

## Transformation of Tower Works begins

Carl Bro is working with Yorkshire Forward on the redevelopment of the Tower Works site on Globe Road. The site is a major catalyst in the regeneration of the Holbeck Urban Village. The scheme includes suggestions for the re-use of six listed buildings including the iconic Giotto and Lamberti Towers.

Carl Bro, a Leeds based engineering consultancy, is the lead consultant on the team which comprises Spawforth Associates, King Sturge and Gardiner & Theobald. The team will work together to produce an outline brief by March 2006 for the redevelopment of the site to include retail, office or living accommodation.

The project is a potential flagship development to promote the highest standards of urban renaissance and sustainable development in the region. All stakeholders, including local communities, will be consulted in developing the brief.



The Giotto and Lamberti towers in Italy.

## New look for Neville Street

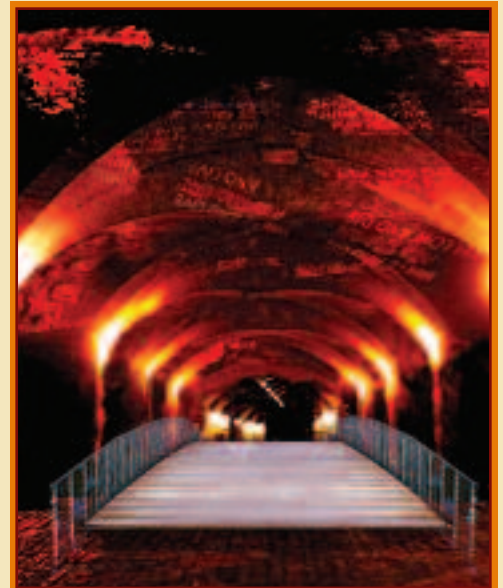
**A team of leading architects and designers has been commissioned to transform the Neville Street approach to the city centre and the adjoining Dark Arches linking Holbeck Urban Village to the centre of Leeds.**

Neville Street is one of the key pedestrian and vehicle gateways into and out of Leeds. It is the main route through which employees, residents and visitors to the urban village will enter and leave the city centre. It is also anticipated that the proposed improvements will improve residents access to the city centre.

These two areas form a crucial first impression when entering the city and are key to the development of Holbeck Urban Village. It is the main route through which employees, residents and visitors to the urban village will enter and leave the city centre. It is also anticipated that the proposed improvements will improve residents access to the city centre.

At present, the area is unattractive and uninviting and is perceived to be unsafe. The area has also received scrutiny from the business community and come under fire as an area that does not inspire confidence amongst investors.

A team of specialists headed up by Bauman Lyons Architects have long been commissioned to provide a detailed design for improving the area. Detailed designs are now being worked up and will be available for public consultation to be held at the beginning of April.



Artists impression of the new bridge.

The Bauman Lyons team includes Hans Peter Kuhn, a world renowned German artist. His work includes, a light focused art installation on the lower west side of Manhattan's Pier 32 and a further light and sound art installation in Adelaide, Australia.

The proposals for Neville Street include insulation to dispel some of the noise from the trains running overhead and for Hans Peter to install artistic lighting schemes to improve the overall appearance of the area along the west wall. The east wall will be designed by Andy Edwards Designs and includes arrows pointing the direction to the urban village and to the city centre, that will be lit from behind.

The area will also benefit from environmental improvements, together with improved pedestrian routes and access.



Artists impression of Neville Street.

# Sprucing up the streets of



## Viaduct

The disused viaduct that runs alongside the urban village has long been proposed as a new skywalk route from Holbeck Urban Village to the city centre. Bauman Lyons and Ove Arup Engineers have now been commissioned to undertake the detailed design for this project due for submission in April 2006. If accepted detailed design work should take another year, to be submitted for approval in April 2007.

## Multi-storey car parking

Ove Arup Engineers have been commissioned to produce a feasibility study into the possibility of using land owned by Leeds City Council to provide a multi-storey car park next to the viaduct. The study is expected to: measure the demand and capacity for the car park; provide parking for adjacent developments; give greater access to the viaduct and generate income for the management and maintenance of the area.

## Sweet Street Bridge

A study, completed by Mouchel Parkman, suggests that Sweet Street bridge be re-opened to through traffic. The study also recommends that Sweet Street become a one-way street either through a one way system or by traffic lights. They also suggested carriage works improving the road and crash barriers at either side of the bridge. Designs are being worked up with work expected to start January 2007.



