

Introduction

The Hub Consultation



A Mayoral Vision Project

The Castle Circus Regeneration Project and the Torbay Business Hub

As part of the Mayoral Vision, Torbay Council has approved exciting plans for a multi-million pound scheme which will help regenerate the top end of Union Street in Torquay. This project is known as the Castle Circus Regeneration Project and includes the complete refurbishment of the Town Hall and the development of up to 40,000 sq ft of new office and business space on part of the car park to the rear of the Town Hall, fronting Lymington Road. The new office project is known as the Torbay Business Hub.

Torbay Council has approved the business case for the Castle Circus Regeneration Project and has already consulted widely on this project. The business case shows that by completing the project the Council will save over £1 million per year.

This is another opportunity for residents to provide their feedback on the plans for new offices fronting Lymington road, before the planning application is submitted. Subject to planning permission being granted, work is expected to start later this year and will finish in 2011.



Upton Park Trematon Avenue Town Hall Car Park



Assembly Rooms Torquay Public Library St. Mary Magdalene's Church Shopnability Castle Chambers Town Hall Car Park Upton Park



Tesco Torquay Public Library Shopnability St. Mary Magdalene's Church Lymington Road Castle Chambers Town Hall Car Park Upton Park

What is the project?

This site has been proposed as an office location for over 20 years. The market has not come forward but we believe the occupiers exist. If the Council does not make something happen the likelihood is nothing ever will. This project intends to lead with our actions, not just our words.

The Torbay Business Hub will comprise up to 40,000 sq ft of new, quality office space designed to attract more businesses into Torquay and to help regenerate Torbay. Being adjacent to the Town Hall, these offices will strengthen the area as an office location and bring extra workers into the town to help local retailers. The inward investment that the project is designed to achieve will also result in more jobs being created around the Bay as associated businesses feel the benefit of new, inward investment. The project aims to create 1000 jobs for Torbay.

The business space will total almost 40,000 sq ft, spread over 4 floors. If new, skilled jobs are to be encouraged in Torbay, it is essential that that we have the right quality of office space. Accordingly, the new offices will be designed to the latest specifications and provide sufficient flexibility so that they can be let in small or large units. In addition, they will incorporate sustainable design features including natural ventilation, passive cooling and solar collectors. The current design also includes a bio-mass boiler which utilises sustainable fuels to provide heating for the building. In addition, its central location will allow staff to walk, cycle or use public transport to get to work.