



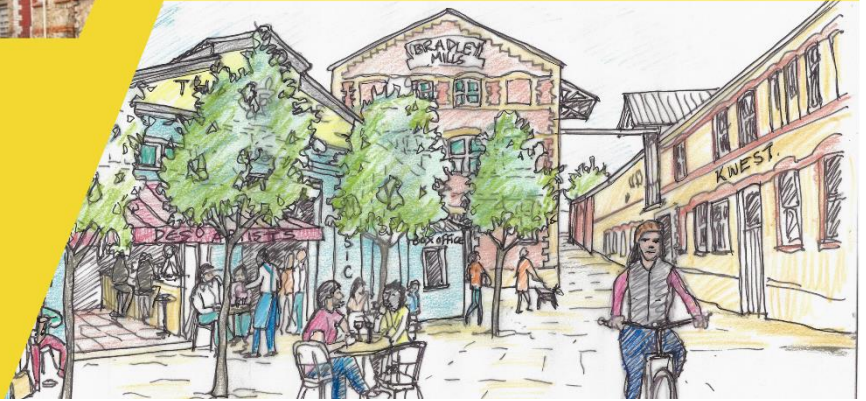
PUBLIC MEETING: Newton Abbot

An alternative vision for
Bradley Lane Mills

16th May 2023 5:30-7:00pm

SAVE
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Newton Abbot & District
CIVIC SOCIETY



NEWTON ABBOT DESERVES BETTER FOR BRADLEY LANE MILLS

Background: Plans have been submitted to bulldoze Bradley Lane Mills and its medieval Leat waterway, completely ignoring the potential of the historic mill buildings to be refurbished and reused in an imaginative way that would revitalise this part of the town centre.

SAVE Britain's Heritage and Newton Abbot & District Civic Society think Newton Abbot deserves better and we have commissioned [an alternative vision for the Mills](#) to show how the area could be regenerated in a more sustainable, community orientated and viable way.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Write to Teignbridge District Council to make your voice heard and object to the current planning application by Lovell Homes!

ISSUES YOU COULD RAISE IN YOUR COMMENTS

The current plans fail to meet the Council's policy aims for the site in the following ways:

- **Destruction of Newton Abbot's heritage:** Bradley Lane Mills reflect a key part of the town's history. If demolished under the current plans this history and sense of place would be lost forever and the town's historic character unjustifiably harmed.
- **No community facilities** – the current plans include no community facilities, employment or public uses across the entire site despite the council's aims stating the need for a mix of uses to create a sense of place. These proposals offer no social or economic capital to the town.

- **Poor design** – The current plans would cut the Mills off from the town centre, reducing the historic Mills into sleepy cul-de-sacs and encouraging increased car usage in the town centre. This directly conflicts with the Council’s own commitments to become carbon neutral in its [2022 Carbon Action Plan](#).
- **Unjustified demolition** - The council’s aims for this site state that the historic Mill buildings should be retained as a key part of any redevelopment. The current application proposes the exact opposite, with no real justification for why total demolition is necessary.
- **Needless carbon cost** - The current plans would see all 14 existing buildings demolished, crushed up and buried under the site. This will release a huge amount of carbon into the atmosphere which could be totally avoided by reusing these structurally solid buildings.
- **Characterful and solid buildings** – The existing Mill buildings are structurally sound and characterful. The current demolition plans offer no conclusive evidence for why these buildings cannot be retained and reused in line with the council’s aims.
- **Newton Abbot deserves better:** Bradley Lane is a key town centre site which should be revitalised through a development which matches the council’s ambitions and reflects the town’s role as the heart of Teignbridge District. The Council has the policy justification to refuse these plans in favour of a less harmful and more socially responsible scheme which matches its own aims for the site.
- **An alternative exists:** SAVE’s alternative vision offers such a scheme, showing that regeneration can be achieved in a much more sustainable and policy compliant way. Our proposals would unlock public benefits and deliver new affordable housing and community facilities without harming Newton Abbot’s history and releasing unsustainable amounts of carbon.

HOW TO ACCESS THE PLANS

You can access the planning details, documents and drawings by clicking this link:

<https://publicaccess.teignbridge.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=RFZV63PZHGXQ00>

Alternatively, you can search the Council’s planning portal using the following reference number: 22/01500/MAJ

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS

Send your comments in any written format to Case Officer Helen Murdoch by:

Email to: planning@teignbridge.gov.uk

Online at: <https://publicaccess.teignbridge.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=makeComment&keyVal=RFZV63PZHGXQ00>

Post: Teignbridge District Council Planning Department, Forde House, Newton Abbot, TQ12 4XX

Remember to quote the case reference no. 22/01500/MAJ in your submission.