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**To: Members and Officers of
The City of Preston Town Fund Board**

Dear Sir/Madam

City of Preston Town Fund Board - 23 July 2024

You are requested to attend a meeting of the City of Preston Town Fund Board to be held on **Tuesday, 23rd July, 2024** at **12.00 pm** on MS Teams.

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest or disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda.

The Agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours faithfully

Jackie Wilding

Director of Resources

City of Preston Town Fund Board
Tuesday, 23 July 2024

AGENDA

1. **Declarations of Interest (if any)**

2. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 2)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2024.

3. **Implementation Report** (Pages 3 - 212)

Report and appendices attached.

City of Preston Town Fund Board

**City of Preston Town Fund Board
28 May 2024**

Present: Mr J Chesworth in the Chair; Councillor Brown, Councillor Wise, Mr M Flemming, Mr R Binns and M Close

Also in attendance:

Mr A Phillips	– Chief Executive
Ms J Wilding	– Director of Resources & S151 Officer
Mr C Hayward	– Director of Development and Housing
Mr C Blackburn	– Assistant Director (Head of City Growth and Regeneration)
Miss L Bilsborrow	– Member Services Officer

CD76 Minutes

Resolved - The minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2024 were agreed as an accurate record.

CD77 Declaration of Interests

There were none.

CD78 Implementation Update Report

Mr Matthew Cowburn gave a presentation on the implementation of the Towns Fund projects. He reported Amounderness House Stage Three had been completed, and that the scheme was currently over budget. Stage Four design was now underway with a look to reduce the current over budget position, and are hopeful that the project is deliverable within the constraints of the Towns Fund redlines. The tree removal from the Youth Zone project had been completed, an application to discharge pre-commencement planning conditions had been submitted. The next steps for the project is to erect fencing within the next month and archaeological works to begin. Similarly, the Animate project continued to make good progress, the façade was progressing well, despite the contractor losing significant time over the last few months due to the very wet weather. The internal partitioning to the cinema and restaurants was also progressing well.

City of Preston Town Fund Board

A request was made for another tour around the facility close to the end of summer to see the progress that had been made.

In relation to the Your Harris project, the internal scaffolding had been removed and the electrical upgrades had been completed, the next steps was to complete the staircases. Hopefully another site visit could take place later on in the year.

Finally, Mr Cowburn gave an update on Educate Preston, he reported that the website/ online platform was ready to go live, bar final partner content sign off, the addition of Privacy Statement and inclusion of agreed TF branding. The launch date is still looking to be June/ July 2024. Mr Cowburn also noted that the Monitoring and evaluation meeting took place with the team on 8 May 2024, and that the information would be sent to Central Government on 31 May.

Resolved – (i) approved the decision of the Chair on the M&E Submission
(ii) Confirmed deep dive presentations on both Harris quarter and the Youth Zone projects to be given at the next meeting
(iii) Noted the TIG updates

Towns Fund Board Meeting to be held on 23 July 2024	
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TOWNS FUND IMPLEMENTATION REPORT APPENDICE '1' and '2'
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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides the monitoring report for Phase 3a/b Towns Fund projects and a general update on the Towns Fund work programme.

2. Decision Required

- 2.1 The Towns Fund Board is requested to:
- (i) Note the TIG Updates
 - (ii) Note the Youth Zone Deep Dive
 - (iii) Confirm which project the board want to see presented at the next meeting

3. Information

3.1 Background and Advice

- 3.1.1 The City of Preston Towns Fund Board (the Board) submitted a City Investment Plan (CIP) to Government at the end of July 2020. In March 2021, Preston Towns Fund Heads of Terms were signed by the Board Chair and Chief Executive of the City Council as Accountable Body (AB). The Harris Quarter Investment Programme comprises six projects with a total Towns Fund grant allocation of £19.9m, which combined with the Harris Quarter Pop Ups project form a total investment programme of over £200m. The six projects are Renewal of Harris Quarter Assets; Animate; Illuminate and Integrate; Educate Preston; Preston Youth Zone; and Harris Your Place.
- 3.1.2 At meetings in December 2021 and March 2022 the Board considered and approved investment recommendations for the Towns Fund projects following the preparation and appraisal of treasury compliant "Green Book 5 case" business cases. In March 2022 the Summary Plans were submitted to Government. In June 2022 the Accountable Body received confirmation that the Summary Plan was approved by Government and the Accountable Body is now in receipt of Towns Fund grant.

4. Monitoring

4.1 TIG Update

4.1.1 Please find slides attached in **Appendix 1** highlighting the latest position on progress for the 6 Towns Fund Projects.

The projects are progressing well the key points have been extracted below.

- **Your Harris**
 - Internal scaffolding down with the roof works due to be completed next month
- **Amounderness House**
 - PCSA/DMA now concluded, updated programme showing post March PC date which we need to review.
- **Animate**
 - Currently on target for completion – continuing with the internal works
- **I&I**
 - Project on-going feedback for consultation on Part 2 incoming via web portal
- **Educate Preston**
 - Planned to launch September 2024
- **Youth Zone**
 - On-site and underway – no issues noted.

4.2 Grant Funding Agreement & Legal Updates

4.2.1 The latest position on the GFA/MoU's is as follows.

Educate Preston

UCLan team now confirmed GFA is approved in principle, awaiting necessary signatures – target date August 2024

5. Monitoring and Evaluation

5.1 M&E – Next Cycle

- 30th October M&E Board
- 1st November any amends agreed
- 22nd November – Lee to submit to Central Gov.

As per the terms of the agreement the chair is to be sighted on the submission which we can confirm has taken place before the document is issued to Central Government.

6. Towns Fund Communications

6.1 Limitless Update

6.1.1 Please see **Appendix 2** for the Activity Reports for February, March and April, in addition to the Social Media Calendar and Communications Planner.

Statistics continue to show an organic upward trend, meaning more engagement and exposure.

May	#Followers	#increase/decrease	#Impressions
LinkedIn:	1309	43+	10,355
X/Twitter	229	12+	2618
June:	#Followers	#increase/decrease	#Impressions
LinkedIn:	1351	42+	6,394
X/Twitter	368	139+	2725

6.2 PCC Comms Update

6.2.1 Media relations activity is generating good levels of coverage. Most recent coverage can be seen here:

[Limitless Towns Fund Media Coverage](#)

6.2.2 Community Roadshows have been delayed due to elections and will be planned for July to October to coincide with the progress at Animate.

6.2.3 A summary of the period since the last Board is set out below:

Animate:

A Dewhurst at EWG will be introducing Limitless to tenants to produce profiles. MG @ Limitless has contacted all tenants, all of which have said they would like to participate.

EWG is leading on the announcement on the letting of the Food Hall to NLG. Currently paused due to concerns raised by the Leader.

Next media opportunity is the start of I&I works on Vicarage Road.

The time capsule has been postponed but Limitless is in discussion with Nick Hague to determine a suitable date.

Amounderness House

Start of works has been delayed and is now likely to happen in Q3 of 2024.

VAULT:

MG liaised with Greg Farrimond regarding the topping out ceremony and decent levels of coverage where achieved but due to election/purdah guidelines there was little reference to Towns Fund funding.

MG is continually liaising with Greg Farrimond over next milestones to communicate the progress of Vault.

The Harris:

Commencement of the fit-out works has been delayed and is likely to start in Q3 of 2024. NB @ PCC and Limitless are in regular dialogue with the Harris Marketing team to identify and amplify newsworthy opportunities.

Educate Preston:

MG @ Limitless met with Gareth Jackson on the progress of Educate Preston. Launched planned for mid to late September

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Appendix 1 – Project Monitoring Updates – Board Slide Deck

Appendix 2 – Comms Reports

Preston Towns Fund Board

23rd July 2024



Agenda

- Preston Youth Zone - Presentation
- TIG Update - MC
- M&E Update - MC
- Comms Update - MC/Limitless



Preston Towns Fund Harris Quarter - Preston Youth Zone

INTRODUCTION

Lee Williamson - Project Manager

Greg Farrimond - Openings Manager



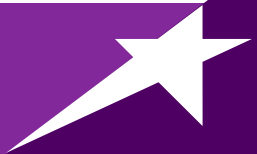
Existing site

- Scrubland - Relatively low value
- Trees/Pathway
- Adjacent to pub and listed warehouse
- Ideally located - City Centre YZ
- Transport links



4.8 Grade-II Listed Warehouse

The 19th Century warehouse at 21-23 Lord Street is Grade-II Listed. The development proposals will need to take into account the setting of the warehouse. An extract from the Historic England listing is shown on this page (reproduced from the Historic England website, March 2021).



