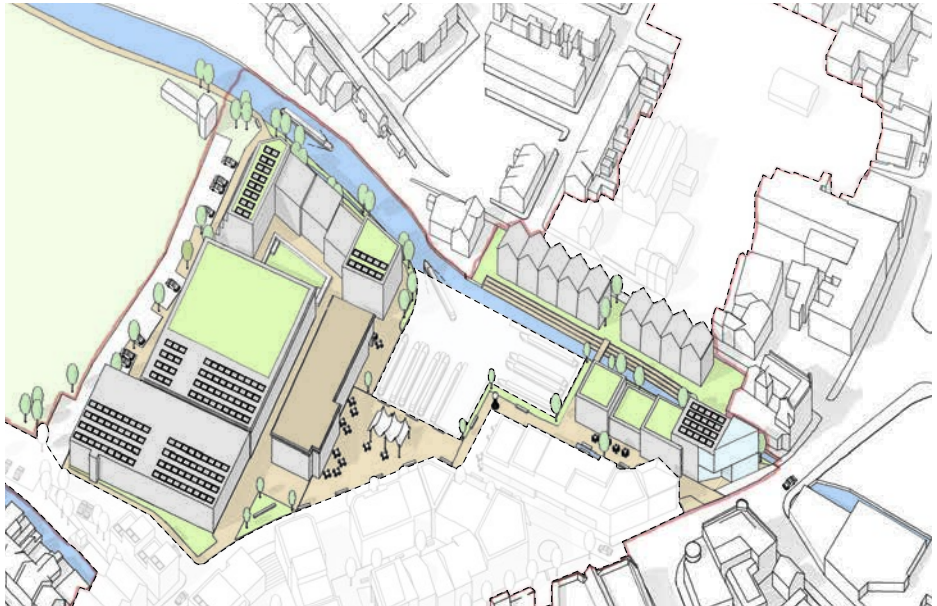


# LEVELLING UP WORKSOP



Plans to transform Worksop Town Centre are due to be presented to Government next month, with Bassetlaw District Council finalising its bid for ‘Levelling Up Funding’.

Based on the outcomes of a consultation with residents and local businesses and overseen by a Levelling Up Project Board, the bid will be submitted to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in July.



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## Levelling Up Worksop

Following the consultation with residents and businesses, a Levelling Up Project Board was formed in April, with an independent chair and consisting of key stakeholders including: Brendan Clarke-Smith MP, the Leader of the Council, BCVS, The Canal and River Trust, Nottinghamshire County Council, East Midlands Chamber of Commerce, North Notts College, Stagecoach and the Environment Agency.

The board have been meeting regularly to discuss the priorities put forward by the community on what they would like to see developed or changed in the town centre and how these fit together with Government guidelines on Levelling Up Funding.

The key themes received from the consultation are:

- Improved leisure facilities in the town centre.
- More restaurants, bars and cafes, including along the waterside, to improve the night-time and daytime economy
- Improved pedestrian and cycle linkages around the town centre.
- Improving the look and feel of the town centre through better street furniture, lighting and public realm enhancements, such as a new public square on Bridge Place
- Improving connectivity to the waterways, such as the Chesterfield Canal, with a new bridge and towpath
- Creating quality new town centre housing on underused land and within existing buildings



Andria Birch, Chair of the Levelling Up Board & Chief Executive of BCVS said:

“ It has been positive to see diverse voices of local communities and the voluntary and community sector considered fully and informing the proposals that are being developed. I look forward to the next steps and seeing a strong bid prepared and submitted as a result.”

Councillor Simon Greaves, Leader of Bassetlaw District Council said:

“ Levelling Up Funding is key to the future of Worksop Town Centre, both now and in the longer term. At the moment the town centre faces an unprecedented challenge, it really is now or never.

Working with the partners on the Levelling Up Board and with the support of our MP in Parliament we have a real opportunity to deliver on residents and business priorities. Levelling Up Funding can begin the transformation we need and act as a catalyst for further investment.”

Brendan Clarke – Smith, MP for Bassetlaw said:

“ It is important that the local community has an opportunity to shape the regeneration proposals for the area so I would encourage everyone with an interest in Worksop’s future to let us know their views about the proposals so far.”

The Council and the Levelling Up Project Board are seeking the public’s support for the submission of the Levelling Up Bid in July 2022.

To lend your support or to feedback on the bid visit [www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/levellingup](http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/levellingup) or scan the QR code.