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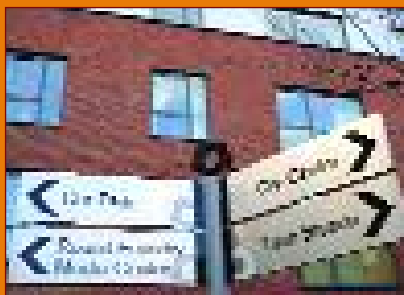


## Canal Bridge

Allen Tod has been appointed to look into the feasibility of designing a new canal bridge. The company is testing the costs of construction and maintenance and the ownership of both a fixed bridge and a moving bridge and will present findings in March 2006.

## Pedestrian Crossing

Plans for a pedestrian crossing next to David Street across Water Lane are currently undergoing the final stages of approval. Contractors are to be employed by the end of January with work starting on site in February 2006. The crossing is expected to be complete by April of this year.



## Street works

This scheme applies to all public highways across Holbeck Urban Village including signage, street furniture, pavement and road surfaces. Options for consultation are expected to be presented in April with designs worked up by October 2006. Implementation of the street works will be phased to tie in with the major developments taking place as they happen and will be subject to funding.



## George Wimpey City launches Greenbank



**George Wimpey City have launched their plans for Greenbank, a new development at the corner of Globe Road.**

Designed by award winning architects, Assael, the Greenbank development overlooks the Leeds-Liverpool Canal and the River Aire. The highly anticipated development already has a RIBA award and work has yet to begin on site.

Greenbank is a development of mainly residential buildings. These will range between six and 15 storeys, stepping down in height to provide the maximum number of apartments with views over the canal and riverside, gardens and the open piazza facing the canal. At the most north-westerly point of the site, at the junction of Globe Road and Whitehall Road, a new landmark residential tower will rise to approximately 30 storeys creating one of the tallest buildings in the city.

Anticipating the start of construction in Spring 2006, George Wimpey City's managing director George Dodds, commented: "We are extremely excited to be undertaking such an innovative and important scheme in this beautiful city. We are confident that the scheme will be popular with investors and owner-occupiers alike."

For more information visit [www.greenbankleeds.com](http://www.greenbankleeds.com)

## What's On Guide

### Now showing – Rolling Exhibition

Work in progress on designs for various aspects of Holbeck Urban Village is now on display for comment at the Round Foundry Media Centre. The Round Foundry Media Centre is open from 9am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday

### 28th February – Developer Forum

An invite to developers and architects from across the region to presentations given by CABE and Yorkshire Forward to discuss raising the standard and quality of design not just in Holbeck Urban Village but city-wide.

Please contact Christopher Cripps on 077 395 18607

### March 2006 – Round Foundry Media Centre Networking Event

A Latino-themed networking event for local businesses and developers. Held at the Round Foundry Media Centre where 'Drumming For Business' will teach you the bongos whilst you network the night away.

Please contact Catherine McGrath on 0870 420 2300

### April 2006 - What Kind of Place?

You have a unique opportunity to comment on all of the street works and major public realm schemes featured in this newsletter. A week long festival of arts and culture will mark the launch of the proposals for Holbeck Urban Village.

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# A new digital and creative media quarter for Leeds

**Holbeck Urban Village exhibited at the Refuel 2005 conference in partnership with Round Foundry Media Centre. Refuel is a national media marketing and e-business event organised on behalf of Leeds Media. This year's conference took place at the Royal Armouries and involved more than 35 companies exhibiting to over 300 conference delegates.**

Holbeck Urban Village promises to become one of the most dynamic business environments in the UK. It will have a unique blend of business, residential and recreational activity fused with art and culture. Refuel 2005 provided an opportunity to promote the area to digital and creative companies.

As levels of development start to rise throughout the village, new accommodation is already coming onto the market. Over the next 10 years Holbeck Urban Village is expected develop a total of around 2 million sq ft in office space and a further 2,500 residential apartments.

With this, and the award winning start at the Round Foundry, Holbeck Urban Village is the ideal location for a new



digital and creative media quarter. Vanessa Allen, project manager at Leeds City Council said: "Recent research has shown there is a clear gap in the Leeds market for digital and creative industries to come together and forge business and support links."

"The hot-house environment already existing at the Round Foundry Media Centre is an ideal base to grow this new quarter. Leeds has a lot of high quality design, marketing, media, e-business and digital companies. Holbeck Urban Village aims to give them a home and encourage their growth."

The stand also ran a competition to win an I-pod. The lucky winner was Pat Whalley, of Macmillan Cancer Research, a charity working within the local community.



## What kind of place?

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