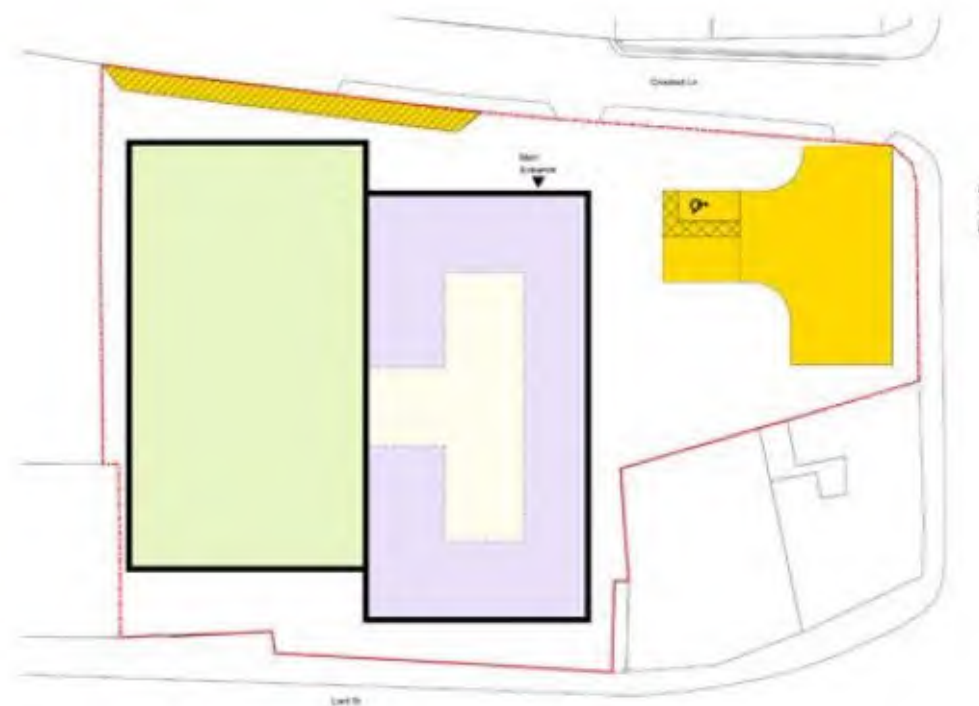


- KEY
- = Bus Stop
 - = Market Place Conservation Area
 - = Site Boundary
 - - - = Approx 5min walk

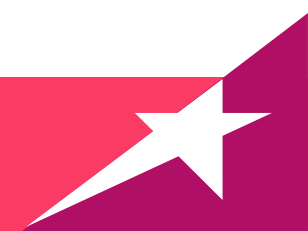


Design Journey

- Long gestation
- Tight site - Constraints
- Worked with Preston Planners & Highways
- Many iterations
- Finding the most efficient layout
 - Construction cost and Operation

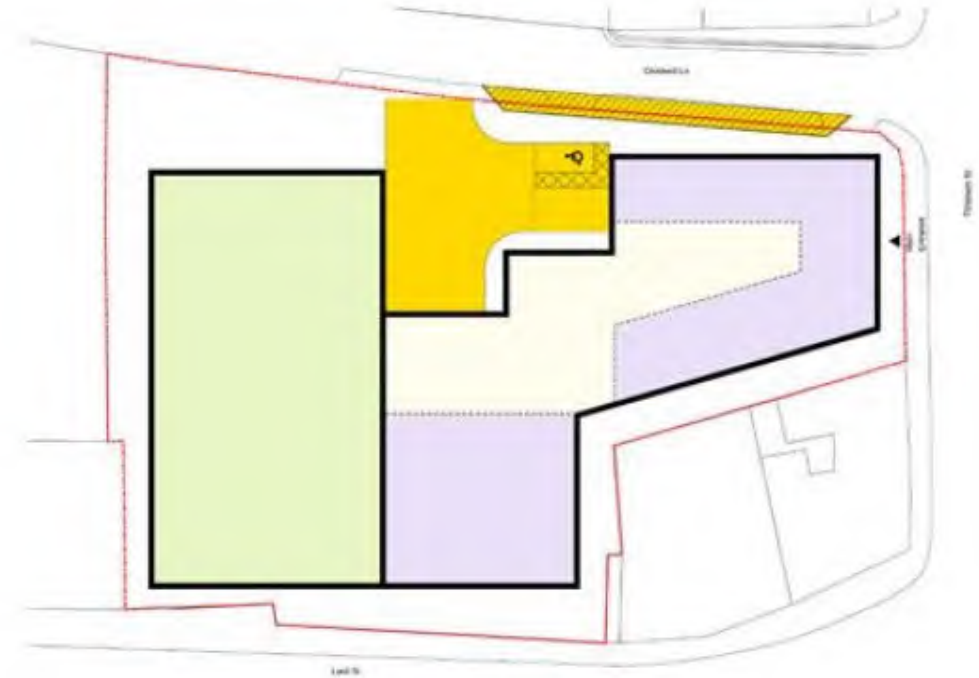


Discounted - Youth Zone loses visual presence from bus station public square



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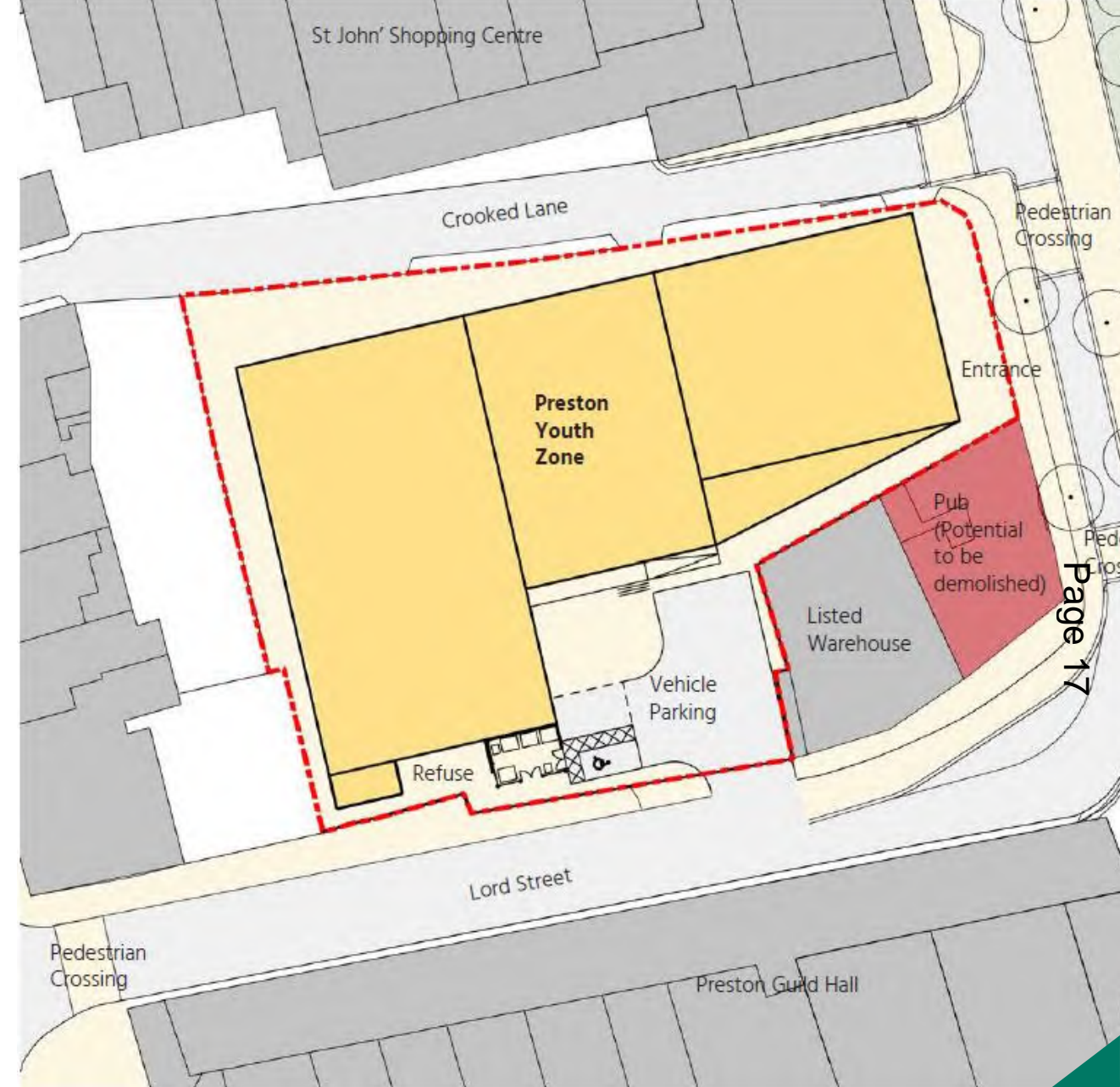


Discounted - Internal arrangement loses layout efficiency



Finalising design

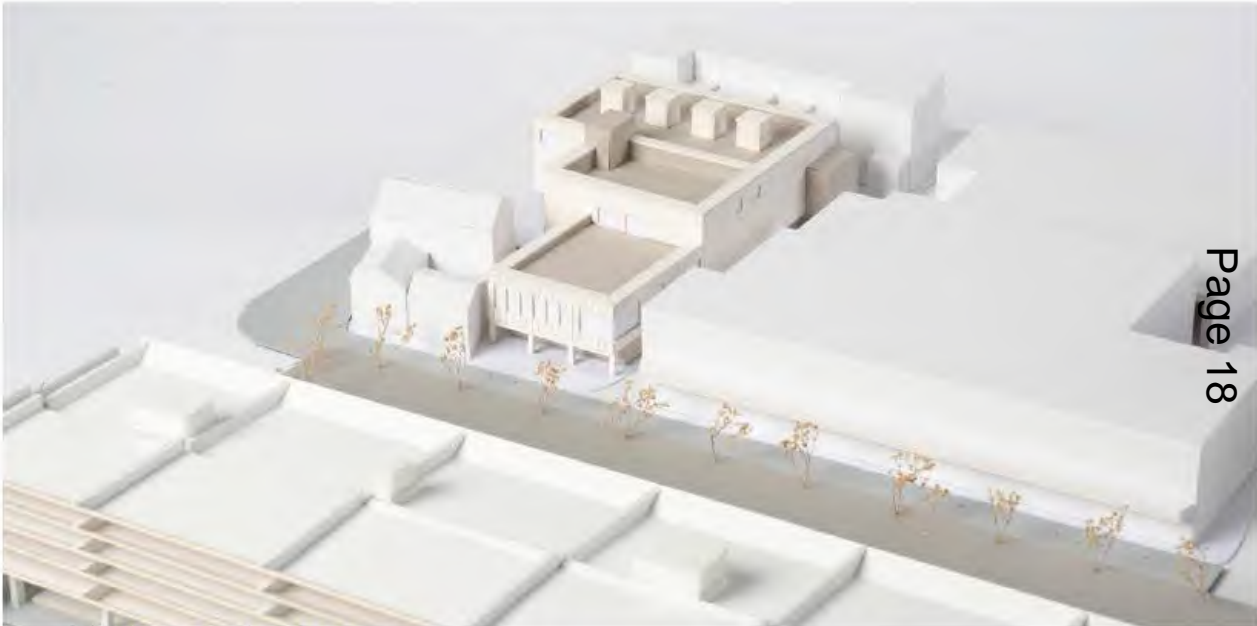
- Most efficient use of space
- Works within known constraints
- Traffic management
- Prominent frontage



Scale model



View of Youth Zone looking north-west



View of Youth Zone looking south-west



Scale model



View of Youth Zone and Preston Bus Station looking west.



