



Bristol Temple Quarter walking tour

Introduction

Bristol Temple Quarter is one of the UK's largest regeneration projects.

The Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone was established in April 2012 with the aim of attracting 17,000 jobs by 2037, focusing on 4 key sectors: hi-tech, creative/digital, low carbon, professional services. It offers business rates discounts and simplified planning to encourage development.

Another aim of the redevelopment is to improve access for pedestrians and cyclists and provide better links between the centre and the east and south of the city.

The roadworks you can see around Temple Gate are part of this – working towards linking the station with better routes into the city centre. The long term aim is to create a better first impression when you arrive in the city. There will be a new public square and a simplified junction that will make traffic less dominant.

Key sites

1. Engine Shed

- Collaboration between Bristol City Council, the University of Bristol and the West of England Local Enterprise Partnership – set up in 2013
- Enterprise hub providing workspace for a range of high-tech, creative and low carbon businesses
- Includes Bristol SETsquared, part of the world's number one university business incubator

2. New cycle path/Cattle Market Road

Funded by a regional 'revolving infrastructure fund'. Road expected to be reopened in June 2018. It is currently shut to enable the demolition of the Cattle Market Tavern, the site of which will be part of the University of Bristol's new campus. As nearby developments come forward, this will become a much more prominent walking and cycling route.

3. Temple Island

- Planning permission has been granted for an arena on this site but the project has been paused while an independent value for money review is carried out.
- An alternative site in Filton is also under consideration for the arena (still within the BCC boundary but brought forward by a private developer).
- Part of this site will also be used for University of Bristol student accommodation.

Brock's Bridge

A new bridge was built in 2015 to improve access to the Temple Island site. It was named via a competition in the Bristol Post.

The winning name, Brock's Bridge, was submitted by the Totterdown and Knowle Local History Society and commemorates local Victorian builder and entrepreneur William Brock. Brock was involved in the construction of St Philips Bridge; the Bristol Bridge and Bedminster Bridge. An enthusiastic railwayman he also built local stations at Taunton and Weston-super- Mare. Brock also built the Swiss House in Leigh Woods, near the suspension bridge.

Two of his great, great grandchildren are members of the society.

4. Former sorting office site

- Formerly site of a cattle market in 1830s. Royal Mail Sorting Office opened in 1930s.
- Site is currently owned by council but has been purchased by the University of Bristol for the new Temple Quarter Enterprise Campus. The campus will be mainly postgraduate. Focusing on digital and business research, education, skills and innovation. Green, open campus that is welcoming to everyone. Expected to open 2021/22
- Enabling works are currently underway in preparation for the demolition of the sorting office building.

Harbour Walkway

New footpath/cycleway which will join up the Temple Quarter campus with Temple Quay and the ferry landing. Should be completed towards the end of this year.

5. 3 Glass Wharf

New regional centre for HMRC (one of 13 new regional hubs). Started building work in Feb 2017 - expecting to move in 2019. Will house over 1000 jobs.

Plot ND7 – Private Rented Sector (PRS) scheme

- 11 storey building including 255 apartments. 24 affordable housing.
- PRS means they will be long term lets, not available to buy.
- Will also include commercial units, fitness centre, social space, café.

6. Public artwork

Artwork by Turner-prize nominee Roger Hiorns, commissioned as part of the planning consent for the redevelopment of this part of the waterfront. The architectural space was designed with Stirling Prize winning architects Witherford Watson Mann. Called 'The retrospective view of the pathway': each furnace weighs 17 tonnes and is made of granite.

The artwork's location marks an historic route alongside Bristol's Floating Harbour called the 'Free Tank', an ancient 'right of way' to the water's edge that ran through the glass furnaces and industrial buildings that once populated Glass Wharf. The 'Free Tank' was eventually walled to form an alleyway, and by the early nineties all that remained of it was a cuboid space in the bank of the Floating Harbour with a single stone wall.

Burges Salmon offices

1 Glass Wharf. Large national law firm. The building is one of central Bristol's most eco-friendly. Features include rainwater recycling and cooling using harbour water.

7. Former ambulance station site

- Former NHS site previously owned by Homes England
- Planning permission for 375 homes including a 24-storey tower block.
- Being developed by Link City.

8. Finzel's Reach and Castle Bridge

- Part of the expanded Enterprise Zone as of last year.
- 4.7 acre site
- Originally home to sugar refiners and brewers
- Development will include a total of 437 apartments . Est. 2,500 people will be living here by 2019
- Three principal office buildings:
 - Aurora - ready for occupation. High standards of sustainability. Seven floors.
 - Generator Building - work starting this year
 - Fermentation Building
- Will also include a restaurant, retail and leisure space.

Left Handed Giant

Bristol born brewery, based in St Philips. Raising money for new premises via crowdfunding. Collaboration with Michelin starred chef from Casa Mia.

9. Temple Quay Market

Every Thursday 12-2. Local producers.

Hotel

Plot 3 - plans to build a 210 bed hotel on this site. Owned by Homes England. Former home of Yurt Lush and the Creative Common big top.

10. Temple Meads station

- Grade 1 listed; one of the oldest surviving railway terminus buildings in the world.
- One of the last remaining unimproved mainline train stations in the UK
- Currently 10m passengers a year - expected to rise to 22m+ by 2030.
- Network Rail are investing £2bn into the electrification of the route (Easter stoppage for signalling upgrade) - faster and more frequent trains to London. 4 per hour by start of 2019 / 15 min reduction in journey time.
- Masterplanning exercise about to start for redevelopment of station, to include more retail/leisure uses and provide extended public areas.