**Leicester Market Consultation Replies**

Sixty replies were received from the consultation exercise, fifty-six from the online survey and four other written submissions.

**Phase 1.**

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| Issues | What people said | Comment |
| **Design of new Indoor Market** | Overwhelming viewed positively. Of the people who expressed an opinion 91% were in favour and used words such as ‘clean modern design’, ‘looks great’ and ‘excellent’ .The few not in favour were concerned about the interface with the Corn Exchange. Three replies were concerned that the glass structure, although looked good, would mean it would be cold in winter and too hot in summer. | Design has largely stayed much as per the original submission. Detailed discussions are on-going with English Heritage and conservation specialists to make sure the connection with the Corn Exchange works well.  Detailed thermal modelling is being done to inform detailed design and make sure the building offers appropriate temperatures throughout the year |
| **Plan for the Market** | Of those that mentioned it, seven replies were in favour stating it would improve the whole city/area. Five people were against the proposals citing the failure of the Market Corner development and wish to use money to maintain other council services. | The cleared Market Corner site enables us to maintain trading in the Market Hall until the new building is prepared, minimising disruption for indoor traders.  As a commercial operation the council needs to invest to sustain and improve the Market which, although still successful, has been declining in recent years. This is planned to reverse the trend. |
| **Toilets** | Four people mentioned the toilets – all were in favour of the new proposals. |  |
| **Lock-Up units** | Those that mentioned lock ups had reservations, one mentioned that the units would block the view from ‘Market Approach’ and a second mentioned that lock ups alongside the Corn Exchange would detract from the building, another thought lock ups would detract from the market atmosphere. | The extent of the ‘lock up units’ will be determined by the interest and the strength of the business cases from current Indoor Hall traders. Proposals have now been sought and will be assessed by end April / early May. Existing ‘lock up’ units blend well with the outdoor market. None will be built close to the corn exchange. |
| **Recycling/Storage** | Seen as a good proposal but needs to be hidden (two replies) | New permanent facilities will be well away from the Market operation. |
| **Indoor Non-Food Traders and Lock Up units** | Three responses mentioned the future of the indoor non-food traders, the main concerns were that ‘lock–ups’ were not suitable for the indoor traders and they couldn’t afford the new lock up unit rates. | Some current Indoor Hall traders are interested in new units. Some are capable of working in the outdoor market. Others are interested in accommodation in areas immediately adjacent the market. An accurate picture will be clear once the business cases have been received. Markets management team have had one to one discussion with all such traders.  Current traders having to re-locate will be offered initial occupancy of the new units at a price equivalent to their current rents for 6 months. Rent will be stepped up at six monthly intervals, at 20% increases until after three years they are paying the average rents currently charged for existing outdoor units. This is to give them best chance to build their business and to be fair towards existing outdoor unit traders. |
| **Other Comments** | Three replies mentioned the need to improve the fabric of the buildings that will face the new indoor building on Market Place – two respondents mentioned Odeon Arcade façade as needing urgent attention. | The council is in negotiation with the agents for the Odeon Arcade and discussing a specific façade improvement programme for that key building |

**Phase 2**

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| **Demolition of Indoor Market** | Overwhelming people were in favour of demolition (thirty seven for, three against). |  |
| **Public Realm** | Of those that expressed a view 90% were in favour of the proposed public realm developments. Most thought the square would be a benefit. Suggestions were made to make the area ‘as green as possible’ and to have it as the venue for antique/specialist markets. However, concerns were expressed that policing of the area should be a priority to ensure it doesn’t become the haunt of undesirables. | There will be a separate consultation exercise in a few months when more detailed plans for the new Market Square are prepared and presented to the public. This will include more information about the design and how the space and facilities will be used and controlled. |
| **Commercial Development** | Two people thought the development of a commercial offer was good and three people said that the opening of the area for outdoor drinking needed monitoring. | More details of the options for new development will be included in the consultation exercise referred to above. |
| **Improve Entrance** | The entrances to the market were seen as needing improving – the alleyways from Gallowtree Gate and Horsefair Street in particular. | More work will be done to consider improvements to these areas in Phase 2 |
| **Other Comments** | Improving the shops along Market Street towards Hotel St was mentioned by three respondents. | The council believe that once the current Market Hall is demolished it will create much more incentive for people to invest in these units as footfall will come back to the area. |