



Indicative visualisation of the proposed event space interior

Flea Market chosen as name for Market's event space

Following a public vote on a shortlist of four options, the public chose to retain its existing name. Over 620 votes were cast online via the market's website. The voting broke down across the four shortlisted options as follows:

The Flea Market – 35%, The Market Social – 26%, The Market Space – 21%, The Market Warehouse – 18%

The shortlist was selected by Ellesmere Port Councillors from more than 100 names suggested by the public in the first stage of the naming process.

Works to refurbish the market hall and Flea Market are set to commence early in the new year, following feedback from traders to allow uninterrupted trading during the busier festive period. The Flea Market will be transformed to create a flexible event space adjoining the market hall. This will enable the space to host a wider range of events including visiting markets, music, social and community events, alongside the popular current uses which include second-hand markets, craft fairs and Comic Con events which will continue to be held there.

Councillor Nathan Pardoe, Cabinet Member for Inclusive Economy, Regeneration and Digital Transformation said: "Thank you to everyone that submitted names and voted for their choice in the final shortlist. Ellesmere Port Market and the Flea Market are cherished by the community, it's why the Council is investing over £8m in transforming them. This is the biggest investment in the town centre for decades and recognises that traders and the residents have been calling for improvements.

"The transformed Flea Market will offer a unique and vibrant community resource and begin a new chapter for the town by providing a purpose-built event space capable of hosting a wide variety of events. We want to hear from anyone who would like to work with us and has ideas on the types of events we can hold there once the transformation is complete. Markets are important to the communities they serve, and at a time where other councils are withdrawing from markets due to funding pressures, this Council remains committed to them and to Ellesmere Port."



Ellesmere Port Regeneration Update

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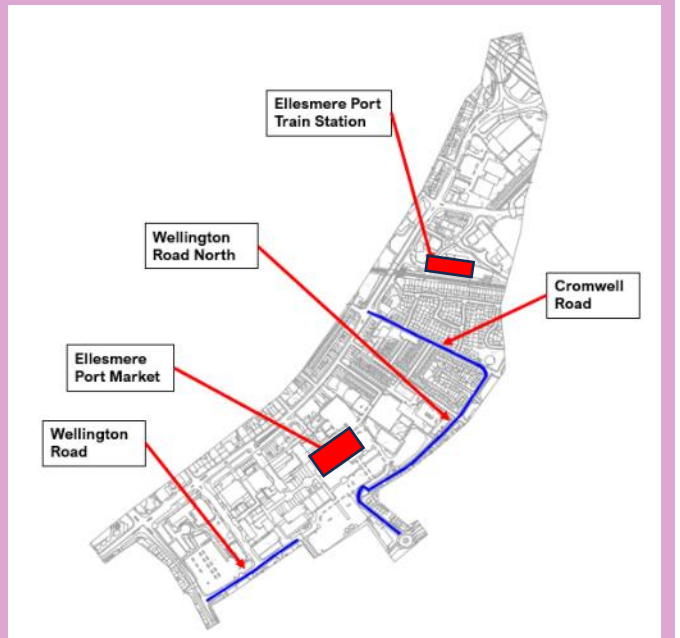
Active Travel Update – Walking & Cycling Route

We are looking to improve pedestrian and cycle links and new bike parking to make it safer and easier to walk, wheel and cycle into the heart of the town centre.

The scheme is subject to further consultation via the statutory Traffic Regulation Order process.

Thereafter we currently expect to commence construction in Spring 2025, with completion at the end of 2025. The proposed route will include:

- New signalised pedestrian crossing at the Cromwell Rd./Whitby Rd. Junction to improve pedestrian safety.
- On-road cycle route with pedestrian improvements along Cromwell Rd. and Wellington Rd. to the front entrance of the market.
- New mini roundabout between Cromwell Rd. and Wellington Rd. North.
- Existing signal crossing at Stanley Lane/Wellington Rd. junction to be upgraded to a toucan, to allow both cyclists and pedestrians to use the facility.
- Improved pedestrian crossing facilities (signalised, zebra and uncontrolled), along Cromwell Rd, Wellington Rd. and Whitby Rd.
- Reduced vehicle traffic speeds to improve cyclist and pedestrian safety on Cromwell Rd. and Wellington Rd.



Play Barn Demolition

The demolition works have now been completed. Work is expected on the Oasis demolition to start in early new year.



In other news...

B&M to open new warehouse

Expected to be operational in May 2025, this £20m investment will create approx. 350 jobs.



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