

Town centre and  
Quayside location

Potential Residential  
Development or a variety of  
uses — subject to planning

Part of UNESCO World  
Heritage Site

Within 200m of Conwy Castle

**GUIDE PRICE**  
**£500,000 plus**



# DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

CONWY CIVIC HALL

Castle Street, Conwy, North Wales LL32 8AY



# Introduction

Conwy County Borough Council is the freeholder of the site known as the Conwy Civic Hall situated on Castle Street in the town of Conwy. The property fronts onto the main thoroughfare of Castle Street as well as the quayside estuary of the river Conwy.

The town of Conwy is an important World Heritage Site situated on the north Wales coast, just off the A55, and the gateway to Snowdonia National Park. The outstanding feature of the town of Conwy is its castle and walls constructed as part of the 'iron ring' by Edward I between 1283 and 1289 and attracts between 150,000 and 200,000 visitors per year.

As a UNESCO World Heritage site the town is a major tourist destination and the site sits at the junction of the main arterial route through the town and the High Street leading from the Quay up through the centre of the town's retail sector. The nature of future redevelopment of the site, if acceptable in principle, is therefore a major consideration from the perspective of both the key economic driver for the town but also the sensitivity and quality of design required in the context of the site's location.

# Description

The Civic Hall, currently used as a Library on the ground floor, was the former town hall rebuilt in the 1960s following damage by fire.

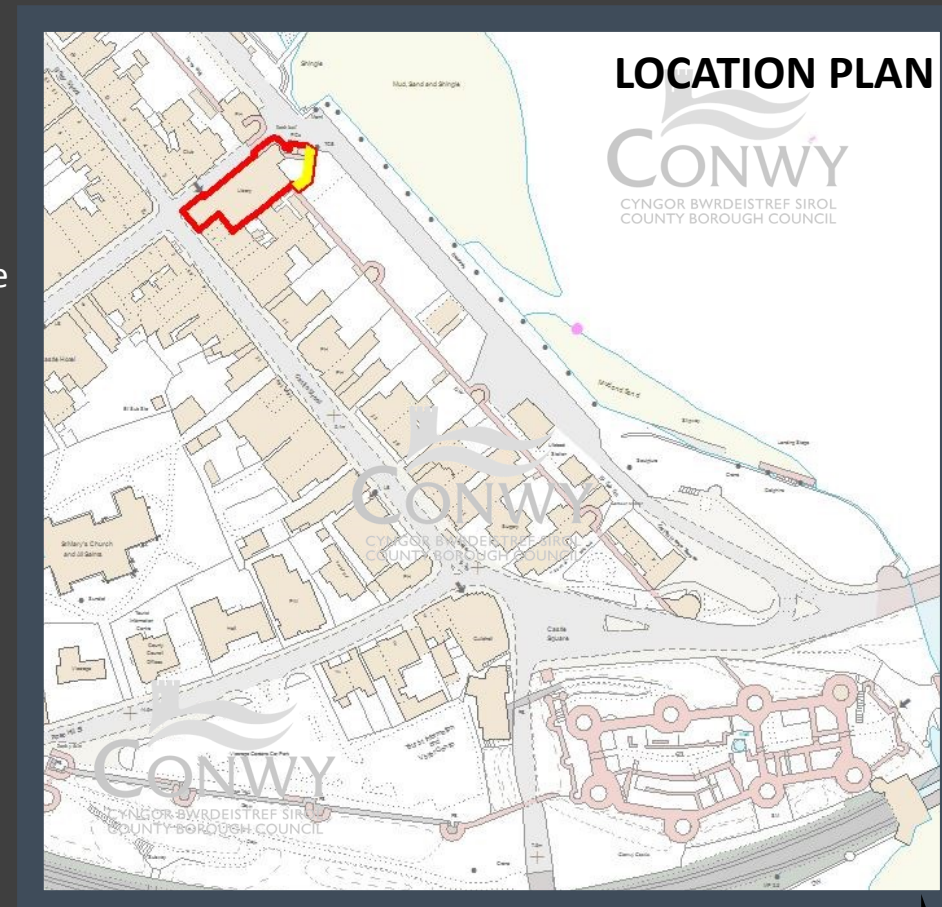
From the Quayside, the property benefits from far reaching views of the Conwy Estuary, Deganwy Marina and the Great Orme.

The upper floors were last used as a theatre and community facility with a capacity for circa 240 seated persons.

The building comprises (Gross Internal Areas):

Basement	97.40m <sup>2</sup>
Ground Floor	430.00m <sup>2</sup>
Mezzanine	131.30m <sup>2</sup>
Second Floor	455.00m <sup>2</sup>

The property is the subject of a Right of Way, from the Quay, in favour of an adjoining property shown coloured yellow on the location plan.



## Terms

The Council is seeking to dispose of the site by way of a long leasehold agreement. The Lease will be for a term of 999 years.

## Contract

The Council is willing to accept a conditional contract for the property, on the basis of the applicant obtaining acceptable planning consent. The Council is not bound to accept the highest offer for the property and all applications **MUST** be accompanied with a brief synopsis of the intended use and proposal.

## Uses

Subject to planning, the property may be suitable for a variety of uses. The Council would welcome uses such as residential, retail and hotel.

## Parking

Opportunities for parking on-site are limited. The Council owns lands nearby that could be utilised for parking. It is recommended that before any application is submitted the applicant consults with the Council to consider whether any additional land could be provided to secure the proposed scheme.

## Transport



The nearest train station is Conwy, some 250m. The main station of Llandudno Junction is less than 1 mile away.



The property sits at the junction of the main arterial route through the town and the High Street. The A55 Chester to Holyhead Trunk Road is easily accessible from junctions 18 and 17.



## Planning & Conservation

Sitting within an important World Heritage Site the property is a Grade II Listed Building. The Council has prepared a detailed Planning Guidance Note (PGN) dated April 2019. The PGN can be obtained upon request or from the following link:

[www.conwy.gov.uk/quay](http://www.conwy.gov.uk/quay)

The PGN gives important information on the history and designations applicable to the property. Any application will need to acknowledge the applicant is aware of this document and embraces the guidance therein.

## Tourism

The town is well placed to serve the North Wales Coast. Snowdonia National Park is easily accessible and has developed a significant reputation for adventure recreation with destinations such as Adventure Park Snowdonia and Zip World. This attracts national and international tourists. Conwy Quay and Castle are significant attractions to the town.

Conwy is a globally important historic visitor destination and Conwy castle and walls attract thousands of visitors annually. The site lies only a short distance from these attractions and can clearly be seen in foreground of views from the castle towers and ramparts and northern stretches of the town walls. The landscape in the vicinity of the site plays an integral part in establishing the character of the setting to these historic assets. This landscape is also recognised for its outstanding historic interest.



## Process

The Council will be seeking offers in excess of £500,000 for the property. It is envisaged that the Council will engage with the market place to explore and fully understand the proposal.

Prior to submission, discussions with interested parties will be welcomed, particular about any parking requirements.

The Council is not obliged to accept any offer. Any offer taken forward will be submitted to the Council's Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet for approval.

Floorplans and Asbestos Reports are available upon request.



## Timetable

The provisional timetable for applications and submissions is scheduled across. The Council will have the right to amend or extend as it sees fit.

Date	Key Actions
June 2019	Commencement of Marketing
30 September 2019	Final date for submission
31 October 2019	Notification of Acceptable Bid
29 November 2019	Consultation with applicant
January 2020	Committee Approval
Spring 2020	Anticipated Planning Application



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