

## York City Centre – Initiatives, Projects and Key issues

We need to say which of these are the focuses for YF

There are many separate initiatives underway, planned or proposed both in and adjoining the city centre. They include:

- **Castle-Piccadilly** – a retail-led mixed use development adjacent to existing shopping scheme (Coppergate), open car park next to scheduled monument Clifford’s Tower, Eye of York, river Foss, and premises along Piccadilly)
- **Hungate** – a housing-led mixed use urban quarter, under construction, adjacent to the River Foss, Stonebow and Layerthorpe, and close to the heart of the city centre.
- **York Northwest** – a huge swathe of brown-field land behind York railway station (York Central) and extending north-westwards to now redundant British Sugar site along A59- proposals are for a new officer quarter, enhanced National Railway Museum and new residential. Major retail also being considered on York Central.
- **New Council offices** – two alternative sites in the Toft Green area between the historic core and the railway station
- **Cultural Quarter** – the area between the National Railway Museum and York Minster, including Museum Gardens, Kings Manor and St. Leonard’s Place
- **Peripheral Streets** – gateway streets into city centre – including Bootham, Gillygate, Goodramgate, Walmgate, Micklegate and others – where economic vitality and environmental quality is now struggling
- **‘Songlines’** public realm – important public / private spaces and linkages within city centre, including public spaces, streets, snickleways, riversides and parks
- **Minster Piazza** – public realm enhancements; also need to consider enhancements of Duncombe Place
- **Accessibility study** – a review of transport, traffic and movement in the city centre to support the CCAAP
- Legibility Study including Gateways is such a study proposed or included within any of the above?
- **The Footstreets review** – current review of the city centre “Footstreets” zone including potential to expand.
- **York Forward funded initiatives** – Science City, Tourism Partnership, Lighting, City Centre Partnership/BID, Minster Piazza etc

The key challenge is to pull them all together into a coherent strategy and Masterplan for the city centre. The draft City Centre Vision Prospectus referred to above is a step towards providing that co-ordinated strategy.

## **York City Centre – Key Issues to Address**

The CCAAP Issues and Options report identifies a comprehensive range of issues to be addressed.

### **Some of the headline issues to be considered include:**

- How we link new retail at Castle Piccadilly with the wider city centre
- How we link potential new retail at York Northwest with the wider city centre
- How we integrate the new Hungate developments into the wider city centre
- How we can develop the 'cultural quarter'
- As new Transport interchange at York Railway Station – linked to YNW?
- New CBD at York Central and how to integrate with existing office areas in the City Centre (e.g. around Toft Green)
- Public transport access (including review of existing Ouse Bridge – Pavement – Stonebow link)
- Potential for new pedestrian/cycling bridges (including from York Northwest)
- Better access/opening up of the potential of the riversides
- Access by cycle and for pedestrians into and through the city centre
- The role of the gateway streets (many of which fulfil a secondary role)
- Scope to extend the footstreets
- 'Songlines' public realm issues – linking key public spaces
- Creating distinctive and lively public realm to support a vibrant City Centre
- Enhancing lighting in the city centre
- Developing the early evening and night time economy
- Combining the Retail and Tourism economy
- Station / Gateway Legibility
- How we can animate and increase activity in the city centre