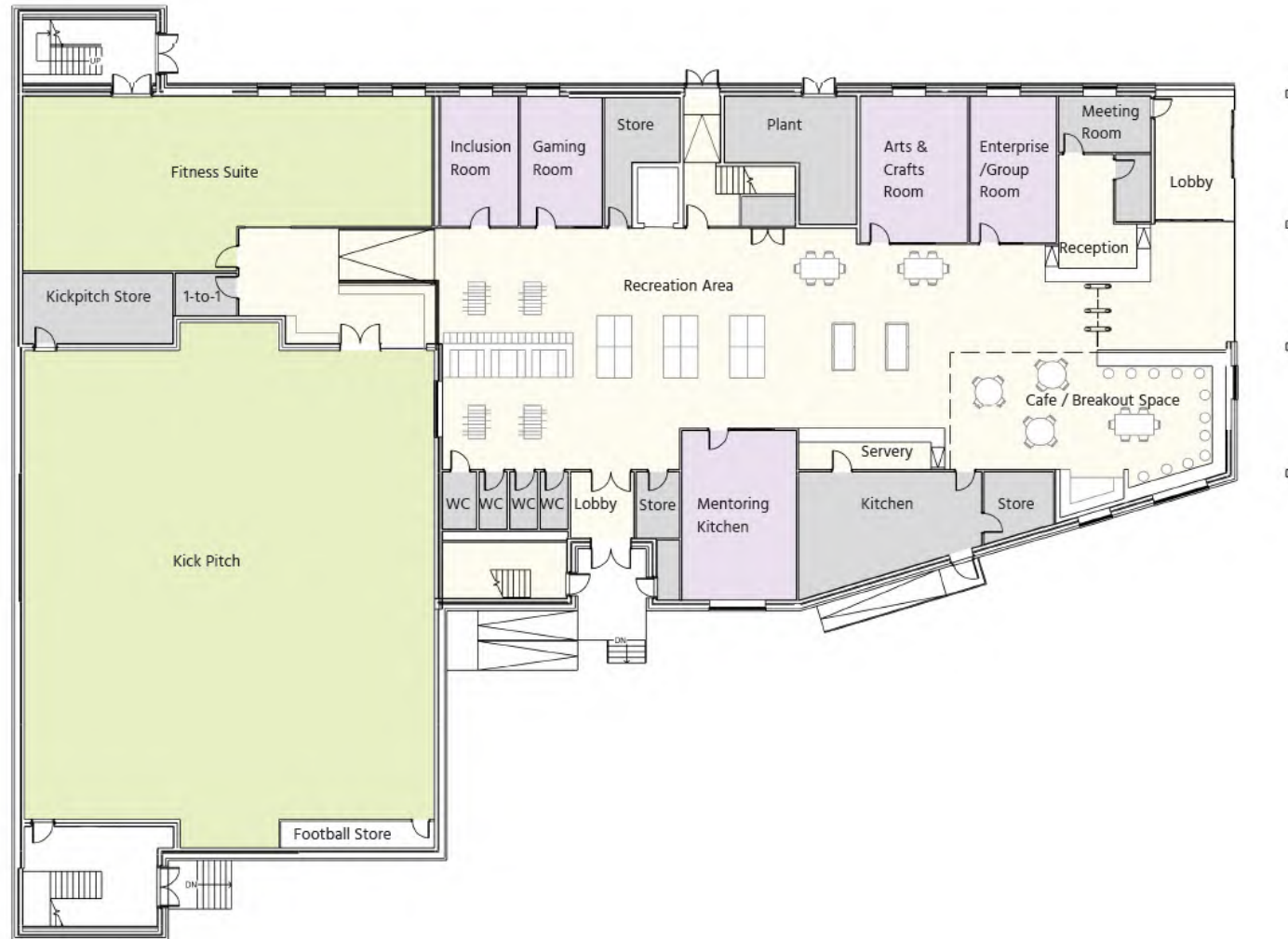
Planning Permission

- Reflects Bus station design
- Retains uniqueness
- Preston colours
- Makes a statement - Young people matter!
 - Reflected throughout the project





