

Proposals for Re-organization of the markets

1934

(1) Castlefoulds Market -

Located on site bounded by Exchange Street, Exchange Place, Sheaf Street, Commercial Street, The Sheffield Gas Property, Shude Hill and Castlefoulds. An Island site except for Gas Property. Broad Street between Castlefoulds and Exchange Place be closed.

(2) Wholesale Fish Market -

To pull down present Market and add to New Castlefoulds Market site, to pull down Corn Exchange and build the New Fish Market there. This site was too large for the purpose. It was proposed that the frontage of Corn Exchange be used for shops and business premises on the first floor.

(3) Sheaf Market -

To remove to the Smithfield Market. The area at Blonk Street end being used for the New Market plus an area used for market tenant parking. The New Market be laid out as a modern style open market with a screen along the boundary wall of the River Don to protect from dirt and wind.

(4) Norfolk Market -

To pull down the Building and offer the land on lease for commercial purposes. To remove market to east end of Castle Hill Market. A main entrance between premises of Messers W. H. Smith & Son Ltd, and Wilks Bros and also another entrance from Castlegate. The New Norfolk Market to be designed to communicate with Castle Hill Market in two places. It would be in effect an extension.

(5) Smithfield Market -

Proposed to abolish the fairs and use the site as under Sheaf Market, and the remainder on lease eg. Garage and Filling Station with access from Furnival Road, At Station Road level to L. N.E.R. for Garage accommodation for the Royal Victoria Hotel.

(6) Corn Exchange -

To demolish the structure and use the site as the Wholesale Fish Market.

Points.

- (1) It was considered advisable to keep all the markets together and as close together as possible, as the frequenter of any market is a potential buyer in any other market.
- (2) To utilise such land as is already property of the market committee for purpose of re-arrangement. The purchase of further land, property at a high figure, would increase loan charges on New schemes.
- (3) The scheme should be carried out in sections. The Wholesale Fish and Sheaf Markets most suitable to commence with.
- (4) There is little likelihood of any appreciable permanent revenue from letting the Corn Exchange and offices. There is no longer need for this building.
- (5) The Corn Exchange would be an admirable site for the Wholesale Fish Market as its an island sit, quite close to the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market and close to the

Station. Entrance from Wharf Street.

- (6) Garage accommodation is badly needed for Royal Victoria Station Hotel.
- (7) A thoroughfare could be made through Sheaf Market if removed to the Smithfield site, a footbridge over the River Don could be built access from the Wicker.
- (8) The site of Broad Street between Sheaf and Castlefoulds Markets and the triangular portion used for parking vehicles used as a New Wholesale Market for fruit and vegetables. (a) Shude Hill, Castlefoulds widened to 50 feet (b) Exchange Place widened to 70 feet (c) Exchange Street from Castlefoulds could be laid on a curve (1) Exchange Street would be improved from a traffic point of view (2) Two dangerous cross roads Broad Street, Exchange Street, Wharf Street into Exchange Place could be done away with.
- (9) If building were erected on Exchange Street, Exchange Place the appearance would be improved.
- (10) Norfolk Market removed to east side of Castle Hill Market (a) land under market leased to Messers W. H. Smith & son Ltd. (b) lock-up warehouse provided for some of Norfolk Market tenants plus small lift to bring goods to market level (c) The Castlegate level could be used for parking which tolls would be obtained.
Removal would improve Castle Hill Market. There would be no loss to the Norfolk Market tenants as Castle Hill is under cover. An advantage to the frequenters of the Markets in bad weather.
- (11) The 1934 proposals mean moving the markets center a few hundred yards north east. Sheaf Market and Market Gardeners would be on Smithfield Market site.
- (12) Removing Norfolk Market Hall to Castle Hill Market will enable land not required for markets to be leased. Messers. W. H. Smith & Son Ltd., have been pressing for this land for warehouse purposes.

1937.

- (1) Castlefoulds Market -
Should be appropriated for purposes of Transport undertaking along with Sheaf, Wholesale Fish and Norfolk Market (ie, site suggested in 1934 for New Castlefoulds Market) New Castlefoulds removed to land in Pond Street belonging to Corporation.
- (2) Wholesale Fish Market -
To remove to Pond Street site and associate with New Castlefoulds Market.
- (3) Sheaf Market -
To purchase property within Broad Street, South Street, Park, Granville Hill and Sheaf Street and to remove to part of this site.
- (4) Norfolk Market -
Same as 1934.
- (5) Smithfield Market -
No proposal
- (6) Corn Exchange -
No Proposal.

