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Western Harbour Update March 23

Update for Growth and Regeneration Scrutiny

Background

- July 2022 - Cabinet endorsed the Western Harbour Vision which sets 24 commitments for the future of the area (see next slides) and agreed to submit a funding bid to WECA for up to £3m for masterplanning

Funding

- January 23 - Submitted a funding application to WECA for £5.6m to fund:
 - Masterplan, setting out the parameters for future development
 - Outline Business Case for an Infrastructure Delivery Plan that will support the renewal and or replacement of the ageing road network.
 - Consultation and engagement strategy
- Discussions are ongoing with WECA to agree level of funding and scope of the work
- Subject to funding and cabinet approval, a masterplanning team will be procured and BCC will set out next steps for the involvement of community / city representatives (following Cabinet's decision in July 2022 where it was agreed that Western Harbour Advisory Group would be reviewed)

Updating evidence base

- Commissioned Historic England to undertake a Listings Review of historic assets in the area
- Additional work is underway to update the council's evidence base in preparation for commissioning the masterplanning team.

The western end of Bristol's Floating Harbour is primed for a new phase in its long history of transformation. In response to the challenges of our time and inspired by the hopes of an active community, its future will build on the area's heritage and identity shaped by pioneers such as Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Sylvia Crowe. With nature at its heart and infrastructure running through it, Western Harbour will become a climate exemplar supporting both community living and innovation. As a gateway and connection point, the area will be both edge and centre. This is a vision for Western Harbour, this is the story for its next chapter.

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Welcome to All

Western Harbour's significant historic role as Bristol's gateway between the city and the countryside, will be reflected in the new development attracting people from near and far to visit and stay awhile on land and water.

Reduce Local Traffic

Amenities will be located within walking distance whilst cycling routes will be legible and safe. Public transport and ferries will be prioritised over cars.

Create Connections

New pedestrian and cycling routes extending the harbourside walkway, will link into surrounding neighbourhoods, Ashton Court and beyond.

Celebrate Heritage

The heritage landscape will be explored and respected whilst looking to the future. Historic dock buildings and infrastructure will be restored, adapted, reused and explained. The Bonded warehouses will remain the dominant built structures within the landscape.

Have Character

New architecture and infrastructure will be of exemplar quality, distinct to Western Harbour, and respect the significance of existing local landmarks and views.

Encourage Culture

A bonded warehouse will be converted for mixed use and include a cultural hub for Bristol and beyond, offering a programme of national significance.



Western Harbour will support a thriving community

Inclusive Places

Places that are free and accessible to all, where everyone is welcome, whether you live here, work here, or just like to visit.

Provide Quality Homes

High quality homes, with a mix of sizes and tenures of which 50% are affordable, will support the community to grow over generations.

Support Enterprise

Local economic growth, training and job creation will be fostered through affordable space for small and medium businesses, and social enterprises.

Feel Safe

Eye contact from window to street level, active ground floors with a mix of uses, and a generous and playful public realm will create safe and lively streets.

Support Community

Facilities will be provided for the growing population, meeting the needs of existing and new communities.

Safeguard Treasured Assets

The treasured assets of Riverside Garden Centre and the pump track will be accommodated within the area for the existing and new communities to enjoy.



Western Harbour will build on its tradition of innovation

Tackle Challenges

Building on the legacy of maritime ingenuity and engineering innovation exemplified by Brunel, the development will provide ground-breaking, innovative solutions for the city's 21st century challenges.

Integrate Resilience

A resilient flood defence system, sensitive to heritage assets, will be integrated into a playful and inclusive landscape design, forming a safe threshold between land and water.

Achieve Net-Zero

A pioneering climate resilient, net-zero in operation and regenerative development, leading the way for the city's sustainable future.

Run on Green Energy

Innovative green energy systems will be integral to all new buildings, ensuring efficiency on a neighbourhood wide level.

Build-in Sustainable Drainage

The built environment will integrate green and blue surfaces as sustainable urban drainage systems in landscape, streets and on roofs.

Biodiverse Built Environment

Biodiversity net-gain will be achieved through the integration of wildlife friendly habitats in buildings and the public realm, for example through planting, bat and bird boxes, green roofs, green walls and living structures.



Western Harbour will embrace freedom and nature

Celebrate the Waterfront

An extended harbourside walk will celebrate heritage, views and encourage activity on the water, while providing places to dwell and socialise.

Escape the bustle

The neighbourhood will offer a retreat from the hustle and bustle of the rest of the harbour, creating tranquil spaces where people can pause and reflect.

Promote Recreation

Access to the site's natural resources for play and recreation, will retain a sense of freedom and promote a healthy and active lifestyle for residents and visitors.

Provide Vantage Points

Beautiful public spaces to enjoy key views of the Clifton Suspension Bridge, Ashton Court and the Clifton escarpment both from within the area and across the city.

Nurture Ecology

Protection and enhancement of harbour and river wildlife corridors, as well as targeted rewilding projects, will nurture the area's ecology and biodiversity.

Connect to River Avon

New buildings and public realm will connect to the river corridor, provide access to nature and support the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors.