St George’s Churchyard

— location —

St George’s Cultural Quarter in detail

1. St George’s Church
   2/3. LCB
   4. Curve
   5. Maker’s Yard
   6. Athena
   7. Two Queens
   8. Phoenix Square
St George’s Churchyard
— history —

• Church built in 1827
• Grade II listed
• Churchyard closed for burials mid to late 19th Century

Recent history
• Designated ‘St George’s Conservation Area’
• The Serbian Orthodox Church of St George has ‘occupied’ the church since 1983
• Recent anti-social behaviour problems in the churchyard
St George’s Churchyard
— current views —
St George’s Churchyard — proposals —

- Open up the churchyard and make it easier for people to use the city centre’s largest green space

- Make the churchyard more attractive and safer for residents and visitors by creating a more people-friendly environment

- Create an attractive route to connect the Cultural Quarter with Leicester Railway Station

- Create an enhanced, more open setting for the historic grade II listed church

- Remove trees which are compromising the church building

- Extend the Orton Square public space
St George’s Churchyard
— artist impressions —

View from Orton Square of St George’s Churchyard entrance

View from rear of LCB depot of St George’s Church
St George’s Churchyard  
— Option 1 —  

Proposals:

- Create more open, lighter entrances at Orton Square and Colton Street
- Remove 26 trees to create a lighter, safer area
- Replant 15 young trees
St George’s Churchyard — Option 2 —

Proposals:

- Remove nine trees, mainly to protect the church building
- Entrances less open than Option 1 at Orton Square and Colton Square
Other city centre public realm improvements

Cathedral Gardens

St Martins
St George’s Churchyard
— additional options —

Mermaids artwork relocation

Relocation of the Mermaids tiling from West Bridge, back to its original home in the Cultural Quarter (the wholesale market, now the site of the NCP car park).

Potential location of artwork (1)

Potential location of artwork (2)
St George’s Churchyard
— additional options —

New outdoor gym
Outdoor gyms are well used in several locations throughout the city. The nearest outdoor gym is currently at Victoria Park.
St George’s Churchyard
— additional options —

Architectural Feature Lighting
Completed schemes include St Nicholas Church, Hotel Maiyango, Cafe Bruxelles, YMCA (pictured) Blunts Shoes and the Turkey Cafe

St George’s Church could be included in the next programme of works.
St George’s Churchyard — next steps —

Have your say today!

• Complete a questionnaire and post it in the comments box

OR

• Complete an online questionnaire: consultations.leicester.gov.uk

Consultation closes Wednesday 3 August 2016

Following the public consultation...

• Responses and comments will be analysed

• A detailed planning application will be available for final comments later in the year
We are consulting on the draft Action Plan. The plan sets out how the St George’s Cultural Quarter can become a lively place through the day, with a vibrant evening economy between now and 2025.

The plan is based on four themes:
• An exciting and creative place to live, work and do business
• An attractive and well connected public realm
• A well promoted place with a growing reputation
• A thriving centre for art and culture

What we want to achieve by 2025:
• To develop a strong reputation for St George’s Cultural Quarter, within and outside of Leicester, we will actively promote the area as a creative place to live, work and experience a high quality artistic offer
• To encourage creative sector businesses to relocate, invest and grow in the Cultural Quarter, we will support development of 20,000 sq ft of new workspace as part of the LLEP creative sector growth plan
• To create a more attractive public realm we will transform St George’s Churchyard into a public space linked to Orton Square and will invest in improving gateways and signage to assist Cultural Quarter visitors
• To accelerate numbers of people living in the Cultural Quarter to bring more vibrancy, and also support for the evening economy, we will actively encourage developers and landowners to bring forward development schemes for new homes cafes, bars and restaurants
• To support a step-change in arts and culture we will work closely with venues to facilitate their development and expansion plans and develop a programme of exciting events to showcase artistic talent.

We are working closely with the Cultural Quarter Association, Curve and Phoenix, and others to accelerate the development of the Cultural Quarter and promote the area as a home for arts and creative industries with a national reputation.
St George’s Cultural Quarter Action Plan

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Please refer to the draft consultation St George’s Cultural Quarter Action Plan (2016-2026) before completing the questionnaire.

You can let us know your views in two ways:

• Online at consultation.leicester.gov.uk

• Pick up a questionnaire today and post the completed form in the comments box

Closing date for comments is Wednesday 3 August 2016