring new people and families into the town centre, including Kirklees residents and visitors from further afield.

The design proposals include plans to revitalise some of Huddersfield town centre's most-loved heritage buildings, alongside adding new modern buildings and a range of high-quality outdoor spaces to improve links to the town hall, university and Lawrence Batley Theatre.

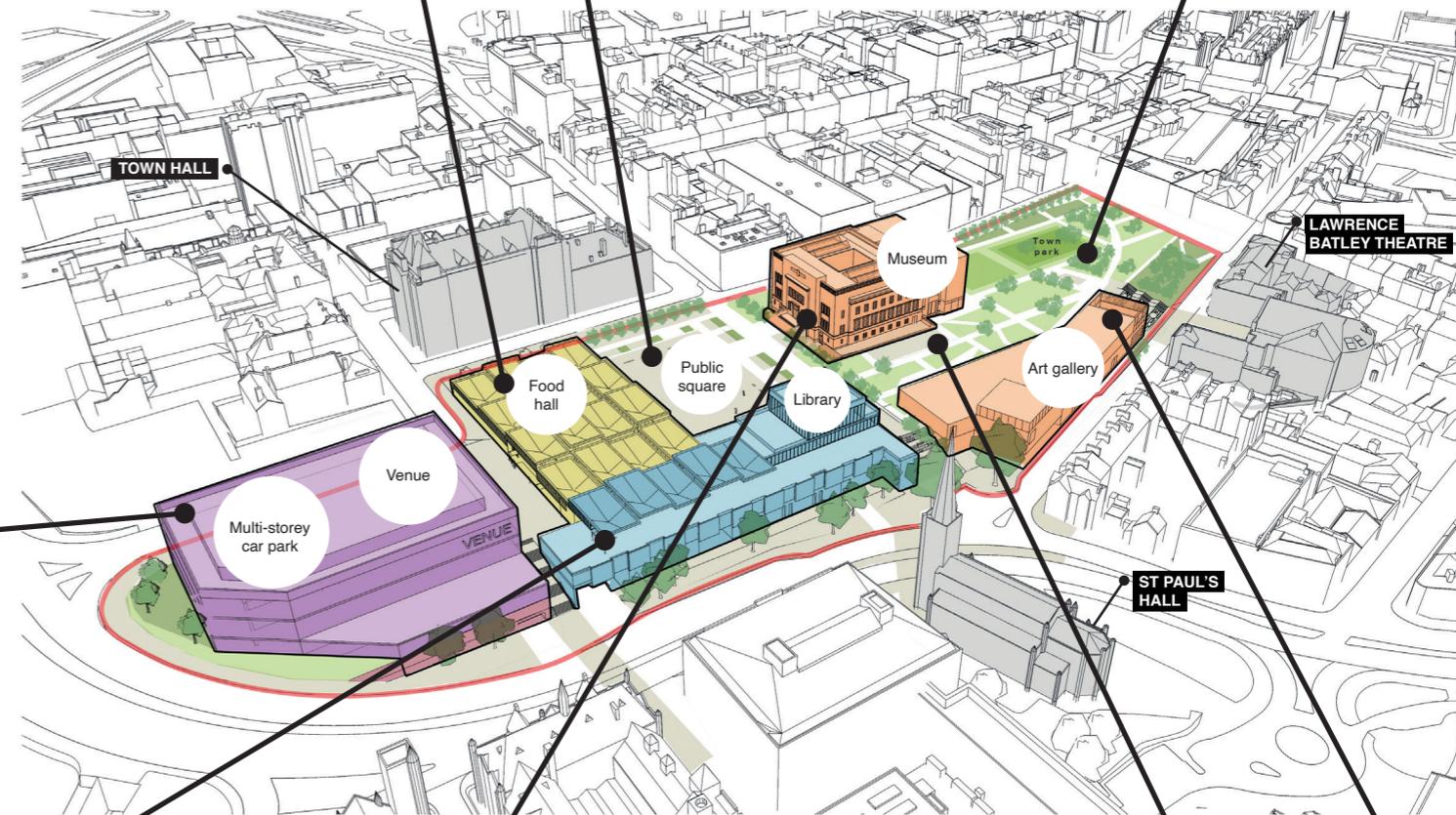
In a new building to the south of the food hall, a **brand-new multi-purpose entertainment venue** with a capacity of up to 2,200 will be created for major concerts, live shows, conferences and exhibitions. Below the venue there will be a modern multi-storey car park, with around 350 spaces.

A **modern and welcoming library** – featuring bright, flexible and collaborative community spaces – will be accommodated within the existing east wing of the market building and in the new extension to the north.

The Grade II Listed **Queensgate market building** will be refurbished to house a vibrant new food hall that will celebrate local and independent traders and provide a new hub for social dining.

The **new landmark urban park** will make the Cultural Heart a unique place and will act as a key link between the Cultural Heart and wider town centre.

The **new public square** will become an active centrepiece that hosts regular community and cultural events and gatherings of up to 3,000 people.



The Grade II Listed Huddersfield Library will be refurbished, with a new extension added to transform it into a dedicated **new museum space**, which will showcase some of Huddersfield's remarkable stories.

The gardens will become a place to rest within the busy town centre environment and could showcase art installations and sculptures.

In place of the existing Piazza, a modern new building on Queen Street will become home to an exciting **new art gallery space**. This statement gallery will provide a fitting home for Kirklees' collection of important and iconic objects, which is recognised as being one of the finest in the North of England, with works by Francis Bacon, L.S. Lowry, Henry Moore and Harold Gilman.

The proposed Cultural Heart masterplan