

FAQs

Where is the site in Bilston?

The site is a continuation of the Bert Turner Boulevard pedestrian route between the WV Active Bert Williams leisure centre and Pinfold Street car park, Bilston, WV14 0DB. Disused, unsafe, buildings were demolished and the site is currently grassed with some hardstanding.

Who owns the land?

The land is owned by the City of Wolverhampton Council.

How large is the site?

The site is 0.12 hectares which is equal to 1,200 square metres. This is about an eighth of a football pitch.

Who is funding the development?

The City of Wolverhampton Council has secured external funding to redevelop the site. The High Street Link proposals form part of the Bilston Health and Regeneration Programme (HaRP). Bilston HaRP is funded by the Government’s Capital Regeneration Projects Grant.

What is being proposed for the site?

The City of Wolverhampton Council wants to develop the site to provide a high quality, distinctive and sustainable space for the community to use, with facilities specifically aimed at younger residents. Following consultation, three most popular categories were identified: Food & Drink, Play, and Nature.

Will the outdoor market be affected?

The outdoor market is temporarily using this land until the redevelopment of their original site has been completed.

Will the car park be affected?

Pinfold Street car park is not impacted by the redevelopment.

What will be the impact on the local environment?

The proposed use of this land will connect with the proposed extensive public space improvements and the transport hub in Bilston. The Council is keen to strengthen the north-south pedestrian links by providing an open, free-flow area. Existing planting on the site will be enhanced.

What consultation has taken place?

During November to December 2023, residents were asked to help inform the initial design of the development. They were asked how the site could be used and asked to select from six different categories of things that could be built. Two local schools (Loxdale Primary School and Ormiston SWB Academy) were also asked. Following consultation, three most popular categories were identified: Food & Drink, Play, and Nature.

During December 2024 to January 2025, residents were consulted again to explore what things they would like to see in the top three categories. The two local schools were also consulted.

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What sort of Play equipment is proposed?

Pre-school and school age play equipment is proposed including a seesaw, roundabout, springle, and swings. Play equipment will be selected to be robust and supplied by registered Council suppliers selected for the quality they provide.

What sort of Food & Drink is proposed?

Current proposals include temporary, pop-up food outlets. Opportunities for local businesses that provide food and drink to book space will be available.

What sort of Nature is proposed?

The types of plants that are in the Bert Turner Boulevard have been suggested. Benches are planned to allow people to sit and enjoy the site.

What are the indicative timelines for this development?

The development timelines are to be confirmed as the project progresses. There is a set process for planning applications. The planning application will be submitted early in 2026 for decision. Following planning consent and the appointment of a contractor, work on site is expected to start during Autumn 2026 and complete by early 2027.

How can I have a say in what is proposed for the site?

The City of Wolverhampton Council is committed to ensuring local communities are engaged with any local developments. During September and October there are a number of opportunities to have your say. This includes an online survey and an event on 16 October in the Bert Turner Boulevard where you can come and talk to us and give us your feedback.

How will local residents be kept informed?

The City of Wolverhampton Council will ensure that local residents are kept informed of updates and progress with this development through information shared with the local media, local community groups and on the council’s website and social media channels.