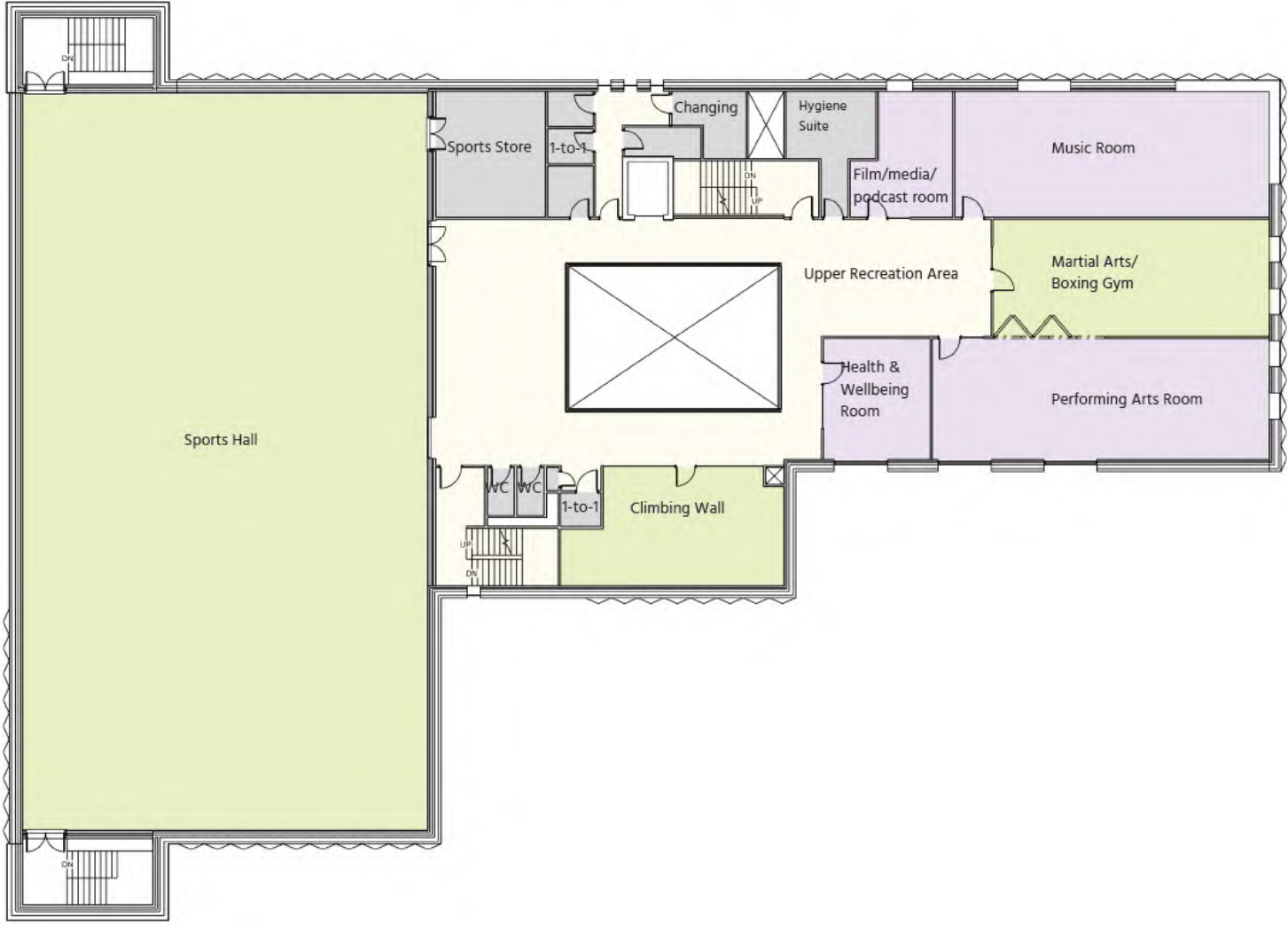
Proposed Ground floor



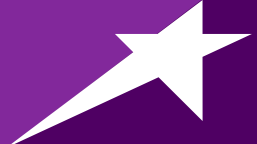
Proposed Ground Floor Plan



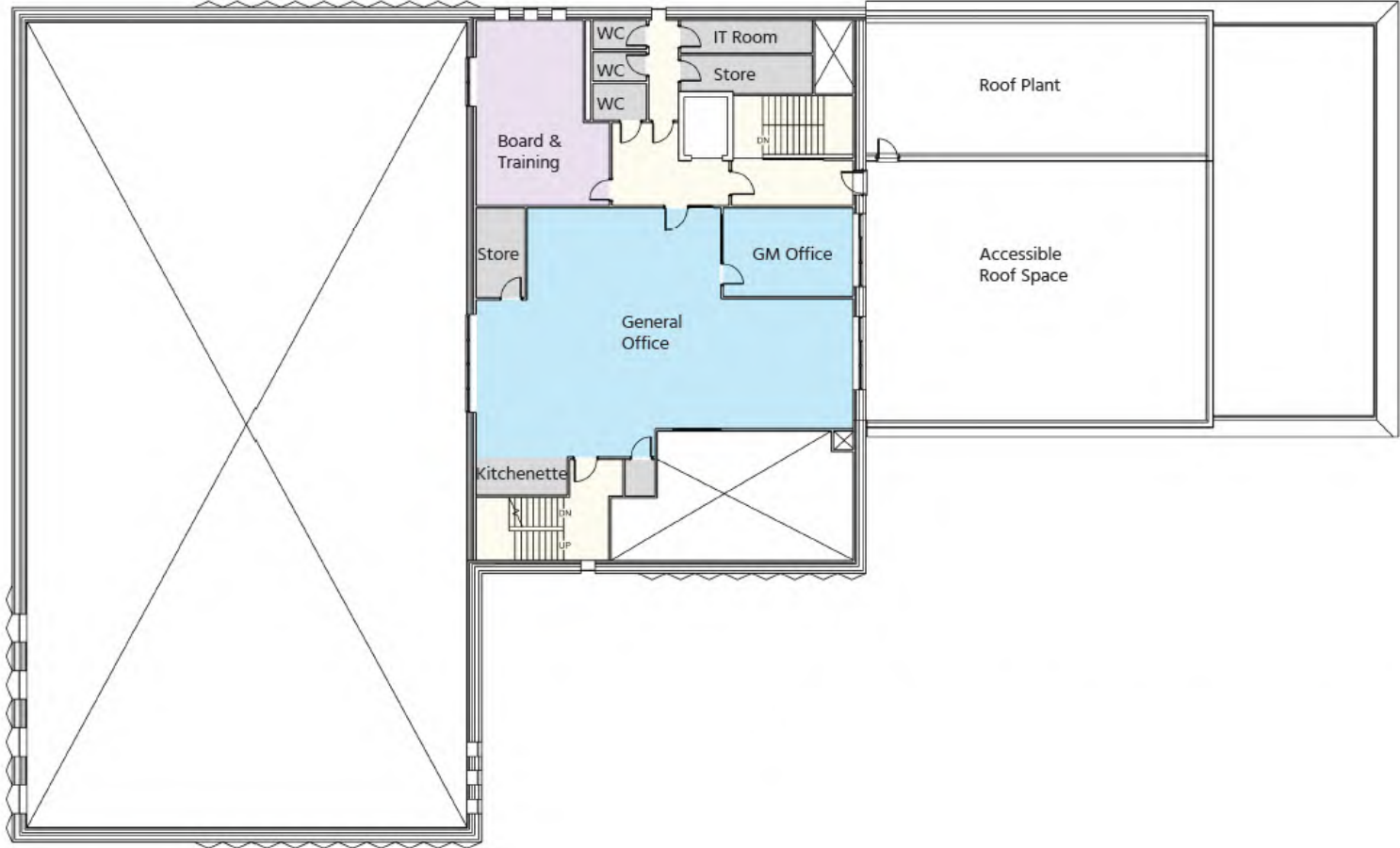
Proposed First floor



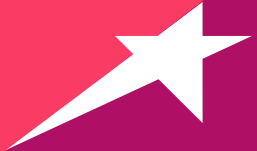
Proposed First Floor Plan



Proposed Second Floor



Proposed Second Floor Plan



Project Update

- Construction cost - £8.74m
- Total Capital Cost - £11.61m
- Programme - PC 27th June 2025
- Progress
 - Archaeological works complete
 - Reduce level dig commenced
 - Rock crushing commenced
 - Piling to begin shortly







A new brand

At the recent groundbreaking ceremony, young people unveiled Preston Youth Zone's new brand, Vault.

Over 2,000 of the city's young people voted on the name, which represents how the Youth Zone will be a safe space which can also propel them forwards in their lives.



VAULT
An **OnSide** Youth Zone



Next Steps

- Youth Zone steel frame erected
- CEO begins local recruitment drive
- Website and social media launch
- Community Engagement and member recruitment
- Youth Zone to open in Autumn 2025



THE PRESTON YOUTH ZONE MODEL

- We are building a growing movement of supporters who believe that how we treat the next generation defines who we are as a society.
- Collaboration is at the heart of everything we do and is the key to creating opportunities for tens of thousands of young people across the country.
- PrestonYouth Zone is a unique partnership between young people and their community, local authorities and private business leadership.



What Preston Youth Zone will offer...

- Four-court Sports Hall
- 3G pitch
- Boxing and Martial Arts Studio
- Gym
- Recreational Area
- Salon
- One-to-one support
- Music Room with Recording Studio
- Arts and Crafts
- Performing Arts
- Mentoring Kitchen
- Enterprise and Employability Workshops





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Preston Towns Fund Dashboard Reports

June 2024





Amounderness House



Amounderness House Monthly Update - June 2024

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Summary of the Month

- Stage 3 completed, cost plan currently over budget (circa £550k)
- Landlord Specification complete - early indications EPC rating of C confirmed
- PCSA / DMA agreed
- Value engineering options continuing to be reviewed
- Programme returned by Maple Grove Developments

Key Focus Next Month

- Continuation of Stage 4 design with value engineering the design to reduce the current budget position
- Finalise the legal / property focused issued such as the DM / Payment Process
- Stage 4 Cost report targeting September council meeting for approval
- VE Options to be finalised

Key Risks

Risk	Mitigation	RAG
Cost increases	Regular updates from the QS Team with any anticipated cost changes	Red
Lack of engagement from ENWL with regards hub station	Exhaust all avenues to find a key contact to ensure open dialogue with ENWL to avoid unknown delays	Yellow
Strip out works reveal more work is needed on structural elements than first anticipated	The strip out work being undertaken early gives PCC a better view of the buildings and allows informed decisions to be made	Green

Report Compiled by Project Lead

Who	Role / Responsibility
Matt Cowburn	PCC Client Rep

Towns Fund Contribution	Other Funding	Total Project Cost
£5,194,000	£2,055,386 (PCC)	£7,249,386

Actions Requiring PCC Action	Who	RAG
VE Options	PCC	Red
Confirm council meeting dates		Yellow

Key Programme Dates

Task	Start	End
RIBA Stage 3	Mar 23	Aug 23
Planning Application	Aug 23	Nov 23
RIBA Stage 4	Nov 23	Aug 24
Legals / Contract	Sep 24	Oct 24
Stage 5	Oct 24	July 26



Preston Youth Zone



Preston Youth Zone Monthly Update - June 2024

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Summary of the Month

- Archaeological investigation works now complete, free from material discoveries
- BREEAM works ongoing
- Pre-commencement planning condition complete
- Party wall agreement works ongoing

Key Focus Next Month

- Main site set up commences
- Site cabins to be installed on-site - removal of temporary site welfare
- Installation of permanent hoardings
- Full start on site

Key Risks

Risk	Mitigation	RAG
Unforeseen costs arise during construction period	Design and build principle mitigates risk of unforeseen costs falling on project	Amber
Delays in discharging the pre-commencement planning conditions cause delays on-site	Early submission of pre-commencement condition discharge application	Green
Shortage of materials which elongate construction period	Early and frequent communication with contractor	Amber

Report Compiled by Project Lead

Who	Role / Responsibility
Fiona Norcross	OnSide Project Lead

Towns Fund Contribution	Other Funding	Total Project Cost
CAP £5.3 million REV £	£7 million	£12.3 million

Actions Requiring PCC Action

None

Key Programme Dates

Task	Start	End
Planning Submission - to - Approval	25 Nov 2022	06 Jul 2023
Tender open; public portal	14 Jul 2023	06 Oct 2023
Agree contract sum	27 Nov 2023	22 Dec 2023
Possession of site	29 Feb 2024	24 Mar 2025
End of construction period		27 Jun 2025

Key Comms Messages

After over 2,000 votes, Preston Youth Zone was branded 'Vault' by young people from the city. We will soon create a website and social channels using 'Vault' and this will become the Youth Zone's official name.

This was announced by young people at the recent groundbreaking ceremony. Staff recruitment will continue later this year.

Throughout June, we had press coverage over two topics, the first being around artefacts being found on site and the groundbreaking:

Artefacts on site	Lancashire Post	https://www.lep.co.uk/news/politics/300-year-old-artefacts-discovered-beneath-site-of-preston-youth-zone-4667034
	Blog Preston	https://www.blogpreston.co.uk/2024/06/preston-youth-zone-work-unearths-old-mill-site-and-items-dating-back-300-years/
	BBC Radio Lancs	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQyZZ9JbMDY
Groundbreaking/ Brand reveal	Lancashire Post	https://www.lep.co.uk/news/new-name-for-prestons-youth-zone-is-revealed-as-construction-finally-begins-4680761
	Blog Preston	https://www.blogpreston.co.uk/2024/06/preston-youth-zone-to-be-called-vault-as-citys-young-people-put-spades-in-the-ground/
	BBC Radio Lancs	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnSztP_QAWQ

Aside from branding and Founder Patron announcements, the next key milestone for comms will be a build update once the steel frame is in place and young people designing site hoardings.

