Ellesmere Port LUF Update



Latest news from the Levelling Up Fund project team

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Ellesmere Port Market transformation set to start

Cheshire West and Chester Council's Planning Committee has granted permission for the Ellesmere Port Market transformation plans.

The application is for refurbishment of the existing Market (external alterations) and a change of use of the Flea Market, which will be developed into a flexible event space. The external alterations to the building, include new entrance canopies, external cladding, external bin store, installation of solar photovoltaic panels (PV panels) and associated works.

The market transformation is part of a £13 million project using funding from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' Levelling Up Fund. The project will transform Ellesmere Port Market, prepare for low carbon town centre housing around Coronation Road and create a new walking, wheeling and cycling route to support bringing more residents and visitors into the town centre. The vision is to transform the existing market building by improving the appearance, functionality, and energy efficiency of the building.

Improvements to the outside of the building involve cladding the external facades with durable non-combustible material. This cladding will be coloured differently to differentiate the market from the Flea Market. There will be new canopies and improvements to the existing entrances to improve accessibility, with bright colours ('Sunspot' warm yellow and 'Tasman Orange') to highlight the entrances.

The colours have been inspired by Ellesmere Port's industrial history in car manufacturing. The bright external colour scheme uses colours from the Vauxhall colour chart used between 1971-1974, linking the market to the nearby factory, see right.







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Updates from other workstreams

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Public Realm Landscaping

We are pleased to share the latest images from our consultants showing how the remodelled market entrance could look.

The new landscaping and trees will be included to improve the public realm around the market which will provide a new spill-out space and forecourt whilst increasing biodiversity.

In turn, this will create a much more attractive environment to increase dwell time and reduce antisocial behaviour.

Please note images are currently indicative and will undergo further development.



Indicative visualisations of the proposed landscaping around the Market



Ellesmere Port Community Day at the Flea Market 2 April

Join us for a day of fun at the Flea Market to learn more about the Active Travel project, enjoy some inflatable fun, try the family assault courses and get your bike fixed for free!

We also hope our new LUF Project display area will be open also in the main market hall to find out more across all the project workstreams. Find it towards the back of the market near the barbers.



Indicative visualisation of improved public realm on Wellington Road North



