

Burges Townscape Heritage Project Consultation

Local residents and Businesses were given the opportunity to comment on the proposed Burges Regeneration and Historic Research carried by attending a public consultation event held on ;

- Friday 12th May 10am – 4pm
- Saturday 13th May 10am – 2pm

99 people attended the consultation event over the two days and 38 people commented in detail with very positive feedback (please see below)

Friday 12th May 2017 – 10am – 4pm at the Grammar School

67 people attended, 21 people made comments on the design of which only one was negative

Comments received:

“Amazing proposals to rejuvenate this part of the city. Good luck with the funding”

“I love the proposals. Can we now think of the bigger picture? How do we link up the Canal basin and front of the Burges”?

“It is long in the process, it will be lovely when finished”

“I like the proposals. Restoring our heritage in the ever changing eye sores being built is important”

“When developing the Palmer Lane and River Sherbourne please keep in mind its medieval heritage- and the materials used to have old and new hand in hand”

“Very positive design which looks like raising the profiles of The Burges. The vintage look is attractive and has a community feel about it-aiming at getting people in touch with the City Centre”

“I love the designs😊”

“Great to see a forgotten corner of Coventry being regenerated”

“Excellent idea to open up the River Sherbourne and to create a public space around it”

“I like the proposals but hope that it will be possible to reinforce and protect them by the exercise of control over uses such as fast food outlets which are attracted by the bus stops in the Burges, and draw the whole area down”

“A very good idea which has been needed for many years. A boon for the City of Culture bid if approved. Good to rediscover the Sherbourne. Students should ensure patronage”

“If you can pull it off it will be great-best wishes”

“The improvements are great – I would like to see more”

“I like the new frontages for the shops having a heritage feel to them, and the more modern social area towards the back of the building” (Palmer Lane)

“Re-instating the historic tone of the area is a good idea. The Burges as it is does not encourage passers-by to spend any time in the area”

"I think if what I have seen in poster-it should be very good"

"I can really do a singing performance by Lonnie Donnegan, singing "My Old Man's A Dustman"

"I have been trading on the Burges for 30 years, this is a fantastic idea, we need the help towards the retail footfall" (Mr Gary Moloney-owner of Kong)

"A lovely idea and planned with a lot of understanding of the ancient site. My Dad and I used to enjoy looking at the Sherbourne and the back of the Burges in the 1950's. Thank goodness it survived the barbaric 1960's"

"Very good. The Burges is a lovely ancient street and it needs bringing back into its former glory. Would love to see more of the Sherbourne opened up"

Negative Comment

"Not a lot. River needs opening up. Buildings heritage image needs keeping. Coventry's heritage needs keeping. Citizens need consulting before your plans are decided. It's our Council Tax"

Saturday 13th May 2017 – 10am – 12pm at the Grammar School

32 people attended the exhibition, 17 people commented on the Burges design plans with only one negative comment. 2 comments related to the Grammar School building.

"Wonderful to see the city coming alive and to see the River Sherbourne"

"Fantastic – this area really deserves this project"

"Thank you for allowing us to see this historic part of Coventry"

"Very interesting-look forward to seeing what happens in the future and good luck to all who are making it possible"

"These proposals are very welcome. The Burges has so much potential and it would be fantastic to see them developed in this way"

"Good luck – go for it!"

"Please tidy up this area"

"This is a great idea and will preserve our history for generations to come"

"I like the sound of the plans. It would be interesting to see the shops with a more traditional view"

"It is wonderful to see such care being taken over this long neglected area. I hope all the super plans and ideas come to fruition. It would also be good to see the ugly modern buildings in Hales Street, next to the Grammar School demolished"

"The proposals for the two submissions are very good for the future of Coventry for now and the long term existence of men and women of today and tomorrow"

"Making Coventry look nicer will help with tourism. It'd be nice to see more visitors"

“It would be nice to the shops restored back to what they used to be – the designs are perfect”

“Has there been a survey about the health of the River Sherbourne”?

“Is the Palmer Lane are going to be accessible to wheelchairs and visually impaired”?

“Absolutely amazing idea! Brings the historical side of Coventry to the forefront again. Many folk don’t see this side of the city but please take into consideration this fantastic proposal”

Negative Comment

“The Burges is a fine old Coventry street that has become squalid and unpleasant to walk through. Remodelling shop fronts will improve the street but the problem area is really on the other side – McDonald’s and the bus stops”

Comments specific to the Grammar School and not the Burges design proposals

“Very sad to see a beautiful historical and educational building was allowed to fall into such a sorry state. I implore that money is well spent on bringing this building into the future. Happy beyond belief that it is being maintained once more”

“Lovely building – keep up the good work”