

# York Central Community Forum

Date: **Wednesday 14 March 2018**  
 Time: **17.30 – 19.15**  
 Place: **Mallard Room, National Railway Museum**

## In attendance

NAME	ORGANISATION
<b>INDEPENDENT CHAIR</b>	
The Very Revd Vivienne Faulf	Dean of York Minster
<b>HOLGATE</b>	
Cllr Taylor	Holgate Ward Councillor (substitute for Cllr Derbyshire)
Paul Scott	Friends of Holgate Community Garden
David Finch	Friends of Leeman Park
Peter Fisher	St Pauls Square Association
Laura Outhart	Friends of West Bank Park
Steve Roberts	Poppy Road Poppy Project
Rob Askew	St Barnabas Church
Tim Kinslow	Carleton Street/ Carlisle Street
<b>MICKLEGATE</b>	
Cllr Kramm	Micklegate Ward Councillor
Marc Allinson	Micklegate Business Initiative
Rob Bennett	South Bank Multi Academy Trust
Sue Hogge	York Blind & Partially Sighted Society
Hussein Syed	Chair Micklegate Neighbourhood Plan Forum
<b>WIDER CITY/ OTHER</b>	
Phil Bixby	York Environment Forum
Bob Towner	York Older People's Assembly
Andrew Scott	York Civic Trust
Sean Heslop	York RI
Andrew McBeath	Commercial Property
Lindsay Cowle	SUB Katherine Blaker York Central Action
<b>YORK CENTRAL PARTNERSHIP (YCP)</b>	
Tom Devine	National Railway Museum
Dilys Jones	Homes England
Mike Stancliffe	Network Rail
Tracey Carter	City of York Council
David Warburton	CYC Commercial Project Manager
Katherine Atkinson	CYC Commercial Projects
Specialist advisors depending on agenda	Alistair Macdonald, Allies & Morrison Jason Syrett, Allies & Morrison Helen Graham, My York Central Tim Downs, Aberfield

## NOTE OF MEETING

### 1. Opening business

#### 1.1 Welcome & apologies

Vivienne Faull welcomed the group and introduced Cllr Kallum Taylor as the new Holgate Councillor and Helen Graham from My York Central.

A number of apologies were received:

Cllr Cannon	Holgate Ward Councillor
Andy Richardson	Wilton Rise
Peter Emsley	St Peters Quarter
James Pitt	Friends of West Bank Park
Cllr Crawshaw	Micklegate Ward Councillor
Nick Bosanquet	Former Kings Cross Camden Cllr, Professor of Health & wellbeing
Alison Sinclair	Conservation Area Advisory Panel
Ian Williams	Chamber of Commerce/ York Property Forum
Andrew Lowson	York Business Improvement District
Tamsin Hart-Jones	Homes England

#### 1.2 Notes of last meeting 06/02/18

BT queried the housing figures. DW confirmed that the figures within the notes were correct. The notes of the last meeting were agreed as correct.

### 2. Masterplan, Allies & Morrison

Alistair Macdonald and Jason Syrett presented a summary of the feedback from Stages 1 and 2 of the engagement completed to date, introduced the exhibition material and presented updates on the masterplan.

Slides to be circulated.

#### Questions

- HS: What is the definition of affordable housing?
  - DJ: Homes England's remit is affordability and funding affordable housing. Affordable housing broadly means below market value to rent or buy. Tenures that Homes England can help to deliver include options for people who wouldn't qualify for social housing, might be stuck in the private rented sector and cannot afford to save a deposit to get onto the property ladder:
    - social rents (low rent)
    - affordable rents (up to 80% market rent)
    - rent to buy (up to 5 years low rent to enable people to save a deposit for either that property or on the open market)
    - shared ownership (buy proportion of the property at market value, from 25% up to 100%, rent the remainder. The smaller proportion requires a smaller deposit to start on the property ladder)

- Some local authorities have different interpretations e.g. discounted sale. YCP have a commitment to a minimum of 20% affordable housing and will look at different options on York Central.
- LO: Why isn't YCP financial model part of this presentation? Frustrating that Executive report is at the end of the agenda today. It is the role of the city to influence the business model.
- TK: Note the YCP are exploring options for cycle and pedestrian routes to improve southern connections to Holgate. Should keep and improve the existing bridge with ramps up and down to reach level access. Need cycle/walking access into Leeman Park, which is cut off from the development, to relieve pressure on Marble Arch route and take people away from the pinch points earlier. Need a northern connection to ease north/ south movement across the site.
  - JS: Can look at improving or replacing the southern connection. Other options might come from the consultation. The difficulty of a new bridge further up Leeman Road is that the land is not in YCP ownership and would land on York Yard South which is currently in operational rail use. The masterplan design can allow the possibility of future bridge connections.
- MA: Bridges should be where the desire lines/ shortest routes are to take account of human mapping/ school routes etc.
- LO: The diagram showing pedestrian radius to bus stops is misleading as people cannot walk across the rail track.
- DF: Access to the NRM through route being only during opening hours is a concern as the alternative is a long way round.
- AS: Hard to tell from the slides whether the cycle lanes join up (front of station). Will teahouse square be traffic and cycle free? Need a complete cycle route from Acomb to Holgate, Scarborough Bridge and on to Bootham.
  - JS: Front of station information is included in exhibition material to set context.
  - MS: There is a cycle access into the front of the station.
- The forum noted that cycling in York can be an unfriendly experience, progressing from one hazard to another. Could take the danger away by moving the route off the highway.
- LK: Illustrations of the new square to the west of the station do not include vehicles on the main through road. What type of crossing will there be? Is it a shared space? It will not act as one space if the road divides it.
  - JS: A controlled crossing is proposed.
  - DF: Can't be all things to all people.
- RA: How will St Peters Quarter and the Leeman Road island communities relate to the rest of the development? Illustrations of the new development suggest a tree lined utopia, which is in brutal contrast to the Salisbury Terrace area. If the western access becomes the main vehicular access then there is a risk that a demographic within this community, which has

always been isolated historically, may become even more isolated unless connectivity is addressed.