Preston Youth Zone Monthly Update - June 2024

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Progress Images



Animate



Animate Monthly Update - June 2024

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Summary of the Month

- The façade to Limehouse is complete, with Ringway and Tenterfield nearing completion
- The facade to the market hall is progressing well with the cladding being installed
- The internal partitioning is nearing completion, allowing the ceilings to the cinema and bowl to be installed
- The external works have commenced on Limehouse and Ringway

Key Focus Next Month

- Complete the façade to Tenterfield and Ringway
- Progress the S278 works
- Continue with the external works

Key Risks

Risk	Mitigation	RAG
Delay in S278 Agreement, resulting in delayed public realm works	S278 now approved	Green
The external works are progressing during the summer months, so less prone to adverse weather	Monitor the progression of the works and identify opportunities to improve the programme	
The minimum areas and critical dimensions aren't achieved	Regular check measurements to be undertaken	Yellow

Report Compiled by Project Lead

Who	Role / Responsibility
Nick Hague	Project Manager

Towns Fund Contribution	Other Funding	Total Project Cost
£3,430,000	£41,404,000	£45,834,000

Actions Requiring PCC Action

Key Programme Dates

Task	Start	End
Complete facade		Jul 2024
Power On		May 2024
Commence S278 Works	24 Jun 2024	
Practical completion	28 Oct 2024	

Animate Monthly Update - June 2024

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Animate Monthly Update - June 2024

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Illuminate & Integrate



Illuminate & Integrate Monthly Update - June 2024

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Summary of the Month

Part 1 I & I:

- TRO/S.278 now approved and works have commenced

Part 2 I & I:

- PCC chasing 1 outstanding consent from a property owner' on market street for wall lantern
- Design and planning pack submitted for planning consent.
- Design meetings reestablished to progress the tender pack

Key Focus Next Month

- Part 1 I & I progress works on site
- Part 2 I & I: Chase outstanding property owner's consent to lantern on the property on Market Street/ Cheapside
- Part 2 I & I: Monitor planning application
- Part 2 I & I: TRO consultation and TRO process to be progressed, with application to be submitted to LCC
- Communications: Website update on feedback from consultation and planning

Key Risks

Risk	Mitigation	RAG
LERG grant agreement not formally entered into with LCC	LCC and PCC are progressing	Green
TRO and S.278 Agreements submission and approval	Early engagement with LCC	Red

Report Compiled by Project Lead

Who	Role / Responsibility
Julie Palmer	Project Lead

Towns Fund Contribution	Other Funding	Total Project Cost
£1.4M	£130k PCC £800k LERG	£2.3M

Actions Requiring PCC Action

Following TF Board approval in September 2022 to a change in outputs, a request for a Projects Adjustment was made to LCC, in relation to the LERG Grant. This has been approved by LCC and draft agreement issued for finalising.

LERG grant agreement to be finalised and signed

Key Programme Dates

Task	Start	End
S.278 Agreements (Part 1)	Feb 2023	May 2023
Public consultation (Part 2)	Nov 2023	Dec 2023
Planning (Part 2)	Aug 2024	Aug 2024
TRO (Part 2)	Sept 2024	Oct 2024
S.278 Agreements (Part 2)	Sep 2024	Feb 2025
Start on site / End Completion date Part 1 and Part 2	P1 Jun 2024 P2 Mar 2025	P1 Oct 2024 P2 Jun 2025

Illuminate & Integrate Monthly Update - June 2024

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Key Comms Messages

Public engagement / information exercise - Autumn 2024

Harris Your Place



Harris Your Place Monthly Update - June 2024

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Summary of the Month

- Internal scaffolding removed apart from access and localised crash deck protection
- Internal lighting install progressing throughout
- Design approach to loggia infill being progressed
- Fit Out team now in stand down until September/December 2024

Key Focus Next Month

- Air Handling units installed
- Decoration finishes
- Roof works complete
- Changing Places Unit installed and registered.

Key Risks

Risk	Mitigation	RAG
Long Term economic and supply problems in the construction sector causing increased uncertainty in programme and prices	Market testing of key cost items. Include sufficient allowances in cost estimate and contingency. Regular review. Early communication with contractors. Two-stage procurement approach	Red
Programme overrun; delays occur - incurring additional costs	Regular review of programme and mitigation measures taken as required	
Lack of coordination / coordination issues between different project elements (in particular between Conlon and BECK on site)	Communication between work streams. Workshops to take place. Reviews at Project Team Meetings and additional meetings as required. Regular monitoring	

Report Compiled by Project Lead

Who	Role / Responsibility
Tim Joel	Project Lead

Towns Fund Contribution	Other Funding	Total Project Cost
£4.1	£12.1	£16.2

Actions Requiring PCC Action

Key Programme Dates

Task	Start	End
Capital works start on site	Aug 2022	Apr 2024
Interpretation programme and costs agreed	Dec 2022	Apr 2023
Interpretation off site period	Apr 2023	Apr 2024
Interpretation on site period	Sep 2024	Mar 2025
Opening (NOT PUBLIC - OPENING IN SPRING 2025 IS THE PUBLIC COMMS LINE)		May 2025

Progress Images



Progress Images





Educate Preston

Educate Preston (CEIAG) Monthly Update - June 2024

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Summary of the Month

- Staff uniforms and merchandise procured and received.
- Mobile Exhibition stand procured and received - mobile IT kit to be procured.
- Draft launch advertising plan developed - to be agreed with partners, following contract signature.
- *Website / online platform draft content complete and URL purchased - please see below.

Key Focus Next Month

- Finalise contractual agreements.
- *Website / online platform ready to go live / publish, bar final partner content sign off, addition of Privacy Statement and inclusion of agreed TF branding.
- Continue to identify potential locations for mobile solution and calendar of events, noting initial anchor mobile site secured in Fishergate Shopping Centre (Martin Property Group agreed).
- Launch comms with Limitless PR and PCC.

Key Risks

Risk	Mitigation	RAG

Report Compiled by Project Lead

Who	Role / Responsibility
Gareth Jackson	Project Lead

Town's Fund Contribution	Other Funding	Total Project Cost
£156,800	£90,000	£246,800

Actions Requiring PCC Action

UCLan to share details of prior spend for PCC approval with final contract signature.

Key Programme Dates

Task	Start	End
Finalise contractual agreements	Jul 2024	
Agree Launch Comms	Jul 2024	



Key Comms Messages

Currently liaising with PCC and Limitless comms.

Monitoring & Evaluation



M&E Update

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HARRIS QUARTER
Towns Fund Investment
Programme

Comms

Limitless PR



Comms

- Three new pieces of coverage and a slight increase in estimated views and engagement
- Consistent social media engagement across the projects



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Towns Fund Communications

Media coverage December 2022 - to date



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Summary



140

Pieces of Coverage

Total number of online, offline and social clips in this book



276M

Audience

Combined total of publication-wide audience figures for all outlets featuring coverage



2.17M

Estimated Views

Prediction of lifetime views of coverage, based on audience reach & engagement rate on...



2.73K

Engagements

Combined total of likes, comments and shares on social media platforms



61

Avg. Domain Authority

A 0-100 measure of the authority of the site coverage appears on. Provided by Moz



99

Max. Domain Authority

A 0-100 measure of the authority of the site coverage appears on. Provided by Moz



17

Social Posts

Number of posts on social media channels such as Instagram, Twitter and...



17

Twitter Posts

Number of Tweets posted on Twitter



5

Offline Pieces

Amount of coverage featured in print publications & broadcast channels



118

Online Pieces

Amount of coverage published on websites, blogs and online outlets



2.15M

Est. Online Views

Prediction of lifetime views of online coverage, based on audience reach & number of...



17.1K

Est. Social Views

Prediction of lifetime views of social posts, based on audience reach and...



2.63K

Social Shares

Number of times the online articles have been shared on social media



30

Twitter Retweets

Number of times the posts have been Retweeted on Twitter



83

Twitter Shares

Number of times the online articles have been shared on Twitter



78

Twitter Likes

Number of times the posts have been liked on Twitter



2.54K

Facebook Shares

Number of times the online articles have been shared on Facebook



276M

Online Readership

Combined total number of people that visit the websites featuring coverage



45.3K

Offline Audience

Combined total number of people for Print/TV/Radio

Coverage





140 pieces



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Andrew Proud, centre, of Aqua Pura, and new kit

Economy
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Carlisle United FC has revealed its new kit for the 2024-25 season and Cumbrian natural mineral water brand Aqua Pura as its shirt sponsor.

Produced by Manchester-based Umbro the kits went on sale this week. The home shirt was inspired by the kit worn during the 1974/75 season in the top flight, and former-players Tom Clarke, Les O'Neill, Bobby Owen and Ray Train were invited to Brunton Park to take part in the kit launch photos.

Aqua Pura, owned by Roxane UK, employs more than 100 local people at its Armathwaite bottling plant, many of whom are enthusiastic and dedicated supporters of Carlisle United. The natural mineral water brand has been the team's short sponsor for the past three years and it will continue to be the Official Water Supplier for the team.

