



Cheltenham West Vision Keeping you updated

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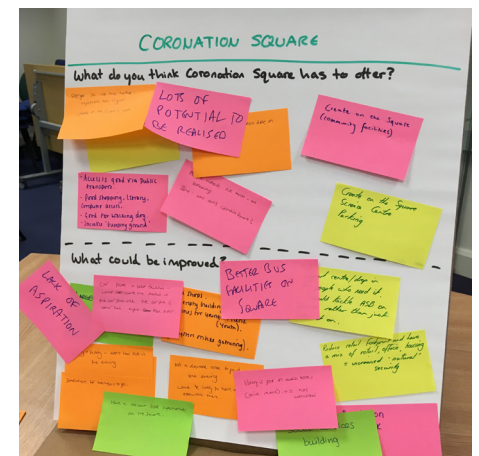
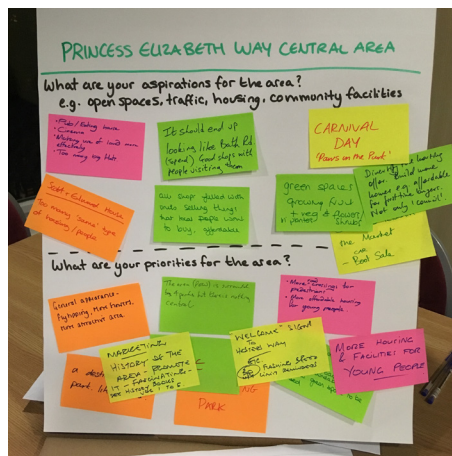
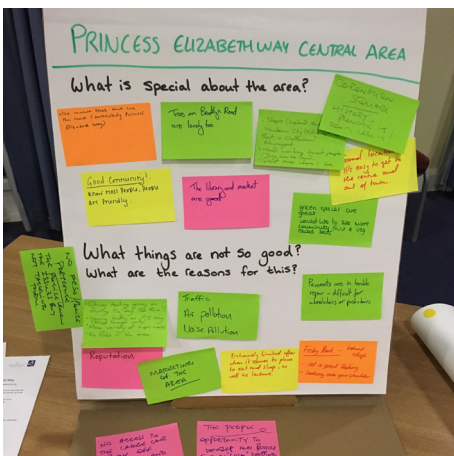


Why have I received this newsletter?

Cheltenham Borough Homes and Cheltenham Borough Council are in the process of creating a vision for Cheltenham West and the homes that we provide in the area. You may recall that we sent you some information a short while ago to let you know about the project and how you can get involved.

Since then, we have held a workshop session with key community representatives, including your local councillors and leaders of local community organisations, to gather their ideas and aspirations for your community.

We also held a drop-in session for the wider community at Hesters Way Community Resource Centre on Tuesday 3rd October 2017, where we presented the ideas that your representatives had come up with and asked those that came along to give us their ideas.





What have people said so far?

Princess Elizabeth Way Central Area Consultation

What is special about the area?

- Great local facilities including a dentist, library, doctors, police station, childcare centres, schools and Gloucestershire College, all within walking distance
- Great local initiatives like Create on the Square
- Close, ethnically diverse community, where people from all ethnic backgrounds are actively involved
- People love Hesters Way Park (Fishy Park), mature trees that line Princess Elizabeth Way, the wild flower meadows and broad grassed areas that are well-kept
- Good, well-used cycle routes for the community to use to get around

What things are not so good about the area?

- No real centre to the community and there are few things for people to do and not many places for people to meet
- Lack of social care or support for those with alcohol or drug dependencies
- Parents don't feel able to allow their children to play unsupervised in parks, as they aren't overlooked, and there are a number of dimly lit areas which feel unsafe
- High concentration of one-bedroom flats and housing needs to be more mixed in tenure and size
- Princess Elizabeth Way is a busy road that divides the area, increases air pollution and doesn't encourage those passing through to stop and visit

What are your aspirations and priorities for the area?

- Create a more diverse range of housing in the area. More community and leisure facilities, particularly for young people, to draw people in to the area from outside and encourage the community to be active
- Reduce social isolation, particularly for older people
- For people to want or aspire to live in the area and give it a sense of place
- Improve cycle crossings on Princess Elizabeth Way and improve the overall connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists moving to and from other areas of cheltenham

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What do you like about Coronation Square?

