

Plans for £11 million gas-fired power plant in Bedminster

Plans have been revealed for an £11 million power plant to generate electricity and hot water for 1,400 Bedminster homes while lowering emissions by at least 30%.

The centre promises to be a "low-carbon high-tech centre providing clean and efficient energy". It will burn gas to generate electricity and also use the heat to provide hot water for homes and businesses in the Bedminster area.

South Bristol Energy, owned by Low Carbon Limited wants to build the centre between the Malago River, Clarke Street and Windmill Hill City Farm. South Bristol Energy said it was working with developer Urbis on the plans for the centre, which will produce 16 thermal megawatts (MWth) of energy. Windmill Hill City Farm is already said to be in talks with South Bristol Energy to provide its community centre with all its electricity and hot water.

Martin Pickard, investment director at Low Carbon Limited, said: "This project will be a major contributor to Bristol's goal of being carbon neutral by 2050".

A planning application is due to be submitted to Bristol City Council later this summer. The proposals will be on display at Windmill City Farm from July 3 to 17.

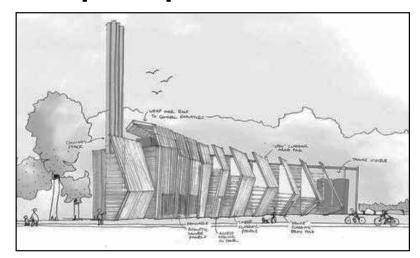
Brandon Yard news

More details have been released about the development of the last remaining brownfield site around Bristol's Floating Harbour.

New proposals to regenerate the former gasworks site at Brandon Yard on Anchor Road include 60 flats, restoration of the listed buildings on the site and improvements to the Harbourside Walk opposite the SS Great Britain. The current stone buildings will be renovated, with more homes located in a new block on the Anchor Road side of the site.



Markham Hanson, managing director of site owners Square Bay, said: "While the site presents unique challenges in terms of the restoration of the West Purifier House and Engine House, both of which are in an advanced state of ruin, we are excited at the prospect of ensuring



CARGO 2 to be extended

Seven new retailers will be coming to Cargo 2 including arrival of new burger restaurant Lemonade.

Eight further converted shipping containers will be added to the existing block which opened behind the M Shed in May.

Lemonade will take up a single unit, alongside other new businesses due to be announced soon which are set to have an emphasis on independent lifestyle and fashion.

Umberslade director Stuart Hatton said: "We have had huge interest in Cargo from across the city and beyond, and this new extension would give us the opportunity to meet this demand. It is fantastic to see people from Bristol and beyond really embracing Cargo



and the wider independent retail offering within the quarter."

Still due to open in Cargo 2 are Big Juice on the ground floor and Sholay Indian Kitchen on the first floor, with the extension due to go at the Prince Street end of the development.

the future of these iconic reminders of Bristol's industrial heritage. High quality homes at this desirable location will deliver additional capacity to Bristol's housing supply on a site that had previously been earmarked for offices."

Brandon Yard is the site's historic name, forming part of what was the Canon's Marsh gasworks. The gasworks closed in the 1960s and the site has been derelict since the 1970s. It was previously owned by the Soil Association who had planned to move their headquarters to the site, but they sold the land earlier this year.



(FrOHB) are a small group of local harbourside volunteers and residents who regularly pick litter from the reed bed opposite the SS Great Britain and clear overgrown vegetation.

FrOHB recently launched a Crowdfunding project called 'Restore Bristol Harbourside Reed Bed'. The £7,900 raised will pay for repairs, replanting and restoring the reed bed to its former glory.

If you would like to find out more about this local conservation project please visit: http://tinyurl.com/yddygs5j ■

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION & ML(A)Ltd UPDATES

Just a quick reminder that this year's Open Gardens will be taking place on **Saturday July 8th**. Please meet in the Communal gardens at 2.30pm and don't forget to let Joi know if you are willing to open your garden (or balcony!).

A few other dates for your diary The MLRA AGM will be on Friday 6th October and the ML(A)Ltd AGM will be on Friday I 3th October. Both meetings are to be held on board the John Sebastian and both scheduled to start at 7:30pm. The John Sebastian will also be the venue for a proposed Whist Drive on Friday 27th October. More information next time.

PLUS, the MLRA's boat trip on Saturday 2nd September has proven to be very popular and is now fully boooked. ■



Powerboat racing update

Known as the 'Widow Maker', Bristol's Harbour powerboat course was so dangerous it claimed seven

lives between 1972 and 1991. However, Bristol mayor Marvin Rees has suggested that the races could return. Rees revealed: "In sport, Bristol has punched below its weight. I am determined to increase activity, participation, access and elite sport in the city. And I can share, we are in discussions to bring powerboat racing back to the docks."

Crowds of up to 250,000 people used to watch the races, with all the small boats having to leave the docks for the two or three days of racing.

The Royal Yachting Association (RYA) has said it is not inclined to approve power-boat racing in the harbour at this time (2017). The RYA is the regulatory body for harbours in the UK. The Council is investigating the possibility of 2018, but it is believed that the RYA will stick to their current decision on this matter.

Bristol Arena – to be or not to be?

Excitement among those hoping that Bristol's arena will finally be built was sparked by the glimpse of an orange digger on Arena Island. But the machinery was not there to start work on the site of long-awaited 12,000-capacity arena.

Instead, a city council spokeswoman confirmed that the machinery was the property of Network Rail, whose workers were using the land while the company carries out improvements to platforms at Temple Meads.

Hopes that the new arena would be ready by 2018 were scuppered earlier this year when the council parted company with its contractor after failing to reach an agreement on price. Bristol City Council has already poured £9m into the major regeneration of the derelict area, but in April admitted the project could be scaled back, or



scrapped altogether if the money needed to construct it continues to rise.

Mayor Marvin Rees has repeatedly pledged a commitment to bringing the arena plans to fruition and has said there is a "sense of urgency" around the regeneration project that it is hoped will bring jobs and breathe fresh life into a long-neglected part of the city. ■

WHAT'S ON?

7-8 JULY Bristol Pride Festival

<u>8 JULY</u> Residents' Open Gardens

21-23 JULY Harbour Festival 10-13 AUGUST Bristol Balloon Fiesta - Ashton 2 SEPTEMBER Residents' boat trip

7-10 SEPTEMBER Bristol Open Doors 6 OCTOBER

MLRA AGM

13 OCTOBER

ML(A)Ltd AGM

27 OCTOBER Whist Drive

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