Aqua Pura marketing manager, Terri Cooper, said: "We're so proud of Carlisle United that we put our name on it. We're chuffed to extend our support of Carlisle United by becoming next season's official shirt sponsor. Our Eden Valley colleagues and their families are passionate fans of the team and regularly attend matches to cheer them on. which they'll now do with added

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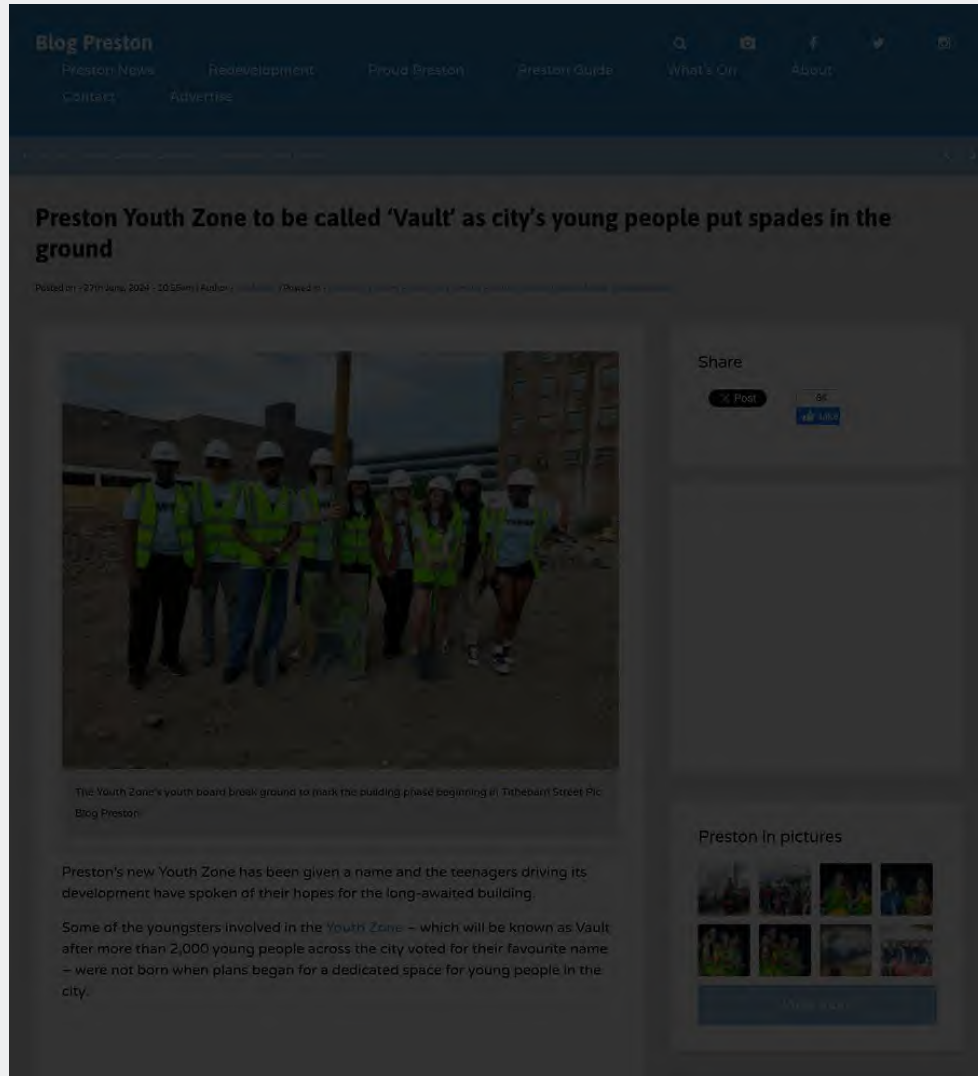
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The screenshot shows the article page on the Lancashire Evening Post website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the site logo and social media icons. Below that is a news ticker with various headlines. The main article title is "New name for Preston's Youth Zone is revealed - as construction finally begins". The author is Catherine Musgrove, and the article was published on June 26, 2024. There is a "Comment" button. A newsletter sign-up box is visible on the right side of the article. At the bottom, there is a red banner for "Shots!" and a paragraph of text starting with "Construction is underway on Preston Youth Zone, which also has a new name following a city-wide vote of over 2,000 young people." The article text continues: "The Youth Zone's development group, consisting of young people from across Preston, had created two brands for others to choose between. They revealed the winning name to be Vault, ahead of a special groundbreaking ceremony at city centre site today."

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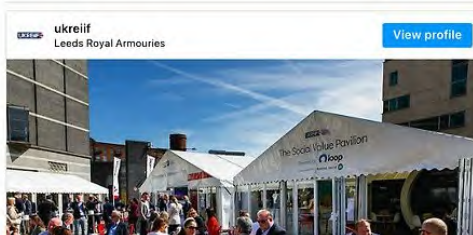
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A local artist's homage to the history and culture of Preston has been completed at the city's £45m-plus Animate leisure complex, one of six major projects planned under the Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme.

Maple Grove Developments, the local developer delivering the project for Preston City Council, commissioned local artist Bonnie Craig to create a pattern for Animate's metal façade cladding, which wraps the top third of the leisure complex. These distinctive bronze coloured cladding panels form a key feature in its design.

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Pete Burns, who has run his book stall for more than 30 years, says he is happy about the return of Friday trading

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An outdoor market in a city centre is to begin trading on a Friday again.

The move brings Preston Outdoor Market "back in line" with its traditional trading days of Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, the council said.

The stalls beneath the historical Victorian canopy range from books and flowers to household goods.



Pete Burns, who has run his book stall on the market since 1991, said he "could not be happier" about the return of Friday trading.



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Salford City Council has approved plans for 71 new affordable homes in Little Hulton.

The new homes will be built by partnerships developer, Stonebond, and Great Places Housing Group, one of the North West's largest housing providers.

The homes will be offered in Shared Ownership and Affordable Rent tenures and will be built to M4(2) accessibility standards, making them accessible to a range of future occupants. Two homes will be delivered to further enhanced M4(3) wheelchair user accessibility standards to meet an identified need for that type of accommodation locally. Additionally, the development will provide a new area of open space and a local area of play.

The two partners will provide £275,000 in financial contributions to help improve local infrastructure, including two new pedestrian crossings on Manchester Road West which will enhance pedestrian safety in the area.

This project is the latest development that Stonebond and Great Places are currently bringing forward. In 2023 the two

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Artist's Animate design echoes city's heritage

By Laurence Kilgannon
3 May 2024



Bonnie Craig (Image credit: Preston City Council)

A local artist's homage to the history and culture of Preston has been completed at the city's £45m-plus Animate leisure complex.

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Bonnie Craig in front of her metal façade cladding design.


An artist's homage to the history and culture of Preston has been completed at the city's £45 million [Animate leisure complex](#) which towers over the [Market Hall](#).

Bonnie Craig was commissioned by Maple Grove Developments, the developer delivering the project for Preston City Council, to create a pattern from the Animate's metal façade cladding.

The cladding wraps around the top of the leisure complex, with a distinctive bronze panel forming a key feature in the design.

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The Animate site looking from Orchard Street Pic: Blog Preston


A key moment in the development of the new cinema and leisure complex in Preston city centre has been reached.

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By **Tim Aldred**
18 Mar 2024



A topping out ceremony has been held to mark the highest point of the build at Preston's £45m Animate leisure complex.

The project, anchored by an eight-screen cinema, is a key part of Preston's £200m city centre regeneration and one of six financed by the Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme.

Animate is being brought forward by Maple Grove Developments, part of Preston-based contractor Eric Wright Group, in partnership with Preston City Council.

The leisure complex is being built on the site of the former indoor market and car park and due to open to the public in early 2025.

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By Alice Bird
19 Mar 2024



The attendees of the topping out ceremony. (Photo credit: Maple Grove Developments)

A significant milestone has been reached at Preston's £45m Animate leisure complex.

A topping out ceremony has been held to mark the highest point of the build, which is one of six major projects planned under Preston's Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme.

The complex is being built on the site of the former indoor market and car park, and is being brought forward by Maple Grove Developments - part of Preston-based contractor Eric Wright Group, in partnership with Preston City Council.

It is expected to open to the public in early 2025.

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Animate, the £45m Preston leisure complex, has celebrated its topping out.

The scheme is one of six major projects planned under Preston's Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme.

Preston was awarded £20.9m from the Government's national Towns Fund initiative in March 2021, and the Harris Quarter is a unique part of the city centre undergoing a £200m investment programme to transform its historic buildings, sites and public realm into a diverse culture, leisure and employment offering.

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Almost fully pre-let, Animate will feature an eight-screen cinema, 16-lane bowling alley with gaming zone, five family restaurant units, a food hall, public realm, a competitive socialising unit and 164-space basement car park, with national leisure brands including



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Preston's historic phone boxes to get a spruce up
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Preston's iconic red phone boxes in the city centre are set for a spruce up.

The row of nine cast iron kiosks is the longest line of historic red phone boxes in the UK.

They were designed by British architect Sir Giles Gilbert Scott to mark the Silver Jubilee of the Coronation of King George V in 1935 and are Grade Two listed.

Over the years they have been vandalised and fallen into a state of disrepair, but now Preston City Council is bidding to fully restore them thanks to money from the Towns Fund and Council, and has asked for Listed Building Consent.

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Preston's famous red telephone boxes, targeted by vandals, set for renovation

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Row of traditional red telephone boxes on Market Street.

