



PRESS RELEASE

TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION PLANS TO BE UNVEILED

Public invited to 'have their say' on proposals for Billingham Town Centre Masterplan

Designs for the regeneration of Billingham Town Centre are set to be revealed next month (Monday 2 November) with people invited to 'have their say' on the proposed improvements.

Stockland, the developer working in partnership with Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, will be unveiling proposals for a 'Masterplan' for the Town Centre. The Masterplan will set out details for upgrades to Billingham's shopping centre, including proposals for a new foodstore in West Precinct, improvements to shop frontages, new lighting, paving, and a general overhaul of the town's main shopping area.

Members of the public – together with traders, local business representatives, local councillors and local interest groups – are being invited to comment on the designs. Feedback from the consultation will then be used to refine the proposals ahead of the Masterplan being formally agreed with Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council.

The proposed Masterplan designs will be put on display in a Public Exhibition, to be hosted by Stockland at 108 Queensway (close to Dorothy Perkins). As well as seeing the designs and feeding back comments, visitors to the Public Exhibition will be able to discuss the proposals with members of the Stockland and Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council teams.

Simon Hoad, Development Director for Stockland, said: "This is an opportunity to shape the way we collectively invest in and regenerate Billingham Town Centre. We're hoping that members of the public and people with an interest in the Town Centre will want to visit the Exhibition, talk to our team and tell us what they think. That way we can ensure that we bring forward the very best proposals for improving the Town Centre."

Councillor Bob Cook, Stockton Council's Cabinet Member for Transport and Regeneration, said: "This consultation process with the people of Billingham and the wider Borough is an important step towards the regeneration of the Town Centre. We would encourage residents, businesses and visitors in Billingham to go along, look at the proposals and have an input into the future plans."

Stockland's vision for improving the Town Centre has been informed by the results of earlier consultation and discussions with Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council. The vision is to create an attractive, successful and vibrant shopping hub for the town. As a result, the proposed Masterplan focuses on making improvements to:



1. The overall look and feel of the town centre to make it a more appealing place
2. The shopping offer in the town centre by providing a new 'national' foodstore
3. Paving and street furniture
4. Lighting – making the town centre brighter, more attractive, and safer
5. Landscaping – introducing improved planting into the Town Centre
6. Play facilities – looking at the potential for a new children's play area
7. Public toilets – providing clean, safe and functional facilities

The Public Exhibition of the proposals opens on Monday 2nd November at 1.00pm, continuing through to Saturday 14th November. It will be staffed by members of the Stockland team during Monday 2nd November to Wednesday 4th November inclusive, after which the information panels will remain on display in the shop window.

Feedback forms will be available from the Exhibition, from the Town Centre Manager's Office, 130 Queensway, Billingham, TS23 2LT as well as from Roseberry Library (Billingham Town Centre) and the Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council website at www.stockton.gov.uk/billingham All comments should be returned by 5pm on Monday 30 November.

Public Exhibition opening hours (staffed) are:

Monday 2nd November – from 1.00pm until 5.30pm
Tuesday 3rd November – from 10.00am until 7.00pm
Wednesday 4th November – from 10.00am until 6.00pm

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Notes to editors

The Masterplan is being brought forward by Stockland working with Colman Architects and a professional team.

The Masterplan will provide a framework to shape the regeneration of Billingham Town Centre. Specific proposals for new shops and/or major changes to the Town Centre will require planning permission in their own right. Planning applications would be brought forward to Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council in line with the statutory process.

Further information on Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's plans/policies for regeneration of Billingham Town Centre is available on the Council's website at www.stockton.gov.uk/billingham or from Louise McDonald / Nicola Garnham in the Regeneration Team.



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