

# Proposals for conservation in Birminghams jewellery quarter.

**Victorian Society. Birmingham Group - Jewellery Quarter Conservation Area**



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## Birmingham City Centre

Designed and master-planned by award-winning Glenn Howells Architects, the £125m scheme, which is bounded by Newhall Street, Graham Street, Brook Street, James Street and Northwood Street, will comprise 305 apartments — including lofts and duplexes — and circa 100,000 sq ft of commercial space, including affordable business and retail space, across 20 buildings, as well as new public realm. It is a Grade I Listed building. Most of them were demolished as part of the Corporation Street Improvement Scheme.

## 1000 Trades

While Birmingham Civic Society supports the proposals saying they demonstrate a 'mature approach to new build development in the Jewellery Quarter'. Overlooking the square on tall plinths are statues of Joseph Priestley and James Watt.

## Caroline Street granted planning

The statue was carved in marble 1868 by Alexander Munro who is noted for his carvings on Charles Barry's Houses of Parliament. There are plenty of options to choose from when it comes to picking the right wedding band or ring and Wedding Accessories in Birmingham. The iconic museums are a real treasure located in an old jewellery factory.

## 5 TOP PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE JEWELLERY QUARTER

Debenhams department store takes up the west end of the site, while at the east end is the controversial Selfridges store, a massive curving building covered with 15 000 shiny aluminium discs.

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Back to the walk up New Street - Upper New Street On the north side after Corporation Street is the former Daily Post building designed in 1864 for John Feeney by the architect of the Council House, Yeoville Thomason. The lower stretch of New Street up to Corporation Street was

largely rebuilt before World War 2.

## **106 BUILDINGS IN BIRMINGHAM'S JEWELLERY QUARTER LISTED**

The churchwardens ordered a new set from Thomas Lester of London. This building was replaced with a neo-classical building in 1707 which was itself replaced in 1838 with a large building Tudor gothic design by Charles Barry, architect of the Houses of Parliament. Click to enlarge the images in the Bennetts Hill Gallery below.

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Robert K Dent 1894 The Making of Modern Birmingham Most of the buildings were sold on 75-year leases after which time they reverted to the Council, Dent quotes Chamberlain as saying, This will make Birmingham the richest borough in the kingdom sixty or seventy years hence. On the site of the Pitman Chambers stood the first Birmingham Workhouse.

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The house was rebuilt about 1730 but demolished by the Street Commissioners in 1816 to make way for increased wholesale market space. However, it was not until the beginning of the 20th century that the far end of the street was completed. This is not heritage done in isolation, but as part of and central to the wider debate over architecture, public realm and urban design.

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