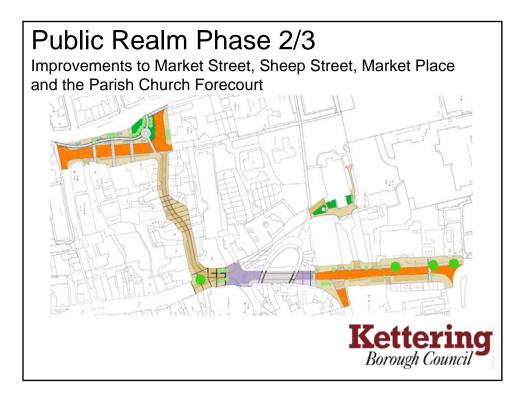


## Public Realm Phases 2 and 3

The Aims

- ◆ To allow safe use of the Market Place and to create safe routes from the Market Place to surrounding quarters
- ◆ To support the vision of the Parish Church to "pull it into" the Market Place
- ◆ To provide an appropriate setting for the important historical buildings in this area of town
- ◆ To provide better access to buses
- ◆ To create well-designed on-street car parking that does not detract from the high quality public realm
- ◆ To continue to support events and the emerging planning policy for this area
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### Public Realm Phases 2 and 3

Update

- Balfour Beatty have been appointed as the contractor for the public realm works
- ◆ The project now extends to a joint project with the Parish Church to repave their driveway
- ◆ There are a number of formal notices that need to be published and approved before the scheme commences
- ♦ The works will commence on the summer and finish in Spring 2011
- Most of the funding for the project has come through the Government's growth fund.



#### Market Place Restaurants:

The Headlines

- New buildings to be sited on footprint of old buildings
- Traditional design to complement existing buildings around the Market Place
- Seizing opportunities to restore historic features on Church/Site boundary
- High Sustainability credentials
- Funded through external bid funding

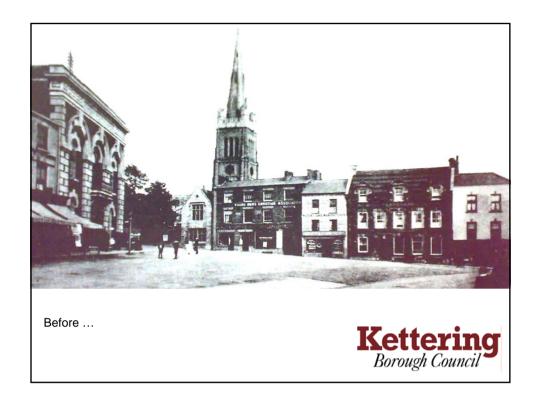


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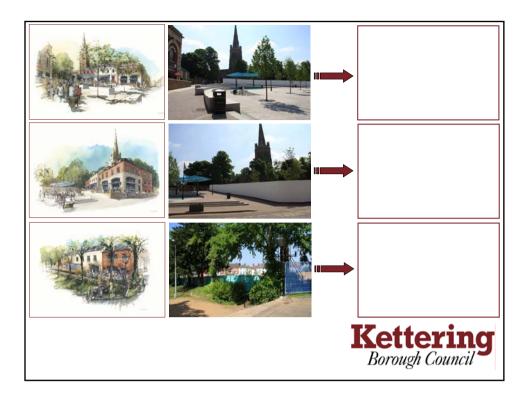
Specification

- ♦ Nearly 9,000 sqft of Restaurant space available
- Outside terraces to match new market place and encourage new activity in the market place
- Glass canopies to provide shelter from the elements and to match performance canopy in Market Place
- ◆ 10 high quality private residential units on the first and second floor (9 no. 2-bed and 1 no. 3-bed)
- Rear access for servicing and residential basement Parking









## Market Place Restaurants:

Update

- Planning Approval for the Market Place Buildings was granted in February
- ♦ Sisk started on site in April.
- ◆ The site is now secured and demolition of the existing buildings is complete.
- Archaeological works took place at the end of May
- Sheet Piling will begin in June.
- ♦ The buildings will complete in Spring, with fit-out of the restaurants to follow soon after.

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# **Delivering our Town Centres**

#### Summary

- ♦ The Growth projects are on-target and on-budget.
- Retail occupancy rates continue to track betetr than the national average.
- ◆ The Market Place, Market Place Buildings and next phase of Public Realm works will enhance the southern end of town and provide an opportunity to create a café culture within this area.
- ♦ It is important that other opportunities within the town centre are not lost and that the Borough Council works together with the County to ensure the appropriate consideration of applications.
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