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Plans revealed for new £100m town centre in South Shields

South Tyneside Council and its development partner, Muse Developments, have revealed plans for the initial phases of the regeneration of South Shields Town Centre.

The Council and the professional development team behind the '365 Master Plan' for the town will hold a public consultation, where plans for the first stages of development will be exhibited.

The consultation is an opportunity for the general public to find out more about the first phase of the redevelopment and to meet the people behind the exciting vision for the future of South Shields Town Centre.

In advance of submitting any planning application, local residents, businesses and interested parties are invited to consult with the development team and their architects for the scheme, who will be able to answer questions about the initial plans and on the future development of South Shields Town Centre as a whole.

The partnership between South Tyneside Council and Muse Developments, one of the country's leading names in urban regeneration, has resulted in ambitious proposals to transform South Shields Town Centre and provide lasting improvements to the town.

The £100 million investment will mean improvements are made to all aspects of community life - from the shopping and leisure offer, to the way people travel to, from and around the town centre.

Marking the start of a bright future for South Shields Town Centre, phase one of the redevelopment will see the construction of a new Central Library and Digital Media Centre near Ferry Street on the Riverside, as well as improvements to the adjacent Market Place. Work could begin as soon as January 2015.

David Wells, Development Director at Muse Developments, said that the inherent sense of community in South Shields has already had a significant impact on the development of the plans for the town; "The sense of community in South Shields is second to none and the new Library and transformation of the Market Place will provide excellent platforms on which the community can thrive. The space will be mixed use with new retail opportunities as well as cultural and learning spaces with facilities for community groups and organisations of all ages to enjoy."

"Furthermore the development of the space will make it more accessible to both the town centre, the Foreshore and the Riverside, which is a priority in the over all plan for the town. Collectively these three areas provide a broad and exciting offer of commercial, leisure, cultural and retail opportunities for residents, visitors and businesses. This mix gives South Shields a unique offer, unrivalled amongst other coastal towns of a similar size in the North East and these plans will capitalise on that."

"We're excited to welcome people to the consultation next week and look forward to hearing what the community thinks about the plans so far."

Martin Swales, Chief Executive at South Tyneside Council said: "There is certainly confidence in South Shields and a commitment to take development forward. We want a high quality offer for

South Shields town centre to compliment our recent regeneration success on the riverside and foreshore.

“We have already delivered a truly world-class offer for South Shields on the foreshore, and we want to mirror that in the town centre. This is about creating the right infrastructure so that our town can grow and flourish providing jobs and opportunities for local people as well as showcasing everything that South Shields has to offer.”

To keep up to date and give feedback on the regeneration of South Shields Town Centre the South Shields 365 website: www.southshields365progress.com