

Strategic Developments

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Dear Resident / Business

We are writing to update you on plans to improve Portsmouth city centre.

We are particularly interested in developing and shaping the Commercial Road shopping area.

This letter is really to give you an overview of what we are working on and ask that when we contact you with more information you get involved and tell us what you think. We would like to create the city centre everyone wants and we can't do that without your involvement.

Nationally, high streets are changing. We are looking to build a sustainable long-term strategy to make sure our high street flourishes.

We are combining a range of projects to help breathe new life into the city centre and to benefit the local community and businesses.

Our goal is to create a thriving city centre. We will achieve this by making improvements across the existing shopping area as well as regenerating the former Tricorn Centre site.

We want any new developments to complement the existing Commercial Road shopping area meaning existing businesses will benefit from the extra footfall attracted. We also want to make improvements to Commercial Road to bring the whole area up to the same high standard and we want to get started on this work as soon as possible by introducing some improvements now.

In other cities temporary facilities have been successfully used to transform shopping areas and city centres into a vibrant mix of business, culture, retail and leisure. We want to do the same in Portsmouth.

We will be talking to all of the relevant leaseholders and businesses in the area to achieve all of this, and have begun conversations with development company Delancey whose client fund holds the lease for the Tricorn site.

Alongside this there are also ongoing plans to improve the city centre road layout and we are developing a masterplan for the entire city centre.

For all of these things we will need your help. We want to work with residents, businesses and the local community to develop these plans and will be keeping you updated on how and when you can get involved.

We'll write to you again when we have more information.

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Yours faithfully,

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