Wolverhampton City Centre
Regeneration Plans:
da chance to have your say
Residents and businesses agree that revitalising the city centre is one of the top priorities for Wolverhampton. The city needs to attract major private sector investment to provide the mix of retail, leisure, housing and office space that will create the vibrant centre we all want.

Working closely with developers, Wolverhampton City Council has drafted a vision and some plans which show where new developments, new squares and street improvements can be delivered.

These will be presented in a Prospectus which will be used to promote the city centre’s potential to investors and to persuade them that we’re a city that makes things happen.

Before this draft Prospectus is finally approved by the City Council at the end of this year, the council wants to hear the views of residents and other stakeholders.

To have your say, please consider the plans set out in this leaflet and respond to our short questionnaire on pages 6 and 7.
The Vision for the city centre

“A vibrant, walkable, attractive, family-friendly city centre full of opportunity and potential. A city centre which is compact enough to be welcoming and accessible, but large enough to boast some of the UK’s best retail, leisure and cultural facilities. Wolverhampton will be a university city made for living, working and enjoyment with the best streets and public spaces combined with excellent public transport. In short, a city centre to delight, achieve and thrive.”

This vision reflects the need to support and strengthen the existing shops in the city centre, the need for family leisure facilities such as a cinema, bowling alley and fast-food restaurant chains, to make the city centre more accessible, to smarten the city centre and make it more welcoming to visitors and to make sure this is all done to a high standard.
New Developments/Environmental Improvements

Plans 1 and 2 are included on pages 4 and 5.

Plan 1 highlights those areas where major development, for a range of different uses, could take place.

Plan 2 shows gateways to the city centre, pedestrian and traffic thoroughfares and public spaces which are in need of improvement. These proposals will help to smarten the appearance of the city centre, improve the sense of arrival and make the whole experience of using the city centre more enjoyable and welcoming.

The draft plans are seeking to set the scene for how the city centre might be shaped physically and environmentally over the next 20 years or so. They are not intended to show the detail of new developments and improvements to streets, squares and gateways; this will be addressed through the planning process.

Your views

The city council’s vision and the draft plans have already been positively received by developers and potential property investors. We now need the views of residents, businesses and other stakeholders before a complete City Centre Prospectus can be launched in early 2012.

Your views are important to us. Please complete and return the questionnaire Before 28 November 2011 to the address below:

Eliot Ward
Interim Regeneration Manager
Wolverhampton City Council
First Floor
Civic Centre
St Peter’s Square
Wolverhampton
WV1 1SH

Or alternatively, you can hand it in at the main reception desk at one of the following locations:

• Wolverhampton Civic Centre
• Wolverhampton Art Gallery

The closing date for responses is 28 November 2011.
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Questionnaire

1. Does the vision for the city centre (see page 2) describe the type of place you would want Wolverhampton to be?
   Please place a tick in the appropriate box
   Yes [ ]   No [ ]   Don’t know [ ]
   Please write below any additional comments you have:

2. Which parts of the vision for the city centre are most important to you?

3. Which public areas in the city centre, shown on Plan 2, should be improved as a priority?

4. Which areas in the city centre should be preserved and enhanced?
5. Do the plans in this leaflet strike the right balance between new development and improvement of existing buildings and public areas? 
Please place a tick in the appropriate box
Yes  No  Don’t know  
If your answer is No, please comment below:

6. Plan 1 shows different zones labelled as suitable for a variety of uses. For example, West Side for family leisure such as a cinema, bowling, fast food restaurants etc. Do you agree with the allocated uses shown on the Plan?
Please place a tick in the appropriate box
Yes  No  Don’t know  
If your answer is No, please comment below:

Please let us know if you have any further comments on the proposals shown on the plans.

Do you live in Wolverhampton?
Please place a tick in the appropriate box
Yes  No  
Please let us know your postcode

Thank you for your time in completing this questionnaire.