

## Shell Store transformation underway

**W**ork has begun on site to transform Hereford's Shell Store into a flagship business incubation and innovation centre.

The £7.3m redevelopment of the derelict building on Skylon Park, Rotherwas, will deliver more than 2,000 sq metres of employment space, with room for new and growing businesses to set up and expand alongside facilities for development and innovation. It will also create the opportunity for NMiTE to interact with businesses and space for students to develop their practical projects.

The Shell Store, which is not a listed building, was built in the First World War and used as an ordnance site during the Second World War. The project will see commercial space created within the existing building footprint, retaining much of the original factory including its steel roof structure.

The building will provide employment space for up to 25 dynamic and innovative businesses, driving economic growth through the generation of around 128 new jobs by 2023 – rising to more than 450 by 2031.

The scheme will create a bustling hub of ideas and innovation, home to new and growing businesses, and help to develop sector-leading skills and expertise in the students of the new NMiTE, who will be the business, engineering and technological leaders of the future.

Councillor Harry Bramer, Herefordshire Council Cabinet member for contracts and assets said "It will be fantastic to see

new life breathed back into the Shell Store, which has played such a significant role in the history of Hereford, and I look forward to seeing works progress over the coming months."

Chairman of the Hereford Enterprise Zone, Andrew Manning Cox, added: "The transformation of the Shell Store will create exactly the sort of high-quality start-up and grow-on space which Hereford so urgently needs and for which there is a proven demand. New, innovative and growing enterprises will



benefit from being part of Skylon Park's thriving business community and its national reputation for excellence in cyber and defence technologies."

Councillor David Harlow, Cabinet member for economy and communications, spoke of the boost to the local economy that will be generated by the Shell Store project:

"Herefordshire is a vibrant and dynamic county, and our priority is to ensure our local economy continues to thrive and make sure our local communities remain great places to live, work and study. The exciting transformation of the Shell Store will provide a home for innovative new and young enterprises, creating high value jobs, helping to build local skills and expertise, and driving economic growth across the county."

The project is being funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), Herefordshire Council and a loan from the Marches LEP's Marches Investment Fund.

The centre is due to be completed in spring 2020.



Caption: Andrew Manning Cox (Chair, HEZ), Cllr Harry Bramer, Cllr David Harlow, Frank Myers (Marches LEP)

[Shell Store ground breaking](#)



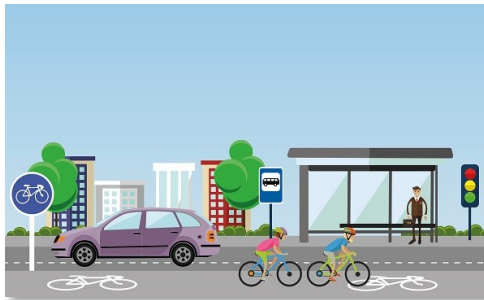
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## Hereford Transport Package consultation—there's still time to submit your comments

Improving the way we travel in and around Hereford is important to reduce journey times, cut pollution, create a safer environment for all road users and make the city a better place to live, work, study and visit.

Proposals set out in the Hereford Transport Package include the Hereford bypass and associated improvements to walking, cycling, bus and public spaces, which are designed to



make it easier to move about the city and give people more choice about how they travel. During a public consultation in February and March 2018,

87% of people who responded said they approved of the walking, cycling, bus and public space improvements proposed. Since then, work has been taking place to develop these further.

There is still time to comment on the proposals until Monday 11 March 2019.

The consultation is asking people for their views on a series of proposed walking and cycling route improvements, including new cycle lanes, changes to junctions and crossings and new footways. It also aims to learn more about what would encourage people to walk, cycle or take a bus more often for short distance journeys.

The exhibition will be on public view (unstaffed) at Hereford Library until Saturday 9 March 2019 during library opening hours.

To view and complete the consultation online, please see the Herefordshire Council website at: [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/HTP](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/HTP)

A short video about the consultation can be viewed at <https://spark.adobe.com/video/ORNBaPgkylEGS>

Work is currently underway to develop detailed proposals for the Hereford bypass. More information will be available later in 2019, when there will be a statutory public consultation.



**How do you get to work?**

Have your say in the **2019 Rotherwas Travel Survey**, and get a chance to win £100 voucher!

Visit [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/travelsurvey](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/travelsurvey) from Mon 1 to Fri 12 April or fill it in at Edison's Coffee Shop Tues 2 April 10am -2pm

**Choose how you move**

Herefordshire Council [www.herefordmove.org](http://www.herefordmove.org) SKYLON PARK

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The poster features a circular logo at the top left with icons for a pedestrian, car, bus, and bicycle. Below the logo is the title 'How do you get to work?'. The main text encourages participation in the '2019 Rotherwas Travel Survey' with a chance to win a £100 voucher. It provides the website 'www.herefordshire.gov.uk/travelsurvey' and the dates 'from Mon 1 to Fri 12 April'. An alternative location is mentioned: 'or fill it in at Edison's Coffee Shop Tues 2 April 10am -2pm'. The bottom section says 'Choose how you move' and includes logos for Herefordshire Council, 'www.herefordmove.org', and 'SKYLON PARK'. At the very bottom, it says 'Runded by the Department For Transport'.





