

SANDWICH GUILDHALL PROJECT NEWS

Welcome to the sixth edition of the Guildhall Project Newsletter!

In this edition: • Guildhall Market Square design • Report on Consultation Event
• Update on Guildhall Museum Heritage Lottery Fund Application.

GUILDHALL MARKET SQUARE DESIGN

The designs for the Guildhall Market Square have been progressing well, and are on target, for a Planning Application to be submitted in the Spring. The next step will be to prepare an application for funding to the Coastal Community Fund to support the cost of delivering the public realm works.

Drawings were presented to the public for comment at a consultation event on 1st February at the Guildhall, and final amendments are being made taking account of the comments and views which were received.



UPDATE ON GUILDHALL MUSEUM HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND APPLICATION

As the exciting Market Square project moves forward, so too does the HLF application for the Guildhall Project. The project which aims to create a more suitable storage space, an accessible research room and a learning and engagement space was submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund for round one consideration on 19th February 2018.

The process is made up of two rounds. We should hear if we are successful in round one by early summer. If the news is positive we then use the next stage (approximately a year) to make the plans more solid, seek professional consultants and a design team. This will all feed into the round two application. On the success of round two the project can then begin physical work to the building and collections.

Buoyed by the fantastic success of the museum's regeneration and through consultation which has taken place throughout 2017, we know that there is not only a need to protect and care for the objects to the highest standard to preserve them for future generations but there is a very real desire for the Guildhall building to better serve the community in terms of heritage. Currently there is very little space to host school visits and community groups and the plan is to utilise and expand on the engagement and outreach offer, and a more holistic, accessible and welcoming space can achieve this.

REPORT ON CONSULTATION EVENT

The consultation event on 1st February saw 361 people come through the doors to attend 3 consultation sessions. The first session was a chance for the Accessibility Forum to discuss the plans from the perspective of users with sensory or physical impairments, or mobility challenges. There was overwhelming support from the forum members, with particular support for the bus stop and proposed surface materials. The next two sessions from 11am – 2pm & 4pm – 7:30pm were open to the general public and offered face to face discussion with the Design Team and A New Vision for Sandwich Board Members, with three sets of display boards displaying the proposals for the Guildhall Market Square.

Views were gathered through a survey and voting boxes. The survey was also made available online after the event for those who could not attend. The responses were overwhelmingly positive with 82.2% of respondents saying they supported the plans either fully or with some

concerns, and 17.2% not supporting the proposals. Comments and views have been collated and are being considered by the board of A New Vision for Sandwich and the Design Team, with amendments being made to the drawings before the Planning Application is submitted.

Thank you to all who took part in the consultation!



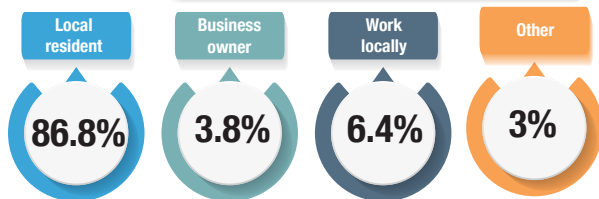
GUILDHALL MARKET SQUARE CONSULTATION RESULTS

PEOPLE ATTENDING THE CONSULTATION



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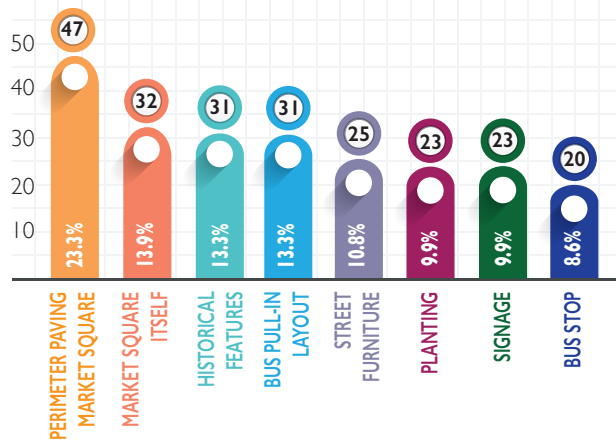
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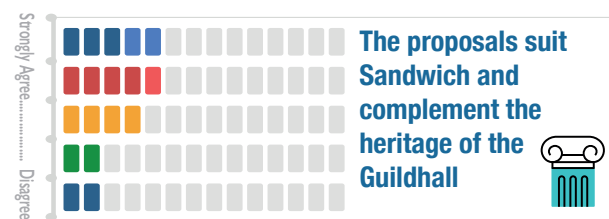
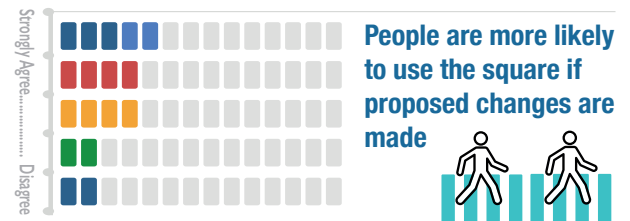
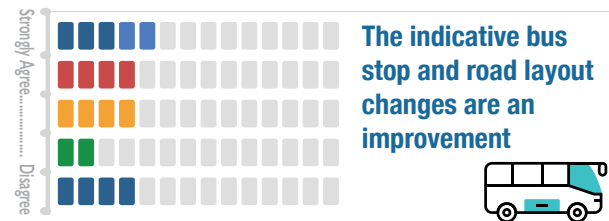
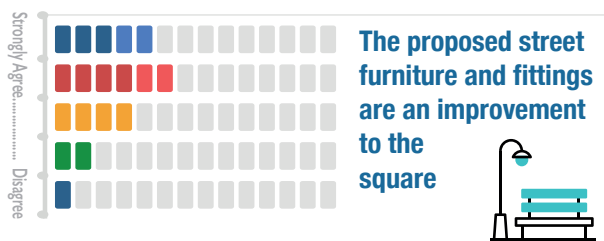
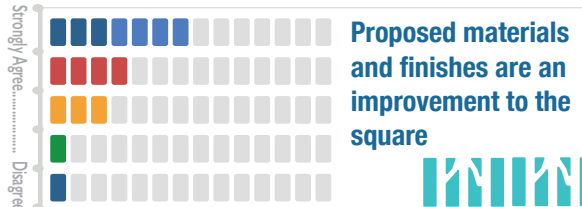
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QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS



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