



CENTRAL ELGIN REGENERATION: PUBLIC DESIGN CHARRETTE
At St Giles Church, High Street, Elgin IV30 1LF

BRIEFING NOTE 2: 11 February 2015

This is an opportunity for members of the public and businesses to have their say on the future of Central Elgin with a focus on the Lossie Green and Cooper Park area. As you may know, the Scottish Government selected Elgin for a major design charrette, through their Charrette Mainstreaming Programme 2014-15. Involving local residents, business and stakeholders in planning the future of Central Elgin is a fundamental aim of the charrette. **A charrette is an intensive consultation that engages local people in the design of their community.** The Moray Council, on behalf of the Moray Economic Partnership, are hosting the charrette.

Planning and design workshops will be held in **St Giles Church** over a four day period running from **2 - 5 March 2015** when the local community, designers and specialists will be working together, 'hands on', to prepare a long term vision, development framework and action plan for the Lossie Green and Cooper Park area, with the ideas translated into plans and drawings. The Public Design Charrette follows on from the ['Mini' Charrette](#) that was held in Elgin in March 2014.

The charrette offers a number of opportunities on different days for the public, local business and interested parties to get involved and have their say about the future of Central Elgin. You can **choose the event that suits you as well as visit the Design Studio which will be open 11:00am – 4:00pm to drop in on Tuesday 3 March and Wednesday 4 March.** Design Team members will be available to encourage feedback on and refine emerging proposals.

The timetable is summarised below, **so come along and have your say. You will be made very welcome!**

In preparation, discussions and survey work in Elgin have already been undertaken. This included pre-charrette activities organised by WAVEparticle in Elgin High School and Elgin Academy in late January where pupils, ranging from S1 through to S6, took part in '*Postcards from the Future*' workshops. The workshops involved pupils looking ahead to the year 2025 and sharing ideas as to how they imagine their city centre may have changed and what changes they would like to see ten years from now. The pupils also had short video portraits and vox pops taken, whilst they indicated on a giant floor map, their favourite and least favourite places in the city centre. Representatives of both schools who took part in the workshops will be attending the charrette in St. Giles' Church to present their '*Postcards From The Future*' and ideas.

The WAVE*particle* team also met with individual local residents and visited a range of organisations across all ages, including students from Moray College, young people involved with the Elgin Youth Café and the Elgin Voice Choir - to raise awareness of the charrette and to invite local people to be a part of it all.

PUBLIC DESIGN CHARRETTE PROGRAMME

The Public Design Charrette timetable has now been finalised and is summarised below. Each event is open to anyone to attend: members of the public, businesses and other stakeholders. However, some may be of greater relevance to your area of interest or expertise. Please feel free to pick and come along to the session or sessions that best suit you.

Monday 2 March	
Launch Event Opportunity for everyone to view the initial exhibition, find out more about the upcoming events, help shape the agenda and take part in group discussions.	4.30pm St Giles Church
	7.30pm St Giles Church
Tuesday 3 March	
Future Walk Walk and Talk Tour of Central Elgin including Lossie Green and Cooper Park for the public and interested parties. (Leaving 9.30am and finishing 12.00 noon)	9.30am Leaving from St Giles Church
Key Agencies, Council Officers and Members Workshop Opportunity for key agencies and The Moray Council/Moray Economic Partnership officers/ members to take part in group discussions on the emerging themes, challenges and the way forward.	1.30pm - 4.00pm St Giles Church
Business and Community Groups Workshop Opportunity for businesses to discuss town centre business issues, challenges, opportunities and next steps.	7.00pm - 9.00pm Drouthy Cobbler 48a High Street
Wednesday 4 March	
Land/Building Owners and House Builders/ Developers Forum Opportunity for individuals and organisations with an interest in regenerating/developing property to discuss challenges, opportunities and a way forward.	10.30am - 12.00 noon St Giles Church

Traffic and Transport Walkabout and Workshop Opportunity for agencies, The Moray Council/Moray Economic Partnership officers and community representatives to take part in a walk and group discussions on the emerging transport challenges and opportunities.	10.00am - 12.00 noon St Giles Church
One to One Discussions The Design Studio will be open to stakeholders and interested parties for final one to one discussions.	1.00pm - 2.30pm St Giles Church
Thursday 5 March	
Work In Progress: Review Workshop and Exhibition Opportunity for everyone to view how the exhibition has progressed and hear a presentation of work in progress and ask questions.	10.00am - 1.00pm Presentation 11.00am St Giles Church

Thursday 19 March	
Final Presentations of Central Elgin Vision, Integrated Regeneration Masterplan and Action Plan This will be final opportunity to hear a presentation of the proposals and agree next steps.	3.00pm - 4.30pm St Giles Church
	7.30pm - 9.00pm St Giles Church

The **charrette outputs** will be both inspirational as well as being pragmatic, viable based on sound financial analysis and community support.

Cllr John Cowe, Chair of the Moray Economic Partnership said ***'Preparations for the Public Design Charrette are really gathering momentum. Planning the future of Central Elgin requires ideas from everybody in the community: young, old, residents and businesses who know the city centre. All views, at this early stage, will make a difference and play a key part in the future of Central Elgin'.***

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