



The Liveable City Open Competition: Leeds Eastside

Guidelines for entries to the competition

Deadline for final entries: 5pm 17th April 2020

Deadline for expressions of interest: 5pm 27th March 2020

Background to the competition

The Liveable City Competition has been launched to identify ways in which an area of Leeds currently dominated by road space can be made more people friendly.

Leeds Civic Trust welcomes any ideas, big and small, radical or tactical, that can improve the area in the short, medium and long term. Changing the timings on a pedestrian crossing is as important as the creation of a new public park. Anyone can submit a proposal. Professional architects, transport planners and surveyors may wish to propose solutions, but equally valuable are the views of people who live and work in the area or travel across it to get to their place of work or study.

We held a workshop on 12th February 2020 to help to identify some of the big problems and to identify potential solutions. A summary of these discussions is attached to this document together with a map and a written description of the area. We hope that some of these ideas inspire you to come up with your own suggestions.

How to enter the competition

Entries can be in any form. A series of images showing “before and after” shots of the area, a video clip, an annotated map, a drawing, sketch or model of a new intervention or simply a written description with your vision of how the Eastside of Leeds could change.

All we ask is that you complete the attached submission cover sheet providing basic contact details: the names of the people involved in your proposal and a short description of the entry. One person or group can submit more than one entry as long as the nature of each entry is different (e.g. one may be short term measures, the other long term).

Expressions of interest required

This is a new initiative and something that has not happened in this form in Leeds before, so we have no idea how many entries we will receive. To help us manage the process, please indicate your intention to submit a competition entry by emailing office@leedscivictrust.org.uk giving your name and, where applicable, organisation. Please do this by 5pm on 27th

March 2020. We cannot accept entries where no expression of interest has been submitted.

Prizes

As this is a competition, prizes will be awarded to the most interesting submissions. We are going to see what is submitted to the competition before we decide how to award the prizes, but there will be a total prize fund of £2000 which we intend to award in full.

Deadline

Entries should be received by 5pm on 17th April 2020. They should either be emailed to Leeds Civic Trust (office@leedscivictrust.org.uk). If the entry cannot be emailed (e.g. if it is a physical model) it should be submitted in person to the Trust's Offices (17-19 Wharf Street, Leeds LS2 7EQ).

What happens after the deadline?

We will hold a further open workshop for entrants (not compulsory) and other stakeholders (27th April 2020) to look at some of the entries, discuss their merits and consider potential refinements. This workshop will assist the judges in identifying a shortlist.

We then plan to hold a public exhibition of the shortlisted entries in May and we will invite members of the public to vote on them. On 26th June 2020, we will announce the winning entries and publish our Leeds Eastside Report produced by Civic Engineers who are assisting us with this competition. This will pull together many of the entries received, providing a document which we will present to Leeds City Council for its consideration. There will also be an award ceremony at which prizes will be awarded to the winning entries. All submitted entries will be acknowledged in this report.

Further information and advice

We are very happy to discuss the competition with potential entrants. Please send us an email in the first instance (office@leedscivictrust.org.uk)

Our dedicated webpage www.leedscivictrust.org.uk/liveablecity includes a wealth of background information about the area including:

- The competition documents
- Background planning documents
- A set of downloadable OS maps of the area
- Notes from the workshop held on 12th February 2020 outlining problems and potential solutions and the slide set
- Links to other related initiatives

This website will be added to during the course of the competition. We will alert registered entrants when new information is added.

Good luck!

Appendix 1: Submission cover sheet

Appendix 2: Eastside OS Map

Appendix 3: Eastside description



Submission Cover Sheet

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Title of entry:

Names of participant(s) involved in entry:

Contact email address:

Contact phone number:

Company or organisation (if applicable):

Summary description of the entry:

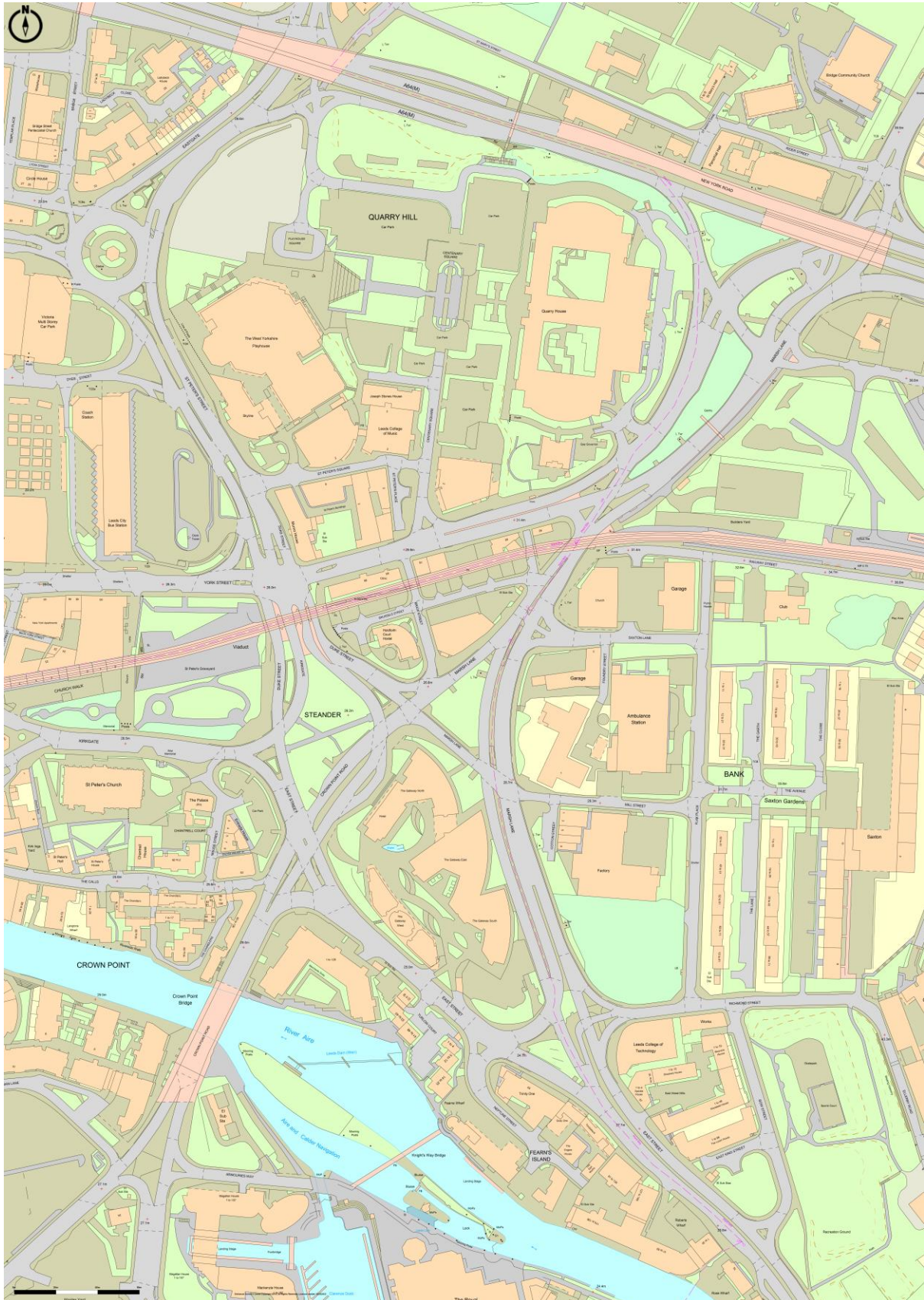
Describe what form your submission takes (drawing, narrative, images etc.)

Please tick to agree to the following statement which is a condition of entry

I understand that Leeds Civic Trust reserves the right to publicise any entries to the competition and to use any materials provided as part of the submission for that purpose. This may include materials included in the final report which will be a public document. Leeds Civic Trust will acknowledge and credit any information used in this way. ☐

Please email this form together with any accompanying materials to office@leedscivictrust.org.uk by 5pm on 27th April 2020. Any physical submissions can be delivered to the Trusts' premises (17-19 Wharf Street, Leeds, LS2 7EQ)

Appendix 2: The Eastside area: OS Map



Appendix 3: The Eastside Area

The Eastside area is an area of land immediately to the east of the city centre (beyond the markets, bus station and Victoria Quarter).

Historically, much of the land was occupied by industry but some was the subject of slum clearances in the 1930s. It now has a mix of uses – heavy and light industrial, residential including hotel, public sector and private sector educational, office and cultural uses.

Key locations and settlements:

- Quarry Hill – conceived in the 1930s and demolished in the 1970s, the location of the Quarry Hill Flats is now a mixed use site – chiefly public/third sector (e.g. Leeds City College, Leeds College of Music, Leeds Playhouse, Yorkshire Dance, Phoenix Dance) but plans to build out the rest of the site are now advancing (private residential – including the SOYO scheme now on site)
- Saxton Gardens – local authority flats (but some now privately-owned following renovation by Urban Splash)
- Leeds Minster – Leeds' principal church on Kirkgate (Grade 1 Listed)
- Waterfront – two clusters of developments in the Minster area and adjacent to East Street
- Leeds Dock – location of the Royal Armouries (a national museum) and mixed use residential, office and retail/restaurant/bar
- Bus Station, Markets and Victoria Quarter – the beginnings of the city centre, with land to the north of Eastgate remaining undeveloped.

Major transport routes through the area:

- To the North is the partially elevated New York Road (which becomes the inner ring road - A58(M) and A64)
- The eastern edge of the city's Loop road along St Peter Street, Kirkgate and The Calls (due to be downgraded and severed in the future)
- Crown Point bridge – one of only three vehicular bridges crossing the Aire in the city centre, linking South Bank to the rest of the city centre
- East Street/Marsh Lane - currently the eastern side of the Inner Ring Road from the M1/M621 to the eastern and northern sides of Leeds
- The Leeds to York railway line which passes through the area on a prominent arched viaduct
- The River Aire – which becomes the Aire and Calder Navigation, a navigable river to the east coast.

“Fringe” areas:

- “The Educational Hub” – to the south of the river, this is the location of the Ruth Gorse Academy, University Technical College, Leeds College of Building and Leeds City College (Printworks Campus)
- Mabgate – home of East Street Arts and a historical community now occupied by a variety of cultural organisations, small businesses and some residential which is severed from the rest of the area by the New York Road flyover
- Richmond Hill, Burmantofts and Lincoln Green – settlements consisting of terraced and local authority housing which are amongst the poorest neighbourhoods in the city
- The South Bank – a huge swathe of land stretching from Holbeck to Hunslet which is the subject of significant attention by Leeds City Council and will include the new “city park” as part of the Vastint development on the site of the former Tetley Brewery.