- TK: Strong feeling in Leeman Road area against bollarding at (14) Leeman Road arch.
  - JS: Will maintain bus connectivity, and we are looking at what to do with Leeman Road arch. More work is planned with those communities.

### **3. York Central Festival**

Tim Downs from Aberfield, and Phil Bixby from My York Central (MYC) outlined the opportunities to get involved over the coming weeks.

#### **Exhibition**

Exhibition at National Railway Museum Gallery from 21st March – 27th April 2018, 10:00am-6:00pm every day.

The exhibition will be staffed during the first week / last week, and Tuesday mornings, Thursday afternoons and Saturdays (excluding Easter weekend) for the other weeks.

Information and feedback via an online feedback module will be available until midnight on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018: [www.yorkcentral.info](http://www.yorkcentral.info)

The exhibition will be organic and added to by MYC through the weeks.

#### **Pre-Promotion**

Your Local Link letter to 94,000 households across York

- Thursday 15 March – distribution begins (complete within 10 days)

York Press

- Online/ mobile /social media - homepage content, adverts, sponsored content Monday 19 March, Wednesday 14 March, Monday 9 April, Monday 16 April Monday 23 April
- 1/4 page print advert Thursday 15 March, Thursday 19 April

Radio

- Minster FM Broadcast and online - Monday 12 March, Monday 19 March broadcast, Monday 26 March, Monday 16 April
- Radio York interviews, breakfast show and attending MYC event tonight

York Mumbler

- Online content through March and April

Broader media work including York TV will follow throughout the festival.

#### **Social media & online**

## York Central Partnership

- Online information and responses via <http://www.yorkcentral.info/>
- <https://twitter.com/YRKcentral>
- <https://www.facebook.com/York.Central01>

## My York Central

- Programme of events will be regularly updated via <https://myyorkcentral.org/>
- <https://twitter.com/MyYorkCentral>
- <https://www.facebook.com/myyorkcentral>
- Post-it note comments will be logged via Flickr throughout the festival <https://www.flickr.com/photos/myyorkcentral/>

## My York Central

Have been inviting comments and questions from events, social media, and Councillors. 1000 post-it notes have been collected and logged already. Weekly blog gathering questions for YCP, and sharing answers. Questions that cannot be answered at this stage will feed into the festival discussions.

The 'Festival of York Central' commences on Monday 19 March, with a variety of open events and opportunities to engage.

- week 1 public space
- week 2 homes
- week 3 work
- week 4 movement
- weeks 5 and 6 review

MYC will build conversations in the exhibition gallery space, with further questions and answers to elaborate the debate and conversations.

## Discussion

- Some forum members felt that a visual reference to York Central on the letter would have been better than text.
- LO: People confuse what's what - local plan, York Central is the MP constituency.

## 4. Project Updates

### 4.1 Millennium Green Trust

Following the access consultation last summer. CYC Executive required additional work to support the Millennium Green Trust (MGT) inform and shape an access route through the green. YCP have funded the appointment of an independent legal advisor to MGT. Two meetings have been held in March with the trustees and the design team to look at options for the road and embankments, and a site visit is scheduled. Work is in progress with the

trustees and the designs will be shared wider when the Millennium Green Trust have had time to consider their position and evolve the designs.

#### **4.2 CYC Executive Report 15 March**

If YCP are to enable delivery next year, then they need to start talking to contractors pre-planning due to the long lead-in times. As CYC are the highway authority and the funding lead, then they are best placed to commence the access road and bridge procurement, in tandem with the Millennium Green Trust design work.

The paper also refines the role and responsibility of CYC in the partnership, by proposing to simplify land ownership and enable delivery by disposing the 5% of the York Central land they currently own to Homes England..

<http://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=733&MIId=10189&Ver=4>

CYC will take a further report to Executive in June with the masterplan consultation results, sign off of the masterplan pre-planning submission and the partnership agreement including finances and the role of each partner moving forward

- DF: Should CYC be selling the Fermatol site given that it is proposed for community use?
  - TC: CYC would not own a school or community centre building.
- LO: Expressed frustration regarding the lack of time on the agenda to discuss the land disposal.
  - TC: The land was bought to enable York Central to go ahead. The opportunity to debate this is at the Executive meeting tomorrow.
  - KT: Noted that the deadline for registering to speak at the Executive meeting was 5pm tonight.
- LO: Can community reps influence the forum agenda?
  - VF: Invited LO to speak to her.

#### **5. Any other business**

#### **6. Close of meeting**

Vivienne thanked everyone for their attendance and input.

#### **Next meeting**

**Wednesday 9 May 17:30-19:30 @ National Railway Museum**