

### Welcome

Welcome to Microsoft's public exhibition for a new datacentre development at our site located on the former Quinn Radiators site in Imperial Park.

Microsoft intends to submit a planning application in due course.

After viewing the proposals, please let us know your thoughts and feedback.

We would be delighted to answer any questions you may have.

# Datacentres are the infrastructure that delivers the cloud

The cloud plays **a significant role in our everyday lives**, enabling remote work and learning, global collaboration, supporting discovery and innovation, and importantly, powering critical life and safety services.

Datacentres have become integral to our lives, with social media, contactless payments and remote working all reliant on the functionality they provide, the UK needs more new datacentres to power the economy of the future.

Organisations in Wales rely on the Microsoft Cloud, including companies large and small, startups, governments, hospitals, banks, schools, and more.





#### Who uses the Cloud

The Microsoft cloud serves over **1 billion** customers and over **20 million** companies worldwide.

Over **95% of Fortune 500** companies run Microsoft Azure.

Many of the UK's top companies and public sector agencies use the Microsoft Cloud to modernise and digitise their operations.



#### About the site

The site is currently occupied by a large, industrial building and a number of support buildings.

The site has not been active since 2019 and our proposals will bring this industrial site back into employment use.

The proposed scheme improves the site from its current state, with high quality design providing a major visual upgrade to the local area.





#### **Our Proposals**

Microsoft is proposing to redevelop the Quinn site in Imperial Park to deliver two new datacentre buildings.

The proposals include: Two new datacentre buildings, secure car parking spaces on site, landscaping improvements, high quality design.

These CGI renders have been produced to illustrate how the datacentre will look upon completion.



View from the southeast



Overall view of the proposed data centre



### **Before and After**

The proposals are smaller than the existing buildings which will allow for more green and open space.

They have been designed to ensure the buildings fit nicely with the surroundings, especially to the south.



## Landscape Strategy

One of the most significant opportunities offered by the redevelopment is the provision of new landscaping and habitat areas.

A site-specific plant palette will be developed which responds to the needs of datacentre screening and functionality. A range of native plants with high durability and low water demand are proposed.

- Species rich hedgerows
- New native trees
- Native wildflower meadows
- Aquatic planting and ponds
- Habitat interventions including bird and bee boxes





### Creating jobs and supporting local businesses

Datacentres make a significant and long-term impact on the local and regional economy.

Datacentres **create well-paid local and regional jobs**, both during construction and operation.



Datacentre suppliers and employees **support the local economy** by buying local goods and services.



#### Investing in community programs and partnerships

Microsoft strives to be a good neighbour and to create a positive impact in the communities that are home to our datacentres.



We invest in people through skill-building programs



We support **local projects** in response to community needs



We partner with **environmental sustainability programs** in your region

#### **Community Partnerships**

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Due to my anxiety and autism, normally I would have said no to this opportunity. This course helped me get out of my comfort zone, by giving me an opportunity to try new things, meet new people and travel to new places — I would recommend it to other young people."

— TW, 25 from Newport, who took part in an engagement programme



Prince's Trust

Microsoft partners with a range of NGOs to support initiatives in the communities they operate. This includes working with the Princes Trust.

The Digital Skills Festival launched in November, a myth busting event to inspire with over 100 attendees

- Engagement Programs short courses inc. building confidence and soft skills
- Employability Programs longer courses that focus on qualifications and skills to enter the job market
- **Get Hired** Job fairs to match them with employers who have live opportunities

Commitment to **support 220 young people** through the Program

Quarterly Steering Committee with other key stakeholders in the region e.g. Tech Connected, Cap Gemini, FinTech Wales

#### Prioritising sustainability in our datacentres

#### Energy

- We've committed to have 100% renewable energy coverage globally by 2025
- Purchasing additional clean power through new Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs)
- Eliminating the use of diesel for backup power by 2030



#### Water

- Designing datacentres to cool with outside air when possible minimising water use
- Collecting rainwater for use where feasible.

#### Waste

 Diverting 90 percent of datacentre operational waste by 2030



#### Sustainability at Imperial Park

Our proposals at Imperial Park include sustainability interventions and will represent a major upgrade on the existing site.

These interventions will include:

- More efficient cooling systems
- Integration of renewable energy production
- Smart energy efficient lighting
- Certified LEED Gold standard
- Water efficient fittings
- Increased biodiversity through native vegetation and ecological boundary treatment
- BREEAM Very Good





#### **Next Steps**

Following this consultation, we will review the feedback received and then make our submission to Newport City Council.



Construction completion date does not indicate datacentre operation/availability. Dates are indicative and subject to change and dependent on the planning process.



### Thank you

Thank you for participating in our consultation, we hope you found it useful and informative.

#### Feedback

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact the Microsoft Community Affairs team.





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