

Elgin City Centre Draft Masterplan Slide 1

Welcome

The Covid-19 pandemic has made things tough for residents and businesses. The draft Masterplan sets out a way to deliver a response and recovery to this for Elgin and make the City greener.

We want to create a successful, well-connected, inclusive, healthy, green and carbon conscious City Centre.



Key Priorities

The draft Masterplan has been prepared in partnership with Elgin Community Council, Elgin BID and other stakeholders.

Key priorities:

- Attracting Investment;
- Being Carbon Conscious;
- Promoting a Green and Healthy City Centre;
- Connecting the High Street with Cooper Park and Elgin Town Hall.

More detail on the proposals that deliver these priorities can be found at www.moray.gov.uk/ECCMP

Masterplan Area

Proposals are grouped geographically:

- Core Retail area (CR)
- Cultural Quarter (CQ)
- Cooper Park (CP)
- Other Projects (OP)

Many proposals are cross-cutting - both in geography and the objectives and priorities they support.

Supporting Businesses

The Masterplan aims to:

- **Create more opportunities for people to live in City Centre**
- **Create places and facilities where people want to spend time**
- **Reconnect Core Retail Area to Cooper Park and Town Hall**
- **Attract more people and investment**
- **Support day and evening economy**
- **Expand heritage trail to direct more visitors to City Centre**

Supporting Businesses

- **Sub-divide existing premises for smaller, independent shops and a mix of uses**
- **Refurbish and Redevelop Existing Properties and Sites**
- **Remove barriers for pedestrians and cyclists**
- **Create destination venues (regional arts and cultural venue at Town Hall and visitor attraction at Grant Lodge)**
- **Create an attractive and inclusive public realm**

Encourage young people to stay, live and work in Moray

Entertainment

- **Top class entertainment venue to attract events (e.g. music bands, niche films)**
- **Programme of cultural events, music and film festivals, etc**

Jobs

- **Business hub to support start ups and small enterprises**
- **High technology and creative industries opportunities (FABLAB)**
- **Job creation and apprenticeships in different sector (e.g. construction, new business start ups, services, tourism)**

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Housing

- City Centre living to be closer to amenities and public transport
- Affordable housing

Places

- Attractive public realm and park with range of facilities for all ages and abilities
- Removing barriers between areas and creating an inclusive place

Environmentally conscious - reduce carbon emissions and create a greener place

The Masterplan aims to:

- Reduce reliance on car
- Create carbon sinks
- Make it easier to walk and cycle
- Reduce energy consumption

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- Refurbish existing buildings using sustainable construction techniques and incorporation renewable energy
- Programme for greening the City - planting trees and shrubs, food production and green walling on blank facades
- Prioritise pedestrians and remove barriers to walking and cycling
- More electric vehicle and cycle charging points and cycle storage
- Support City Centre Living

Encourage healthier lifestyles

The Masterplan aims to:

- Make it easier for people to walk and cycle
- Encourage social interaction
- Make places inclusive
- Reduce carbon emissions
- Provide more opportunities to live closer to facilities
- Connect with nature

Encourage healthier lifestyles

- Improve path surfaces and creating inclusive places (buildings and play spaces)
- Expand the range of leisure pursuits at Cooper Park (e.g. boulder park, new sports pavilion)
- Create an attractive public realm
- 'Greening' the City Centre and enhancing biodiversity
- Refurbish and redevelopment of existing buildings and sites in the City Centre
- Create a safer place through increased natural surveillance day and night

Delivering the masterplan

The Moray Growth Deal includes 4 projects that will benefit Elgin City Centre:

- Housing Mix Delivery project,
- Business Enterprise Hub,
- Cultural Quarter,
- Digital Health project.

Delivering the masterplan

- Funding has been committed for the Moray Growth Deal projects by both the Scottish and UK Governments, Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), Moray Council, and local partners in the public and private sector.
- Work is currently being commissioned by the Council to design these projects and more public consultation events will take place as the designs progress.
- Planning applications for Grant Lodge and the Town Hall are anticipated to be submitted to the Council before the end of 2021.
- Work has also been commissioned by the Council to prepare a Public Art Strategy which will be consulted on too.

Further information on the Moray Growth Deal can be found at www.mymoray.co.uk

Delivering the masterplan

What are we going to do?

- A Phasing and Delivery Plan will be published with the Final Masterplan in late 2021 for public consultation.
- This will identify the 'who, what, how much and when' to deliver the projects. A partnership approach to sourcing funding may be required to deliver some of the projects.

Your opinion matters

We'd like to hear from as many people, groups and businesses as possible during the consultation and whether you think there are any other projects that should be included.

Consultation period: 22nd March - 14th June 2021.

Due to Covid-19 consultation will be carried out virtually including;

- Interactive story mapping
- Virtual Meetings
- Virtual transformation trail
- Online comments form

All information can be found at www.moray.gov.uk/ECCMP

Your opinion matters

Comments should be submitted through our online form at www.moray.gov.uk/ECCMP before 5pm on 14th June 2021.

Comments submitted in writing can be posted to:

Moray Council,
Strategic Planning and Development,
Council Headquarters,
High Street, Elgin,
IV30 1BX.

Next steps

- Responses will be analysed, summarised and reported back to a meeting of the Planning and Regulatory Services Committee of Moray Council.
- Comments will be taken into consideration and changes may be made to reflect consultation responses.
- The final Masterplan along with a Phasing and Delivery Plan will be published for further public consultation in late 2021.

Thank you

for taking the time to watch the Elgin City
Centre Draft Masterplan Virtual Exhibition.
Please visit our website for more information
www.moray.gov.uk/ECCMP