

# St Albans gets go-ahead for ‘cultural beacon’

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St Alban's Town Hall, located in the city centre St Albans City and District Council  
We've just awarded £2.5million for an exciting scheme to convert Grade II\* listed St Albans' Town Hall into a new museum and gallery.

This ambitious redevelopment project will create a 'one-stop shop' - celebrating local heritage and culture - right in the centre of the city.

The project is a partnership between St Albans City and District Council, St Albans Museums and Galleries Trust and the University of Hertfordshire. The overall cost will be £7.75m with the council committed to providing £3.3m.

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"As we celebrate the 21st anniversary of the National Lottery, it's also fitting that we thank National Lottery players for helping bring this vision, with heritage at its heart, one step closer to realisation."

Councillor Annie Brewster, Portfolio Holder for Sport, Leisure and Heritage for St Albans City and District Council, said: “We are now well on our way to creating a new landmark museum and art gallery with three floors of galleries and exhibition space for residents and visitors to enjoy.”

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