



Community Forums

Reducing the amount of waste produced in Exeter will be the main topic for discussion at the next Community Forum to be held at Guildhall on Thursday, September 19 at 7pm.

The City Council's Cleansing Services Manager Mike Trim will highlight the growing problems of disposing of household waste and outline measures everyone can take to keep the amount sent to landfill to the minimum. His presentation will include ways that people can reduce, re-use or recycle rubbish.

This will be followed by an open session when representatives of the City and County Councils, Exeter Primary Care Trust, police, fire brigade and local voluntary organisations will answer people's questions. The main aim of the Community Forums is for people to raise issues and make their views known about what the Council and its partners do now and how services could be improved.

The last half hour will be an informal session when people who do not wish to raise issues during the public meeting can speak directly to the agencies' representatives on an individual basis.

Another forum will be held on Tuesday, November 19 at 2.30pm at Guildhall. This will be the second meeting held during the afternoon. The first daytime Community Forum in June proved extremely popular with about 100 people taking part in lively debate on a wide range of issues.

Go ahead for Princesshay



It's all systems go for the redevelopment of Princesshay following the green light from Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott.

The Council had already given the scheme the go ahead subject to certain conditions. These include agreement over monies that the developer Land Securities will pay to the Council to:

- develop a new tourist information and heritage centre
- provide a shopmobility base
- commission a number of works of public art
- improve public transport such as park and ride
- improve facilities for cyclists
- install more CCTV complete with new control centre
- provide new toilets in St Catherine's Square

The development now has the full support of English Heritage and the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE), the

government's own design champions. There will be a transformation of the streetscape as part of the redevelopment with quality paving, improved lighting and signage and new street furniture such as seats and lampposts.

Due to the size of the Princesshay development and other developments linked to it there will be a number of stages. Relocation of the post office in Bedford Street is one of the key first steps. Work could start as soon as this autumn in Sidwell Street to convert the former Tesco's store to provide accommodation for post office counters. Meanwhile in Cheeke Street the former MFI store will be demolished and a new complex built including the post office sorting office, 24 affordable flats, a new car park and leisure facilities.

St Stephens House will be renovated to provide shops, the city centre management

offices and CCTV control centre as well as disabled toilets and baby changing facilities. The Lloyds TSB building will be refurbished to provide shops, a cafe/restaurant and 23 one, two and three bedroom apartments.

Developers Land Securities will also be asking the Council to make compulsory purchase orders for those properties not owned by the Council or Land Securities.

The Council will try to agree terms with the owners of the properties in the first instance but if this is not possible then compulsory purchase orders will be required. This is likely to be the subject of an inquiry.

Once the properties not belonging to Land Securities are bought work can actually start on Princesshay. The developers are aiming to open the whole development in time for Christmas 2006.

Local Democracy Week 14-18 October

A special exhibition to show proposals for the Exeter Vision, the city's community strategy takes place on Thursday 17 October at Guildhall from 10am-4pm.

A 4 page supplement in this edition outlines the Exeter Vision and marks the start of consultation on the draft proposals. The exhibition in October, as part of local

democracy week, will be a chance for people to get more information about the Exeter Vision, ask questions of the representatives of the organisations involved and give their views.

The day will start with an introduction to the Exeter Vision by Vision Partnership Chairman Peter Lacey.

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