## New Straight Mile Cycleway / Walkway

**P**hase 1 of the new cycleway / walkway along the Straight Mile is now almost complete and already in use. Landscape improvements are now being designed and will be implemented later in the year.

We hope you enjoy using it!



## Centenary Park, Munitions Way

**W**ork on phase 1 of Centenary Park is nearing completion, and high quality office and industrial units are now available to buy or rent. The offices range between 307 and 14,700 sq ft, and industrial units between 1,000 and 10,500 sq ft.

Further information available at :

<https://www.skylonpark.co.uk/sites/high-quality-units-available-to-rent/centenary-park.aspx#.XIEzzfZ2tYc>



### **C**ompanies in the Enterprise Zone benefit from:

- Simplified planning process, with planning already approved for the majority of investors
- Superfast broadband
- Local business sponsorship & increase in business profile
- Help with skills and recruitment

### **B**usinesses in the following sectors are eligible to take advantage of the benefits of locating on Skylon Park:

- Defence & Security
- Advanced Manufacturing/ Engineering
- Food & Drink
- Sustainable Technologies
- Business Services

If your business falls outside of these sectors, more information about land availability elsewhere in the county can be accessed by calling 01432 261758.

## Key achievements on Skylon Park to date

- Key 43 acres of land sold or developed in 25 separate sales/transactions
- 26 acres of land under negotiations under 11 separate sales/development
- 48,000 sqm of workspace built, under construction, committed to be built
- 25,000 sqm in sales under negotiation
- 38 businesses on site
- 665 jobs on site to date of which 288 are new jobs

## ROTHERWAS TOGETHER NEWS

**R**otherwas Together is a community volunteer group. They are aiming to map the Rotherwas area, starting with the present day, looking back and looking at the possibilities for the future.

Do you know when your business started or any of the story behind your building? Would you like your business shown on the map? If you would like to help to build up the story of the development of Rotherwas, or to find out more visit [www.rotherwas.com](http://www.rotherwas.com) or email [rotherwas@hotmail.com](mailto:rotherwas@hotmail.com)

## Remembering the Munitions Workers

### Bike Ride and Memorial Unveiling

March 8th 2019

**L**ocal art student and former Rotherwas resident Lin Mathias is organising a bike ride to commemorate the munitions workers of Rotherwas as the exhibition part of her final assessment. She is hoping to encourage cyclists to dress in munitions outfits and join her to cycle through the city, stopping at key locations such as the library, Cathedral, Waterworks Museum before moving on to St Peter's Church at Bullinghope. The church are fundraising for a memorial stone to mark the grave of unknown victims of the 1942 bomb which hit Rotherwas. The names of many of the victims are still unknown and, at present, their grave is unmarked. Refreshments will be served from 1:30 followed by the unveiling of the memorial at 2pm.

The cyclists will then move down to Rotherwas and past the Wye Inn and on to HARC, the Herefordshire Archives

and Records Centre, Rotherwas Chapel and Warehouse 701. At HARC a memorial stone and plaque to all of the workers at ROF Rotherwas funded by Herefordshire Council will be unveiled in the afternoon.

The cyclists will be following the same routes taken daily by thousands of men and women during WW1 and WW2.

Lin aims to bring the workers alive and share their stories, hear their voices and mark the unique rolls that they played in history.

It will take place on International Women's Day - Friday March 8th 2019. Rotherwas Together are supporting Lin's project which is a fabulous way of commemorating the work done by thousands of munitions men and women. For more information contact

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## Business Growth and Export Show—19 March

**T**he Marches Growth Hub are holding a Business Growth & Export Show at Hereford Racecourse on 19 March 2019.

The 40 foot long Export hub truck will be there hosting key speakers from the Department for International Trade and successful local businesses.

Inside the racecourse building there will be an expo for organisations involved in supporting businesses to grow and trade internationally. We would very much like to give you this opportunity to reserve a stand for the Marches Growth Hub.

The event will run from 8.00 am to 12.00 pm. Breakfast will be served between 8.00 and 8.30 and there will be an opportunity for networking before the guest speaker, Joff Sharpe, takes to the stage. Joff is an esteemed business leader and is currently Head of Operations at British Land PLC. Between 10.00 am and 12.00 pm delegates will be able to visit the Business expo and there will be optional sessions on the DiT hub truck taking place between 10.45am and 12.00pm.

Click [here](#) to view the Eventbrite link for the show.