

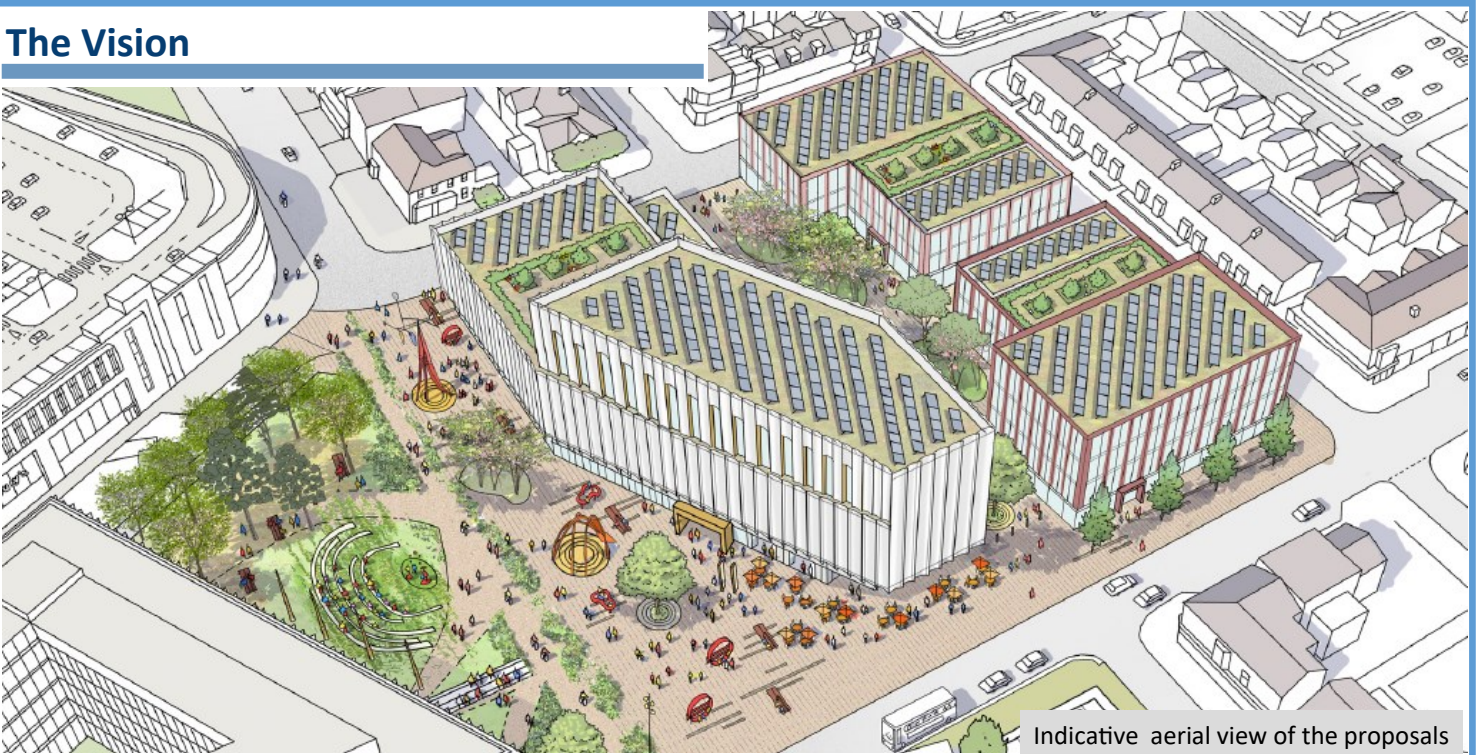
# PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED MULTIVERSITY CAMPUS MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT, TALBOT GATEWAY

Blackpool Council (in partnership with Blackpool and the Fylde College) would like to invite you to participate in its public consultation event on plans for a new education-led mixed-use development on land bound by George Street, Grosvenor Street, Milbourne Street and Cookson Street (the Site), at Talbot Gateway. The proposal is for a new 'Multiversity' higher education campus, commercial office space, high quality public realm and landscaping, following the demolition of existing buildings.

## The Site



## The Vision







## Summary of the Proposals

Blackpool Council (In partnership with Blackpool and the Fylde College) have secured £40m in funding from Government to deliver a new higher education campus in Blackpool's Talbot Gateway Central Business District.

The proposals would transform this area of the Town Centre by creating attractive new buildings with landscaped public realm and tree planting following the demolition of existing buildings across the Site.

The 'Multiversity' is intended to bring up to 3,000 staff and students into the town centre. It aims to promote higher-level skills, helping residents in Blackpool secure jobs for the future. The Multiversity will provide a range of educational facilities including a Business School, Digital Hub, an Innovation Hub and a large area of general teaching space. The second phase of development would also provide new offices and potentially small scale retail and

leisure uses such as cafes and restaurants, creating new jobs for the town.

The next step in the development of the Multiversity is the submission of an outline planning application. This outlines the main use of the site as an educational-led development and sets conditions on the size of the buildings, including its height and footprint. The proposed development is 5 storeys at its highest, near the Council offices, stepping down to 3 storeys adjacent to nearby houses along Grosvenor Street and Milbourne Street.

In summary the proposal will: redevelop the Site with high quality buildings in an area which is a key regeneration priority for the Council. It will deliver a new education facility and office space for Blackpool, creating jobs, and will deliver new public realm and tree planting for the enjoyment of residents and visitors to the town.

## Have Your Say

We are keen for the local community to have your say on the emerging proposals and have therefore set up a dedicated consultation webpage where you can view information about the proposals:

<https://www.avisonyoung.co.uk/planning-consultations>

We would welcome your comments on the plans and encourage you to visit our website to share your views by **6 November 2023**, either completing the feedback form on the website, or sending feedback by email to:

[planningconsultations.uk@avisonyoung.com](mailto:planningconsultations.uk@avisonyoung.com)

Alternatively, you can leave a voicemail message on: **0161 956 4176**

You will have a further opportunity to comment on the proposals once our planning application is submitted to Blackpool Council. Nevertheless, we would be interested to hear your thoughts directly now to help us refine the scheme before the submission is made.