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LET THE SURVEYING LASER BEGIN

You will be seeing more and more people in high visibility vests in and around the Metropolitan Centre over the next month, as Mason Land Surveys Ltd do in-depth surveys of the buildings. This will allow the development team to create the designs for the refurbishment and new buildings. Using laser scanning technologies means we can scan more complex and busy areas such as our markets and shopping centre when people are using them.

And now for the science bit: what is laser scanning?

All you will see is people in high visibility jackets with the usual theodolites and strange markings on the floor from reference points. Laser scanning surveys are done using completely safe laser scans that create a cloud of referenced points. The data is interpreted by Specialist 3D staff, who derive valuable 2D and 3D images such as elevations, sections and 3D models.



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CONSULTATION ONGOING - WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK



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NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY

As part of the RIBA Stage 1 design report the designers have created a computer generated image for Barnsley's brand new central library, to show how the future library may look.



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RELOCATION OF BUSINESSES FROM KENDRAY ST



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New Monday market day for the open market



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Better Barnsley Project Update

The Metropolitan Centre

This week the design team have received the first set of detailed 3D Revit models for the Metropolitan Centre. As we are proposing to refurbish the existing Metropolitan Centre building the 3D Revit model is critical to help the team develop the plans for the new internal layout and proposed extension on to the new public square.

Revit is building information modeling software for architects, structural engineers, mechanical and electrical engineers, designers and contractors. It allows users to design a building and structure and its components in 3D, annotate the model with 2D drafting elements, and access building information from the building model's database.

The design team is currently in the process of reviewing the initial structural survey results from the testing done by Mott MacDonald and undertaking detailed mechanical and electrical surveys of the building. All this information will help to inform the design process and will provide the information required for the phasing of the refurbishment.

The stage 2 concept design plans for the Metropolitan Centre will be completed in July 2015.

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Relocation of more businesses from Kendray Street



MEET THE TEAM!



Over the last few months we have been hosting workshops in the Better Barnsley shop on Cheap-side. One of the ideas from these was to include a meet the team article in the newsletter. Well you asked for it, and here it is - the first of the members to be profiled is Seamus Lennon, Bsc(Hons), DipArch(GSA), ARB, Architect and Senior Studio Associate at IBI Group.

Seamus is leading the design team on the new Barnsley Library, the refurbishment of the Metropolitan Centre and the new public square. He has gained over 10 years architectural experience in the residential, cultural, commercial and urban design sectors in the UK and Europe.

Seamus is no stranger to designing major projects, check out some of his multi-award winning projects including the New Art Exchange, Nottingham and the Sterling Prize shortlisted Parkhill estate refurbishment in Sheffield. A local scheme which saw the transformation of a seminal modernist residential scheme and the largest listed building in Europe from a run-down sink estate to a new thriving part of the city. He has recently been involved in a number of projects in east Manchester and Stockport providing high quality housing as part of neighbourhood regeneration schemes.

Although not Barnsley born (the rest of the team have forgiven him for that), he has taken the town to heart and even changed his shopping habits to include a weekly meat and fish market trip!

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