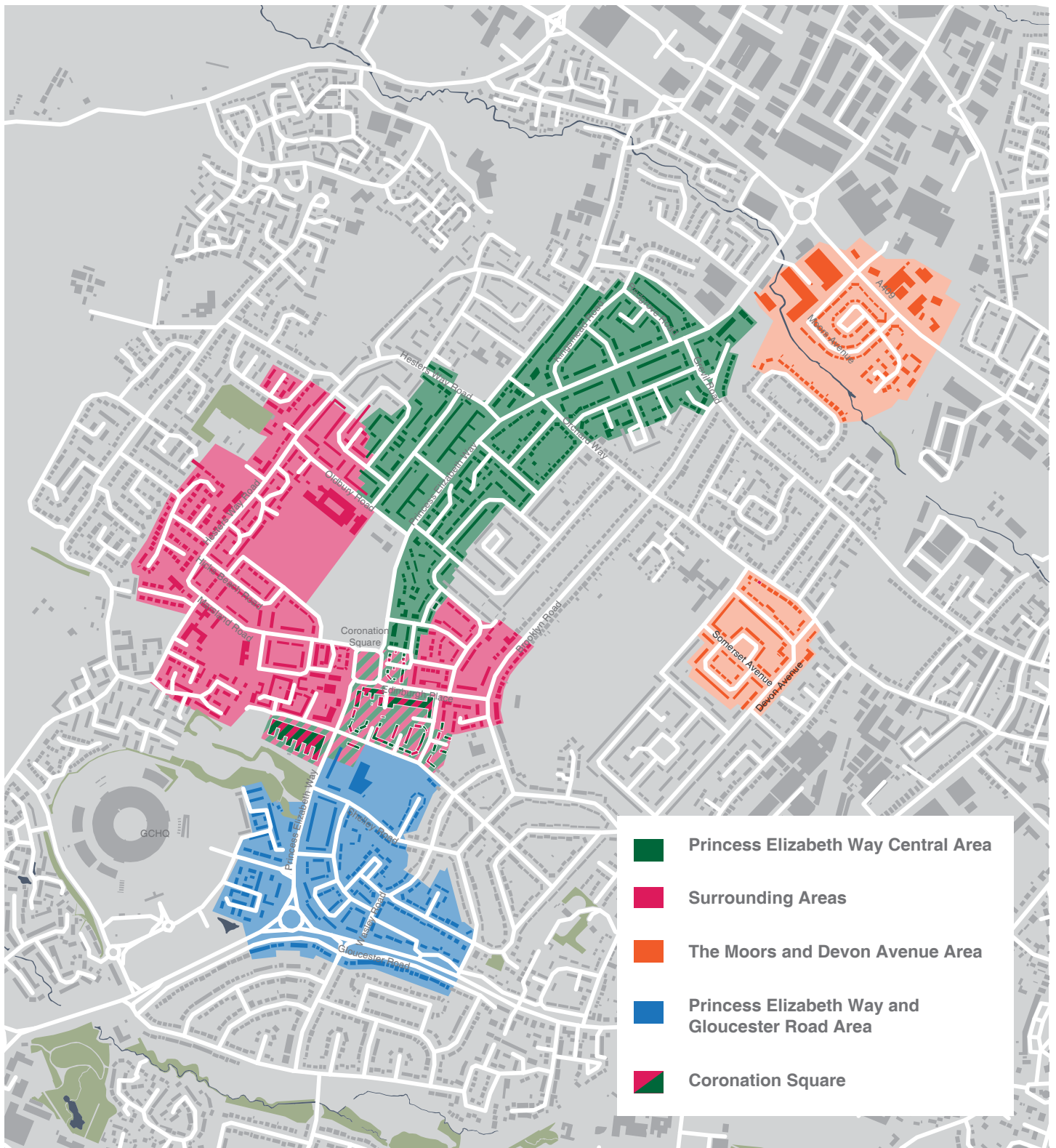
- Community facilities and spaces, like create on the square, the cheltenham science centre and the library.
- Shops and amenities like Carmello's Café, the barbers and the chemist
- Good public transport links from the square
- Free parking

How could Coronation Square be improved?

- Provide housing or offices above the shops
- Provide more community facilities like Create on the Square and turning it into more of a community hub
- Inform the community about what is going on there, through a facebook page for example

- Make better use of the existing car park, by reintroducing the market, for example
- Convert the 'square-about' and the St. Aidans Church land into more usable green space.

Updated Neighbourhood Consultation Areas





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What happens next?

Lots of useful ideas and suggestions were put forward at the events we held on 19th September and 3rd October. This included the best way to hear the ideas and aspirations you and your community have for Cheltenham West.

Acting on this we're making some changes to the opportunities we have planned to help you have your say.

In the first newsletter we sent you in September, we included a map marking out the areas that will be included in the Cheltenham West Vision masterplan. The map also showed when we would be holding community consultation events for each area. This is changing, instead

of holding separate drop-in sessions for each area, we've decided to combine the events as follows:

- The drop-in sessions originally planned for the Surrounding Area and Princess Elizabeth Way and Gloucester Road Area will be combined and held on **Monday 30th October 2017 at Hesters Way Resource Centre** between **2pm and 8pm**
- The drop-in sessions originally planned for The Moors and Devon Avenue areas will be combined and held on **Tuesday 5th December 2017 at Hesters Way Resource Centre** between **2pm and 8pm**.

Don't worry if you can't make it to any of these special meetings, we will also be popping in to other planned community events, such as the Hesters Way Health Walk and POPPS (The Playtime for Older People Project) where you can find out more and gives us your views and ideas.

We will then take into consideration all the information and ideas we have gathered and will map out some affordable and achievable options for your community. We'll be back in touch Spring 2018 to tell you about these options and the ways you can give us your thoughts on them.

Can I become a community representative?

As a resident or tenant of CBH we'd love you to be involved at the regular stakeholder workshops we are holding with your community representatives. The next workshop is planned for later in November, where we will be discussing some of the ideas that the community have come up with so far.

If you're interested in coming along, please get in touch via the contact details to right.

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