

FAQs

Where is the site in Bilston?

The site is between Stafford Street and Church Street. The postcode is WV14 0BQ. It has two distinct sections. The first is near Church Street is a paved open square with a large tree. The second has a raised oval shaped area of grassland with pathways flower beds, shrubs and benches.

Who owns the land?

The land is owned by the City of Wolverhampton Council.

How large is the site?

The site measures 0.06 hectares which is equal to 600 square metres.

Who is funding the development?

The City of Wolverhampton Council has secured Government grant funding to improve the site. This project is part of the Bilston Health and Regeneration Programme (HaRP) which aims to improve health and leisure facilities, quality of public spaces and walking / cycling accessibility to make Bilston a better place to be. This initiative complements the Pride in Place Programme that aims to create a safer, cleaner and vibrant Bilston.

What is being proposed for the site?

The City of Wolverhampton Council want to make the garden a nicer place to be. The proposal includes colourful flowers and plants that like growing there and will last a long time. It also has a sensory garden with plants that smell great and are lovely to touch. The paving will be improved so it's better to walk on together with benches to sit on and bins for your litter.

Will Church Street businesses be affected?

The improved garden should attract more people increasing footfall for local businesses in Church Street, High Street and the Markets. Subject to planning consent, work on the improvements are planned to start in early 2027 and last for 20 weeks. During this time disruption will be kept to a minimum to ensure businesses around the site are not impacted.

What will be the impact on the local environment?

The improvement of the garden will bring an increased level of plants and shrubs that add colour to the garden. The plants have been selected carefully by horticultural professionals for their ability to grow well in an urban environment. The plans will increase nature and wildlife in the centre of Bilston. The improved Garden will be a place to stop and enjoy in addition to being a useful link from the Bus Station to Church Street, High Street and the Markets.

What consultation has taken place?

This is the first round of consultation. We need your help looking at the plan and the artist's impressions and completing a short survey to give us your opinions and share your ideas. This will help us to inform the planning permission that is due to be submitted during Summer 2026.

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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 in Summer 2026 for decision. Following planning consent and the appointment of a contractor, work on site is expected to start in early 2027 and complete in Spring 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. This includes an online survey that opens on 19 March 2026 and closes on 17 April 2026. We will also be talking to local businesses near the garden to encourage them give us their 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.

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