Points

- (1) Norfolk Market dose not conform to the Shops Act 1934, and an estimated £12-000 to £19-000 to be spent bringing it up to date in Sanitary and other requirements
- (2) Castlefoulds Market -
Bad from every point of view needs complete reconstruction on a large site. Urgent and persistant complaints have been made about traffic of market tennants. The market can not be re-built on present site.
- (3) Wholesale Fish Market -
Can not be re-built on present site needs larger site.
- (4) Re-organisation of the Markets is bound up with the Central Motor Bus Company.
- (5) Castlefoulds, Wholesale Fish and Norfolk Markets are old and not upto modern requirements.
- (6) Plenty of land at Ponds Street for New Castlefoulds, and Wholesale Fish Market with adiquate parking and good elevation.
- (7) Sheaf Street site would make an exelent Open Market siteA certain amount of property need leveling.

Observations on the Market Proposals.

- (1) It is thought nessessary for this Report to review proposals made in 1934.
- (2) Castlefoulds Market - burst its bonds years ago. The Market is carried on in part of Sheaf Market site and Shops forming part of Corn Exchange building and private property in Sheaf Street.
- (3) Mr Coulton made enquiries about land used by Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Markets in other towns which varied grately.
- (4) The Wholesale Markets to some extent on the shape of the site. Nottingham Market is built on a rectangle. It is cosidered that Wholesale Fish Market and Fruit and Vegetable Markets would complement each other both need ample warehouse accommodation. A further provision to be made for growers, where country produce can be sold. In Sheffield this is Sheaf Market.
- (5) At one time it was essential the Fruit and Vegetable Markets be near the Railway Station to get fresh produce, but today trasport is mainly by road the percentage of goods by rail is about 25% the remainder by motor lorry.

(6) Letting area is

Fruit - Vegetable	3.560	square	yards
Fish	620	"	"

In Addition

Growers	420	"	"
Parking	2.683	"	"
Total of	3.103	"	"

Present letting areas are Castlefoulds, Extention in Sheaf Market, Wholesale Fish Market not including Corn Exchange and private owner shops in Sheaf Street used by Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Merchants, A 20 per cent increace is required.

It is considered Roadways between and outside the Stands (Within the Market area) should be

at least 30 feet wide

Provision for lavatories, Bannana Rooms and Attendantts Offices, sorting of fruit and vegetables (Fruit and Vegetable Market), Washing Boxes (fish Market) and Refuse from Markets is required. On this basis a total of 20-000 square yards at least is required for a New Fruit and Vegetable and New Wholesale Fish Market

- (7) Therefore New Wholesale fish and Fruit and Vegetable Market (a) A site of 20-000 square yards (b) An area for growers - country produce within market (c) Warehouse accomodation in immidiate vicinity (d) Near Railway Station.
- (8) Wholesale Fish Market completely cut of and too small
- (9) Adiquate Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable and Fish Markets are essential nay vital for a large town , most important in maintainance of food suplies. The Wholesale Markets supply a large area aroun Sheffield.
- (10) Sheaf Market at date of transfer of markets from Duke of Norfolk to Corporation contained approximately 4-068 square yards extended to present size 6-057 square yards the area is fully occupied.
A most important Market serving needs of poorer people of City and it would be a great misfortune if its usefulness was impaired. It is the only market the Corporation has. Sussess of the Open Market depends on retaining the Market Atmospher.
- (11) The front of Norfolk Market is required for widening Haymarket.
- (12) Corn Exchange is occupied by the Superintendant Regestra of Marriages and his Staff Regestras of Births and Deaths and staff. Before being demolished the Corporation must provide another building.
- (13) Complaints about smoke and noise from the Fairs held at Smithfield Market arise everytime from L.N.E.R. and visitors to Royal Victoria Hotel.
- (14) The Sheffield Testing Works enquired about renewal for a long term to enable them to instal new expencive machinery.
- (15) It is essential Retail Markets should be as close to one another as possible. It is not as essential but desirable for the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable and Fish Markets be near the Retail Markets (but would be desirable) .
- (16) The site of Sheaf Street and South Street is affected by the proposed New Sreet from Sheaf to Duke Street.
- (17) The approximate area of Market site on a basis of widening Sheaf Street, Exchange Place and Castlefoulds now recommended is 11-558 square yards.