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Illustrative Framework Plan: Newport 2020

### Newport Tomorrow

The Draft Plan provides a broad, yet bold vision for Newport to the year 2020. It will take many years to realise, requiring investment from both the public and private sectors. The new riverfront theatre complex, the opening of the Southern Distributor Bridge and the Ryder Cup event coming to Newport in 2010 will be catalysts for change and many additional 'early win' projects can be realised for the community in the next several years.

## Newport 2020 Unlimited Vision



Newport City Centre Today

### Newport 2020 'Unlimited Vision'

This Master Plan has been commissioned by Newport Unlimited on behalf of the people of Newport. The Draft Master Plan for Newport's City Centre and the surrounding districts calls for significant change over the next 15 to 20 years.

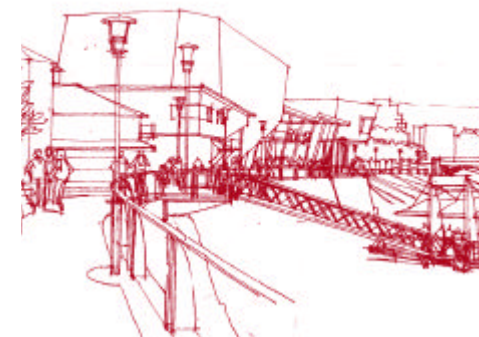
It is vital that as many comments and suggestions as possible are received so that the final proposals match the aspirations of the people. Once the public have contributed, the final Master Plan will be prepared and Newport Unlimited will strive to deliver the vision and projects contained in the plan in conjunction with its partners, Newport City Council, the Welsh Development Agency and the Welsh Assembly Government.

### Newport Unlimited

Newport Unlimited is a private company founded by Newport City Council, the WDA and the Welsh Assembly Government. The objective of the Company is to assist and promote the regeneration of the physical environment and improving the City's economy. The Company has secured initial funding to help start implementing the plan. This funding will be used to secure maximum investment and physical assets of real value to the people.

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Future Riverfront Walk and Arts Centre



Improved Connections to the River



Maximise Connections to the Riverfront

## The Vision

The plan focuses on the urban renewal of the city, aiming to revive the city centre and surrounding areas. The plan calls for a more sustainable city where people can live closer to places where they work and shop and are encouraged to use improved public transport. The future image for Newport will be a city which is:

- Prosperous
- A pleasant place to be with a strong sense of place
- A good place to shop
- Respecting and celebrating its past heritage
- A safe place to be, easy to get around
- Adapting to change in innovative ways
- An interesting and diverse community
- Forward thinking
- Contributing to the restoration of the ecology of the region

The Draft Master Plan envisions a future city known for its revived city centre: a destination for jobs, entertainment and dining and a unique shopping experience. Newport will become a regional centre where people work, live and play. New housing, cultural and educational institutions will create a vibrant scene at all times of the day. The commercial core will extend to the riverfront with improved pedestrian connections. The landscape of the River Usk corridor will be restored and continuous pedestrian walks and bicycle trails will extend north and south to outlying areas.

The Draft Plan shows how Newport can build upon existing assets to make it a stronger shopping and cultural attraction for families, a vibrant workplace for new businesses and a city with an enhanced sensitivity towards the environment.

## The Principles of the Plan

1. Emphasize Mixed-Use Future Development in an expanded City Centre
2. Create a More Accessible City
3. Protect, Restore and Expand the River Usk Landscape
4. Engage the City with the River
5. Create a More Sustainable City
6. Create a Bold Plan which is Deliverable



Future Boulevard



Future Riverfront Walk

## Elements of the Plan

The Master Plan consultant team has analysed a wide variety of planning issues ranging from urban design, transportation, open space & ecology, and economic viability of future initiatives. Some of the priorities that have emerged from this analysis include:

### The Environment

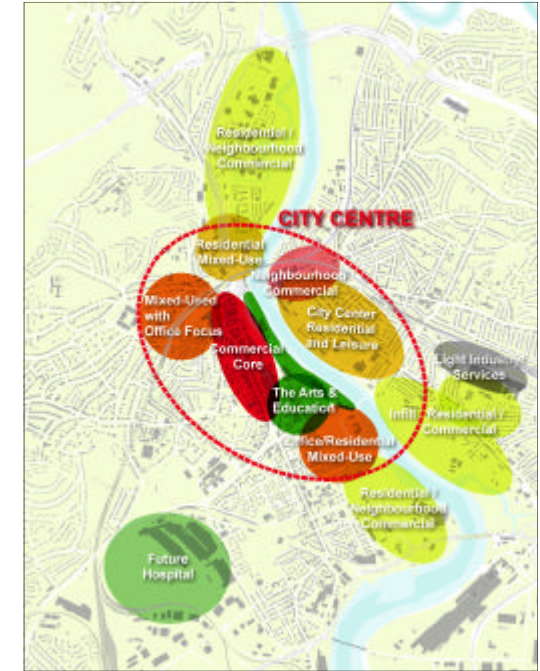
- Utilising the river as the new focal point to the city
- Restoring the natural landscape of the River Usk corridor
- Celebrating the ecological and historical importance of both the city and the river
- Providing new neighbourhood parks throughout the city
- Transforming the existing 'highways' into more urban, pedestrian-friendly streets
- Improving the character and scale of John Frost Square
- Revealing and celebrating Newport's landmarks, such as the bridges, castle and significant buildings

### Accessibility

- Integrating all modes of transport to achieve seamless travel
- Creating a local rail network
- Improving the bus station and interchange facilities
- Investigating potential bus network improvements
- Calming traffic
- Improving connections for pedestrians and cyclists
- Reducing the need to travel
- Providing a balanced parking strategy

### Development

- Reserving the riverfront for the community, arts & entertainment and education
- Creating a new City Centre University campus and student accommodation
- Renovating the Kingsway Centre and strengthening the high street shopping environment
- Redeveloping vacant space in the commercial core
- Creating a mixed-use office district focused around an improved railway station
- Providing new City Centre living opportunities in the commercial core, at Rodney Parade, throughout Pill, Old Town Dock and River East



Future Districts / Neighbourhood Focus

- Creating a future mixed-use neighbourhood in Crindau focused around a harbour and improved connections to the river and canal system

## How has the community been involved?

In preparing the draft proposals we have engaged the community through a series of stakeholder advisory group meetings and workshops with community and business representatives. Regular presentations have also been made to the democratically elected representatives of the community, Newport City Council.

## What will happen following the exhibition?

The Draft Plan will be on display for public consultation from 20 October until 14 November at the Kingsway Centre in the City Centre. The public exhibition is intended to provoke comments and suggestions from members of the public that will feed directly into the final plan.