Preston's famous row of red telephone boxes – the longest in the UK – is set to be temporarily removed next year so that the run-down kiosks can be renovated before potentially being given a new lease of life by local artists.

The condition of the nine Grade II-listed facilities – which line Market Street, alongside the former main post office building – has deteriorated since being disconnected around a decade ago.

Stripped of their sole purpose, the boxes have also become a target for vandals, while attempts to reinvent them as miniature food-and-drink outlets have come to nothing.


Read more: [24-hour weather warning in place for Preston this week](#)

[Preston City Council acquired the iconic kiosks in 2021 and intended to put them "to creative use" as one of six pop-up projects to be delivered in the Harris Quarter, backed by cash awarded under the government's Towns Fund.](#)

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Chris Merriman, left, Barry Williams

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The Manufacturers Network has joined forces with Kaizen Impact Coaching to deliver the Productivity and Capability Energiser programme (PaCE). The new partnership provides manufacturing leaders and their management teams with 15 days of intensive targeted support from two specialist coaches over a five-month period. It is designed to help them improve manufacturing productivity by optimising processes, maximising value, standardising work and strengthening leadership.

Participants will build capability and make improvements using proven Kaizen techniques including value stream mapping, process observation and practical problem solving. They will also attain the Lean Competency System (LCS) accreditation from Cardiff University.

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After falling into disrepair and suffering vandalism, a new art project has been announced

By Izzy Hawksworth & Paul Britton Reporter

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Designed by British architect Sir Giles Gilbert Scott 1935, the cast iron kiosks form the longest line of the much-loved red telephone boxes in the UK.

Situated outside the former head post office on Market Street, they were acquired by Preston City Council in 2021.

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Amounderness House currently stands empty Pic: Paul Swarbrick

A historic Preston building has moved a step closer to being brought back to life after more than 20 years lying idle in the heart of the city centre.

Councillors have given the go-ahead to the conversion of the former magistrates' court building, Amounderness House, into an office and retail facility.



The revamp of the Grade II-listed structure – which fronts Lancaster Road, Earl Street and Birley Street – has been on the cards since it formed part of Preston's

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Go-ahead for £7.4m transformation of former Magistrates' Court Plans to transform Preston's Grade II-listed former magistrates' court into offices and retail space as part of a £7.4m scheme have been approved. Amounderness House will undergo a refurbishment and is one of six major projects planned under Preston's Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme, for which the city was awarded £20.9m from the Government's national Towns Fund initiative in March 2021. Harris Quarter is a unique area of Preston undergoing a £200m investment programme to transform its historic buildings, sites and public realm into a diverse culture, leisure and employment offering, with Amounderness House located beside the £45m Animate cinema and leisure complex, which is under construction and due to open in spring 2025. The refurbishment of Amounderness House, originally built in 1857 as a police station with several holding cells, will be transformed into a high quality modern, flexible, multi-use workspace hub that Workspace will operate. Designed by FWP Architects, the sympathetic refurbishment of the building will create 26 offices of circa 645 sq ft, and four craft or retail studios. In addition, the existing courtyard will be updated and open for public use. Maple Grove Developments is working with Preston City Council and Workspace as project/development manager to deliver the project. Chair of Preston's Towns Fund Strategic Board, John Chesworth, said: "It's fantastic to see this magnificent building being brought back into use as it will help stimulate business, cultural, and community uses in Preston city centre. We are making significant progress in regenerating the Harris Quarter and seeing a ripple effect of interest in what Preston is achieving as an attractive place to live, work and play." Leader of Preston City Council, Cllr Matthew Brown, said: "On the back of this excellent news, we can transform Amounderness House and capitalise on this asset being in public ownership and using it to support growing local businesses. Furthermore, in line with our Community Wealth Building principles, we're working with Preston-based Workspace to run this important heritage asset as it helps boost our economy." Nik Putnam, senior development manager with Maple Grove Developments, said: "Bringing new purpose to older buildings like Amounderness House is rewarding, and we're looking forward to starting the transformation of this superb historic building. Renovating listed buildings comes with its challenges, especially one that has been vacant for so long, but when completed, it will complement other projects in the Harris Quarter and be an economic driver for the city centre." Rizwan Seth, managing director of Workspace, said: "The Workspace team are looking forward to welcoming Amounderness House into our flexible office space portfolio. The addition of a high quality city centre provision complements the existing business centre offering across the North West." Neil Ainsworth, partner at Preston-based FWP, said: "We welcome the approval of the plans for Amounderness House which means this flagship project for the city centre can move ahead." Smith & Love Planning Consultants submitted the application on behalf of Preston City Council and the wider project team for Amounderness House includes Cowburn-Watson Box, SCP Transport, Eden Heritage, E3P, TRP Consulting, and Graham Schofield Associates.

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Go ahead for refurb of former magistrates court

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The £7.4m refurbishment of a grade II-listed former magistrates court in Preston has been approved.

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£7.4M REFURBISHMENT OF FORMER MAGISTRATES COURT GIVEN GREEN LIGHT

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By **Tim Aldred**
06 Nov 2023



A £7.4m project to transform Preston's Grade II Listed former magistrates court into offices and retail space has received planning approval.

The refurbishment is being led by Preston City Council and is one of six major projects planned under the Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme, for which the city was awarded £20.9m from the government's national Towns Fund initiative in March 2021.

The refurbishment of Amounderness House, originally built in 1857 as a police station with several holding cells, will be transformed into a high-quality modern, flexible, multi-use workspace hub that Wkspc will operate.

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Preston planners approve Amounderness House revamp

Proposals for the transformation of the Grade II listed former magistrates' court in Preston have been given the go-ahead by the city council.

Amounderness House will undergo a £7.4m refurbishment designed by architectural firm FWP.

The redevelopment will see the premises, originally built in 1857 as a police station with several holding cells, turned into 26 offices of 645 sq ft each and four craft or retail studios. Upon completion, it will be operated by North West-based office provider Wkspace.

In addition, the existing courtyard will be updated and open for public use.

The project is one of six planned under Preston's Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme, for which the city was awarded £20.9m from the government's national Towns Fund initiative in March 2021.

Maple Grove Developments is working with the council to deliver the project.

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Plans for Amounderness House form part of Preston's £200m Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme. Credit: via planning documents

Amounderness House revamp, £7m Preston holiday park approved

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The city council will breathe new life into the grade two-listed building to create a coworking office complex in the city's Market Quarter, while developer GHV can now progress with its plans to transform Goosnargh Golf Club into a luxury resort.

Preston City Council approved its own plans to bring Amounderness House back into use, along with GHV's Garstang holiday park, at its planning committee meeting yesterday. These decisions were made in line with officer recommendations.

Amounderness House

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Amounderness House, which sits on the corner of Lancaster Road and Earl Street, will be transformed under the city council's plans to secure the future of the former courthouse.

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Consistent unified vision

Public-private partnerships are commonplace across the North West and come with multiple challenges. Alex Bell lifts the lid on how complexities are simplified by speaking to people driving forward development

Most importantly, there has to be an alignment of interest and I think that's the challenge that public-private partnerships face."

The words of Andrew Antoniadou, head of lending at CBRE, which specialises in operational efficiencies that make public-private partnerships successful.

"I think it's less about the structure because the tail should wag the dog," adds Antoniadou, who runs the North West Evergreen Fund.

"What's important is that it works and it delivers something. For things to work, the goal has to be clear."

No wonder when the government aims to build 500,000 new homes per annum to meet housing needs, be carbon neutral by 2050 (either in some cases, towns and regions) and has made £3.6bn available through the Towns Fund for town centre renews - and to level up.

Public-private partnerships are plentiful in the North West. 17 million sq ft of prime land for development at Aom Valley, the £250m Stockport 8, just west of the Ring Road (M60) and the £250m Stockport 8, just west of the Ring Road (M60) and the £250m Stockport 8, just west of the Ring Road (M60).



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and the English Cities Fund (ECF) and the Lancashire Central Area Carden by Lancashire County Council and its development partner Maple Grove Developments, which could create up to 5,000 full-time jobs, just three live public-private partnerships (PPP) examples.

Preston's rise to prominence has been Preston Towns Fund Chair for four years and led the partnership to a £255m award that has been funding projects in the city centre since 2021.

"Wembley is the biggest new-build project we've had in Preston in decades and it's going to be a real driver for repositioning the city centre," says Chaworth. "We know that retail in every urban centre is struggling and people are going to turn around anytime soon. Hubs, have changed and cities and towns have to reposition their assets. We're bringing city centres online back and high-quality food and beverage which signifies a real sea change."

"There's also the 'Third Zone' which will bring in a world-class centre for young



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people in the city centre. When it's complete, it will bring long-term benefits for young people and the future of Preston."

The Youth Zone is expected to open in 2025 and there's plenty more happening in Preston – the 2021 Towns Fund award being a catalyst.

But what has Cheshire's learnt about effective public-private partnerships?

"There's a heck of a lot of bureaucracy and red tape that the public sector has to deal with – and Preston City Council is good at it. I've no doubt that the public sector has learned about the private sector's entrepreneurial side."

"It has enabled better relationships between the public and the private sector. And it will allow us going forward to work much more collaboratively on bigger projects."

Karen Hest is managing director of Maple Grove Developments, development partner at Preston's Animate.

She says: "For any partnership to work, there needs to be a good relationship with trust and a common goal."

"That's true of both formal and informal partnerships with the public sector, private businesses and within local communities – it is about creating places where people want to work, live and visit. For those to be effective places of change it is vital to have the input, support and involvement of not only the local authorities but the wider community."

