



Have your say – on improving town centre walking, wheeling and cycling routes

As a part of the Ellesmere Port Town Centre Levelling Up Fund project, there will be improved links for walking, wheeling, and cycling, plus new cycle parking.

There is funding secured to construct an improved cycling, walking and wheeling route from the rail station to Ellesmere Port Market.

The design team is proposing two route choices, one along Cromwell Road and one along Whitby Road. They have considered all transport methods, including bus stops and loading requirements for businesses.

The two choices have looked at the requirements for the market, as well as opportunities for signage and wayfinding. The new proposals will tie into existing cycling and walking routes such as those on Stanney Lane.

To find out more, the project team will be at Ellesmere Port train station between 8.30am and 9.30am on Thursday 19 October, Thursday 26 October, Thursday 2 November and also at Ellesmere Port Market between 10am and 4pm. Consultation closes on 2 November.

You can also comment online via this link:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/EllesmerePortSurvey/>

Project Summary

The Council has successfully secured £13.4m from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' Levelling Up Fund, LUF.

The funding was awarded in February 2023 and most aspects are currently expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

In addition to Levelling Up Funding, the Council has also been awarded an additional £274,00 from the Government's Active Travel Fund

The LUF project has three core elements:

- **Transformation of Ellesmere Port market hall**
- **Improved walking, wheeling and cycling links**
- **Bring forward sites for new housing.**

We are now entering a consultation phase for some of the key parts in the first two core elements – the Active Travel proposals and shortly on the refurbishment of Ellesmere Port Market.

Tackling climate change is central to the development of this project, and all three of the elements have consideration to reducing the effects of climate change at their core.



Unlocking low-carbon homes

The proposals include plans to unlock development of new homes in two sites at the Council's former Civic Way offices and at the junction of McGarva Way and Coronation Road.

The aim will be to demolish redundant buildings and then work with developers to build new first-time buyer or family homes.

Bringing new energy efficient homes into the town centre brings life and vibrancy into spaces. The footfall and investment generated by these new residents will help local shops and should help stimulate new business growth such as cafes and more evening activities.

All three projects aim to help develop a vibrant town centre with mixed uses and engaging activity for all residents and visitors.



Current Market Frontage

Transforming the Market

The exciting market element of the project aims to radically improve its external appearance, increase the thermal efficiency of the building and enhance the vitality and viability of the internal space, as well as creating a new event destination in the flea market area.

This will ensure that traders have a refurbished and sustainable building with a fantastic new look and feel to the hall, to enable them to trade successfully into the future and will offer opportunities for entrepreneurs to test trade and expand their products and profile in a well-designed space.

Externally it involves improving the public space around the market to make it a more attractive destination and the recladding of the exterior elevations will not only look great but will improve the overall thermal efficiency of the building. Installing photovoltaic solar panels will generate green energy, improving the heating and cooling of the building.

Internally, the proposals include a new interior design and stall layout, business-start up space, a children's play area and a full, new suite of modern, fit for purpose toilets including a Changing Place facility to improve accessibility for people with disabilities and their carers.

The proposals will also radically upgrade the flea market to create a new flexible event space which will allow for an expanded range of events to attract new people into the town centre and encourage new users to discover the market.

Traders, residents and Councillors have been involved in conversations over the past few months, as the plans for the market have been developed, to hear their views on how the market could be improved. These will be shared more widely, including displays in the market – currently expected in early November so that the whole community can have their say on how the market is refurbished.



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