

Chronicle

Stevenage Borough Council's magazine for Stevenage people

Special Edition



Stevenage is changing, so take a look at this special edition to find out what we have planned for the town.

REGENERATION
SPECIAL



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“It’s time to update the town and reflect the aspirations of our residents”

What we are doing

The next few years will be an exciting time for Stevenage as the dream of regeneration is finally becoming a reality. There are several schemes that are already beginning to make changes to the look and feel of the town centre.

We are pleased to announce that we will be working with major developer Reef, which has been contracted to lead the Queensway North scheme in a deal worth £50m. This is one of several projects totalling £1bn currently taking shape that will improve Stevenage for residents, local businesses and people who work in or travel through our town. We want to modernise Stevenage Town Centre whilst also maintaining the heritage that makes it unique.

This special edition showcases our plans to make Stevenage better. Our aim is to create a town with a wide range of leisure activities, culture and arts, great places to eat and drink and new homes and accommodation to choose from. There will be something for everyone and we are planning to welcome more retail outlets into Stevenage in line with the regeneration plans.

Stevenage is moving forward and we want you to join us on this journey. Updating the town will take nearly two decades and a lot of hard work. However, work is already underway and we want your support to make the town look and feel different. The Market Place is now open and while the building works may have been disruptive, the changes now provide many opportunities to play, discover, relax and rest.

Regeneration in 2019: Queensway North



Partner - Reef

Site – Queensway North (103 Queensway – 26 The Forum. Includes the former site of Marks & Spencer and adjoining parade)

Facilities

- Retail and restaurant
- Gym
- New offices
- Innovation & tech centre
- 116 new build residential apartments

Duration

1st phase (gym, offices and new shops): Construction starts February 2019. Complete Winter 2019
2nd phase (residential): complete Winter 2020

Making Stevenage Even Better

Councillor Sharon Taylor OBE



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We are making fantastic progress with our plans to refresh our wonderful town and you may have already have noted the changes to areas like Market Place and Forum Square. Many of you have asked questions about issues including timings

and funding so please keep an eye out for the brand new Regeneration website – <http://stevenage-even-better.co.uk/> which will launch in the coming weeks and will give you the chance to join in the conversation about making Stevenage a better place to live.

REGENERATION PROGRESS



COMPLETED IN 2018



Wayfinding



Marketplace

WINTER / SPRING 2019

Park Place
Completed

**Town Square
(North Block):**
Planning application submitted



Queensway North:
Development begins (New shop fronts and gym installed)

Bus Interchange:
Public consultation launched

Visitor Centre opening

SUMMER 2019

Bus Interchange
Planning application submitted

SG1
Planning application submitted and additional land acquired

Swingate House
Site cleared

WINTER 2019

Bus Interchange:
Construction begins

**Town Square
(Main Square):**
Construction begins



**Town Square
(North Block):**
Construction begins

2020

SG1:
Development begins

**Town Square
(Main Square):**
Complete

Bus Interchange:
Complete

Queensway North:
Complete

**Stevenage station 5th platform
(Network Rail project):**
Development begins



New Look Stevenage

Skyline and Brickdale House

Brickdale House and Skyline have been redesigned and converted to provide over 200 homes.

Littlewoods/Forum Square

A completed refurbishment of the Town Centre's main event space featuring new patterned paving, seating and spaces for trees and shrubs.

Queensway

A £50m development in partnership with Reef Estates. Queensway will deliver new retail, residential, commercial and leisure facilities into the former M&S site and along the adjoining parade.

Park Place

A development of 202 residential properties and retail outlets on the ground floor based in the heart of the Town Centre.

Railway 5th platform

The expansion of the Thameslink network has meant Stevenage is now connected with direct quick links to Farringdon, Tower Bridge and even Brighton. This larger network has led to a requirement for a 5th platform that is currently progressing.

Leisure Park

Land owner proposed longer-term ideas to maintain leisure uses and restaurants, while considering other additional uses such as offices, retail, hotel and homes as part of the Stevenage plan.

Matalan

Planning permission agreed in October 2017 for ground floor retail and new homes.



Town Square

A transformation of Stevenage's iconic town square with new public realm to revitalise the square to its former glory.

Town Square North Block

The development will remodel vacant buildings to provide flexible working space and will include the restoration of heritage building frontages, and the addition of new retail facilities.

Market Place

A new outdoors, green space with dedicated seating and children-friendly play areas for families to relax and enjoy in the centre of town.

Vista Tower

Previously known as Southgate House, the newly refurbished Vista Tower now provides 73 modern apartments.

Six Hills House

The site of Six Hills House lay empty for three years before being converted into 143 newly affordable homes in 2016.

SG1

A major £350m Regeneration, delivered in partnership with Mace, which will provide new shops, homes, leisure facilities and a public sector hub in nine key areas within the Town Centre including:

The Northern Quarter

A new residential quarter a stone's throw from the train station and a wide range of shops, bars, restaurants

The Boulevard

A redevelopment of the town centre's pedestrian environment to create a vibrant new shopping street

Garden Square & The Hub

A civic hub offering a one-stop location for public services in the renovated Town Square inspired by our heritage, overlooking a new Garden Square

Danestrete

A quiet residential quarter offering a range of homes and family housing

Southgate Park

A new community offering town centre living in a parkland setting surrounded by landscaped pedestrian and cycle routes

It would be great to hear your suggestions about our town. You can send your thoughts to regeneration@stevenage.gov.uk



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