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First look images reveal new green square at heart of £200m pall mall business community

New images of the central green square at Pall Mall – a new business community at the gateway to Liverpool’s central business district – have been revealed. The plans being brought forward by a joint venture between Kier Property, CTP and Liverpool City Council will create a vibrant green space for workers, residents and the local community to use.



The old Exchange Station site off Pall Mall is set to be transformed into 400,000 sq ft of offices alongside retail and a hotel, all centred around the green square. The plans will see the existing Bixteth Gardens redeveloped and replaced, with an overall increase in the amount of public space at the site.

Designed by award-winning landscape architects re-form, the green square will provide an attractive focal point for visitors, while new pedestrian walkways and plenty of seating will create a flow and vibrancy through the site. It will also feature a pavilion that could be used as a café or restaurant while ground floor office space is earmarked for complementary retail or leisure.

Overall, there will be double the number of trees and three times more planting with additional public realm incorporated into the design.

Tom Gilman, Kier said:

“We know that Bixteth Gardens is well-used by workers and residents during the day which is why the green square sits at the heart of the development. We want it to be a thriving space within the city that can be used during the day and also at night and weekends with entertainment such as cinema screenings, performances and markets. We want it to be a somewhere to relax and socialise throughout the year for workers, residents and visitors alike.”

David Topham, CTP said:

“By investing in new public realm we can make this important green space more attractive, accessible and safe. We’re including many more trees and plants alongside lawned areas and pedestrian footpaths. We’ll have six times more seating so plenty of space for people to sit and enjoy their lunch as they do now.

“The green square will be at the heart of the development but there will also be new routes throughout the site connecting it to the wider business district and local community. It’s designed to be a much more usable and vibrant space which will be well maintained and managed for the benefit of residents, workers and visitors.”

The £200m Pall Mall scheme, which lies within the heart of the city’s Commercial District, is significantly important for the city to help it address a shortage of Grade A office space. It is expected to attract considerable inward investment and create 1,800 jobs.

Liverpool City Council has also recently appointed a highly experienced team of planning experts to produce a Spatial Regeneration Framework (SRF) that incorporates the Pall Mall scheme and seeks to develop the Commercial District further. The SRF will also identify opportunities to attract new commercial investment and enhance the connections to wider development opportunities.

Mayor of Liverpool, Joe Anderson, said:

“This Pall Mall scheme is of huge importance to the development of our Commercial District as we need Grade A+ office space to attract blue chip companies and highly skilled jobs to the city. I’m encouraged by the green square designs as the quality of the public realm will be critical to the scheme’s success. I’m confident when complete it will set a new benchmark which will help inform the new masterplan and shape the wider development of the district.”

An application for the remediation of the site by Liverpool City Council has been submitted and is expected to be heard early in the new year. Following consultation earlier this year, Kier Property and CTP plan to submit a planning application for the Pall Mall scheme also in early 2019. The masterplan has been developed by Allies and Morrison.