Revitalising Lewisham town centre



We are investing £24m in Lewisham town centre to help boost the local economy and create new jobs – transforming it into a vibrant and inclusive destination for all. Since October 2023, we have asked for your feedback to help develop our designs. This included a six-week public consultation. Thanks to all who took the time to share their views, whether online or in person.









Overall, you are very supportive of our plans \checkmark









Survey response



72% positive

positive about the new

canopy creating events

opportunities







about library improvements





66% positive about designs for market house

Library, culture and business hub

Survey respondents told us their three most important deliverables:







Community conversations

We used a co-design approach to develop plans for the hub meaning community groups and other stakeholders were able to input continuously throughout the design process.

Lewisham Disabled People's Commission

Feedback has led to us including changing place toilets, meeting room which can become a sensory room, sliding doors at entrance and children's library on ground floor.

Young People

Input from the Circle Collective, Young Mayor's Team, and Lewisham Youth Theatre helped create a youth library area and informal spaces.

Businesses

Following suggestions from café operators, the café will now be positioned on Limes Grove and serve customers on the street, even when the hub is closed.

Primary school

Concerns around road safety for children mean we have changed the location of the main entrance from Lewisham High Street to Limes Grove.

Charities, arts and residents' organisations

Feedback focused on keeping space accessible and beneficial to residents, good sized rooms, simple booking, on site storage and ability to host small performances/events.

For the market and high street, you said

Maintenance is important

What we're doing:

We're developing a strategy for regular inspections and public reporting so new planters, greenery, seating and market canopy stay well looked after.

Supporting market traders is important

What we're doing:

We've been collaborating with market traders throughout the entire process to ensure they are kept informed and updated. We will will continue to consult them on any further changes.

Events outside market hours is important

What we're doing:

We will ensure any after-hours programming under the market canopy reflects the community. You've already given us loads of great events ideas. We will report back once we've checked feasibility.

Toilet provision is important

What we're doing:

We are exploring options for evening and nighttime toilet access during events, including extending the daytime community toilets scheme.

Personal safety is important

What we're doing:

We're improving lighting on the high street and CCTV in the market. We will also explore local partnerships like, Landsec and community police, for additional safety measures.

Road safety is important

What we're doing:

In addition to the new road crossings we're already installing, we'll collaborate with TfL to install and improve others.

Accessibility is important

What we're doing:

We're improving pavements and removing obstructions like disused phone boxes to make the high street easier to navigate but will also review the placement of temporary street furniture like A-boards.

Designing in inclusivity is important

What we're doing:

We are partnering with community groups to pro-actively add inclusive spaces and ensure our events programme works for all.

Timeline

July 2024

August 2024

Autumn 2024

Spring 2025

Summer 2026

Market planning application approved

High street construction works began

Library, culture and business hub planning application approved

Construction to begin on market and hub

Transformation of high street and hub complete



