Milsom Quarter Public Space objectives

Bath & North East Somerset Council

Improving People's Lives

Following the previous **Milsom Quarter Masterplan consultation in 2022**, the feedback from the public and stakeholders included:

- Support for the removal of some private vehicles to create **people-priority** spaces.
- Need to ensure **physical accessibility** of the public space through the Milsom Quarter, including for **Blue Badge holders**.
- Requests to improve air quality and the environment in the Milsom Quarter.
- Support for **greening** of spaces in the city, whilst respecting the **historic environment** and ensuring **accessibility**.

In addition to this Masterplan feedback, the public space must also consider the **Public Realm and Movement Strategy** and the **Bath Pattern Book**. These policies will also feed into setting the objectives and the design work.

There are **6 clear objectives** to be achieved through re-designing the public space throughout the Milsom Quarter to make it a nicer environment for everyone.



Public space

Create new public spaces and improve the environment that people move through and dwell in. Spaces should welcome everyone and increase footfall by both visitors and local people, which supporting the function of the area.



Green spaces

Provide green infrastructure and nature within public spaces, to support biodiversity, increase resilience to climate change and have a positive effect on people's experience of the place.



Create public space which enhances the setting of the historic

environment and celebrates the listed buildings within its context, using

policy and design guides to coordinate the public realm across the city.

Historic environment

Create walkable and accessible areas of traffic free environments, whilst supporting access for people with disabilities or access needs, public transport and servicing for commercial uses. Enhance east west connections through the Milsom Quarter.



Fashion Museum

Connect with the public space with the new Fashion Museum to support the function of the museum and create new outdoor spaces to extend these activities outdoors.



Events

Provide flexible space and infrastructure to support various types and sizes of outdoor events through the Milsom Quarter, for use by different types of event organisers.