

8 The Future of Grimsby Town Centre St James

The Minster, St James House, St James Square, Cartergate and the train station together form another key area of the masterplan. The St James area could provide new spaces for skill development and training, building on existing places like the Grimsby Learning Centre. By building places where people can come to learn new skills and explore new ideas, access to digital tools and meet with others, innovation in Grimsby will flourish, and provide economic opportunities in the town for everyone to benefit from.

Because of the area's great links to roads and the station, in the longer term there might also be opportunities to develop more office space, perhaps nearby the new Cartergate House building, bringing potential new jobs to the town centre. St James Square, which is currently having improvement works done, will be a fun and vibrant square, with lots of cultural and heritage events taking place in it. The square could also provide opportunities for people to eat, drink, and meet up with friends in the evening. Making sure that there are good routes around and through Freshney Place Shopping Centre is also important, linking to the River Freshney on the north side, and to Riverhead Square to the east.

INITIAL THINKING

Highlighting Grimsby's history

Make the most of the amazing heritage buildings around St James, the Minster and Wellowgate.



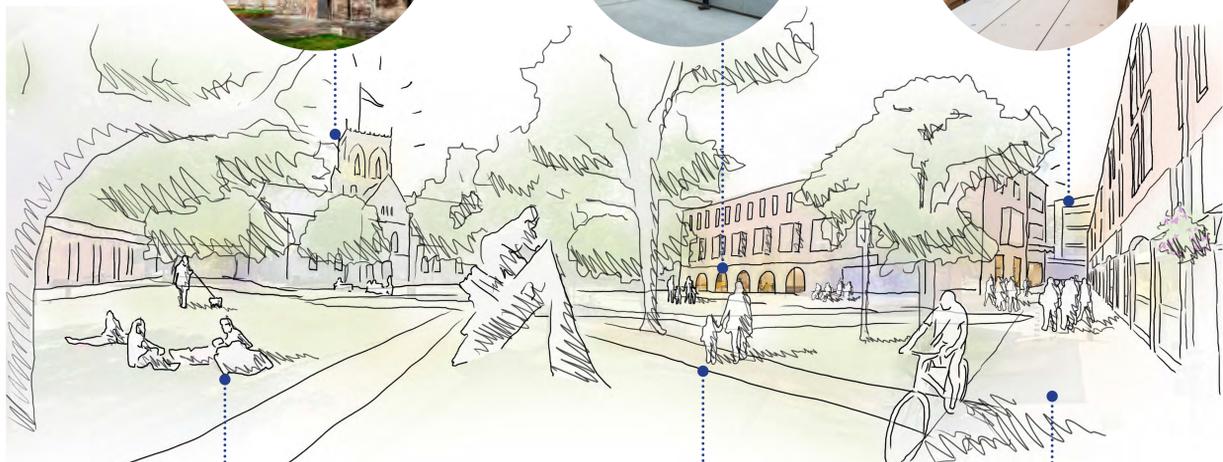
St James House

Find a new use for St James House which can serve the needs of the whole community.



Space for new offices

Potential for new offices in this area, building on the recent success of Cartergate House, to create space for new jobs and enterprise.



The new St James Square

Showcase and celebrate the new St James Square, which is currently being restored, and make everyone feel welcome in it.



Location and connections

Great location in terms of connection to the road and rail network, but walking routes from here to the rest of the town centre could be improved.



Freshney Place

Improve connections through the shopping centre, and create routes to other parts of the town centre.

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