PPP brings Prestwich's long wait (almost) to an end

Plans to create a new beating heart in Prestwich to the tune of £100m are alive and kicking.

Part of the town centre will be redeveloped, providing a 37,000 sq ft community centre, a multi-storey car park and 200 homes.

Alongside Bury Council, Mase has been progressing the project since 2021 – and is currently in consultation with local stakeholders to further shape plans.

Phil Marsden, managing director, North West at Mase, said: "Prestwich is such a positive scheme and we're lucky to be working with Bury Council. As we are when we work with other authorities including Stockport, Oldham and St Helens."

"We've been working on Salford Central and more recently the Crozier's for 20 years now. That's a brilliant case study for

what a PPP can do. We've turned surface car parks into thriving new places. There's a whole host of reasons why that's been so successful, but we've developed a really good honest trust in our relationship with the council. We both share the same long-term view and vision."

"We signed an agreement with Salford City Council on Salford Central in around 2006,



"We understand their challenges, they understand ours."

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if you think about all the things that have happened since, including a major recession, Brexit, Covid and the shift in how climate change is dealt with. They weren't written into the agreement, we've just dealt with it together. We understand their challenges, they understand ours and we have projects like Eden which is an exemplary project in the country."

"Mismatches can be wonderful"

Antoniades uses a simple example to explain how the Evergreen Fund functions. "We might put £10m out on a loan. Three years later, we get it back with interest and

we invest it again. It increases the size of the fund. A scheme has been delivered, jobs created and a business has been attached to the area that may have gone overseas or elsewhere."

Current headline figures for the Evergreen include a £22m investment to date, £80m COV delivered and £32m business rates per annum.

"Evergreen is owned by Greater Manchester but with a total of 16 local authorities, and they want to see things happen," says Antoniades.

"One of the beautiful things about the public sector is that it doesn't have to think like the private sector."

"I think that kind of risk of mismatch needs to be guarded against. We should remember that a mismatch is a wonderful thing in this context as you get the best of both worlds."

Antoniades couldn't think there is a market quite like the North West for developers. He adds: "The bigger ones like Buntwood, Peel and Allied London, and many others including smaller ones, have a passion and know their schemes inside out."

"It's the can-do spirit really, negotiating and that's why the stuff we fund with Evergreen always comes good."

"The developers form really good alliances with money outside the region and internationally as well which is super impressive."

One voice singing together

Cheshire isn't finished explaining the benefits of PPP.

"We're confident that we are going to complete all the projects in the time frames," he says. "We're taking the benefits we have realised from the Towns Fund into forming much closer relationships between Preston City Council, Lancashire County Council, the University of Central Lancashire and the newly formed Preston Partnership."

"What PPP allows you to do is have difficult conversations between closed doors, agree what the strategy is, and then sing with one voice together."

External investors are looking at whether a place has a consistent vision and whether they are united. If we aren't together we are not going to fulfil the ambitions we have for Preston."

"It's not other towns and cities, get started on it. Preston is a long way behind places such as Manchester but we have started."



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The city council is hoping to secure the future of the former courthouse on the corner of Lancaster Road and Earl Street with its plans for the property, which has lain vacant for 20 years.

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The Harris Museum's refurbishment has so far contributed more than £3million, 286 jobs and 500 apprentice days to the local economy.

The £16m Harris Your Place project has so far seen £3,479,212 spent within PR postcodes with local supply chain companies.



286 local people within a 30 mile radius have worked on the project which has also generated more than 500 apprentice days to date.

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Economic impact of museum project revealed

By Laurence Kilgannon
10 Oct 2023

Conton Construction, the construction company behind the regeneration of Preston's iconic Harris Museum, has detailed how the project is helping to boost the local economy.

The £16m Harris Your Place project, which Preston-based Conton Construction is the principal contractor on and is generating approximately £9m of work, has so far involved £3.5m being spent within PR postcodes with local supply chain companies.

In addition, 286 local people within a 30-mile radius have worked on the project which has also generated more than 500 apprentice days to-date.

Under the Harris Your Place project, the grade I-listed museum, art gallery and library, are being refurbished to enhance and protect the building for future generations. It is one of six major projects within the £200m Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme.

Cllr Matthew Brown, leader of Preston City Council, said: "Seeing these economic benefits being delivered by our ambitious but realistic investment programme was central to our thinking.

"We wanted to ensure that our regeneration of Preston would enhance our economy by using a community wealth-building approach to target spend on local business and employ local people many of whom live in Preston. It's heartening to see our objectives come to fruition and pay dividends socially and economically. This once again is the Preston Model in action."

Chair of Preston's Towns Fund Strategic Board, John Chesworth, added: "When designing the Towns Fund Investment Programme, we wanted to ensure that local people and businesses would benefit from the transformation of the city's key assets in the Harris Quarter.

"The projects now being delivered are creating real economic impact, and we're only at the start of what we're looking to achieve."

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Conlon Construction chairman Michael Conlon added: "As a proud Prestonian business, it's imperative that our supply chain draws from the wealth of outstanding people on our very doorstep.

"Some of our longest supplier relationships are with local businesses who possess the same passion for excellence and the specialist skillsets that heritage projects like the Harris require. The works taking place on this much-loved city landmark are a prime example of delivering true economic benefit through employment, apprenticeships, training, work experience and more."

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A CGI of what the completed library at Harris Museum will look like (Image credit: Conlon)

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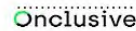
HARRIS FACE-LIFT GIVES LOCAL BUSINESSES A HELPING HAND

The refurbishment of The Harris has so far given a £3.5m boost to the Central Lancashire economy, according to the firm leading the project. Bamber Bridge-based Conlon Construction says that of the £9m worth of work that the company is delivering on the E10m scheme, more than third has so far been spent with suppliers with a PR postcode. Meanwhile, 286 people based within a 50-mile radius of the site have worked on the project - and more than 500 apprentice days have been generated to date. Preston City Council leader Matthew Brown says that the spending stats reflect the aim of the authority to retain wealth within the local economy - the so-called 'Preston Model'. "Seeing these economic benefits being delivered by our ambitious, but realistic, investment programme was central to our thinking. "We wanted to ensure

that our regeneration of Preston would enhance our economy by using a community wealth-building approach to target spend on local business and employ local people, many of whom live in Preston. "It's heartening to see our objectives come to fruition and pay dividends socially and economically. This, once again, is the Preston Model in action," Coun Brown claimed. Conlon Construction chair Michael Conlon said that there were plenty of options when it came to looking for local companies to help complete the project. "As a proud Prestonian business, it's imperative that our supply chain draws from the wealth of outstanding people on our very doorstep. "Some of our longest supplier relationships are with local businesses who possess the same passion for excellence and the specialist skillsets that heritage projects like the

Harris require. "The works taking place on this much-loved city landmark are a prime example of delivering true economic benefit through employment, apprenticeships, training, work experience and more," Michael added. The remotivation is one of six Preston projects being partially funded by a share of the £20.9m allocated to the city under the government's Towns Fund. John Chesworth, chair of the Preston Towns Fund Strategic Board, said of the local spending figures: "When designing the Towns Fund Investment Programme, we wanted to ensure that local people and businesses would benefit from the transformation of the city's key assets in the Harris Quarter. "The projects now being delivered are creating real economic impact, and we're only at the start of what we're looking to achieve."

The Harris had been set to reopen next year - but not anymore



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Duke Street Market Food & Drink Market, located in Liverpool city centre, has welcomed new trader, Picar, to its vibrant food scene.

Picar, spearheaded by the creative minds behind renowned kitchens such as Bone & Block and Barnacle, brings a fresh twist to traditional Spanish cuisine with its small plates concept. The ethos of putting a modern spin on classic Spanish dishes permeates every aspect of the dining experience, it says.

Founder, Harry Marquart, said the new kitchen would focus on 'Spanish home cooking.'

The culinary team has drawn inspiration from a treasure trove of authentic Spanish recipes collected by Marquart and Picar's chefs, drawing inspiration from their recent travels across Spain. Marquart said: "As part of Project Picar, our team has dedicated extensive time to delve into the world of Spain's renowned artists and their exceptional creative methods, with a particular focus on the works of Picasso."

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Bonnie Craig with the tenthooks design for the cinema cladding

A Preston artist has designed the cladding being used for the city's new cinema complex.

Bonnie Craig was commissioned by developers Maple Grove to create the pattern for the [Animate Cinema](#).

Bonnie took her inspiration from the cinema's location, in Tenterfield Street.

Read more: [Animate Cinema complex to now open in 2025](#)

Its name comes from the tenter fields, where outdoor frames held the woven fabric as part of the production process.

Bonnie, who recently completed glass artwork for the University of Central Lancashire's student centre, said: "When asked to create designs that explored the area around the Animate site, I was intrigued by the interesting shape and name of Tenterfield Street, as well as the art-deco style design of Lancaster House on one

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Ceremonial coins added to Preston’s Animate steelwork

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L-R Mike Costello, Matt Friedmann, Cllr Yakub Patel and Nick Hague

To mark the progress of Preston’s £45m+ Animate leisure complex, two ceremonial coins have been added to the construction project’s steelwork.

A 50p Windrush coin, which celebrates 75 years since HMT Empire Windrush docked in England, and a £5 coin to mark the coronation of King Charles III were installed by the Mayor of Preston, Councillor Yakub Patel.

Read more: [Steelwork being installed at Preston’s Animate leisure scheme](#)

Cllr Yakub Patel said: “As we mark the progress of the Animate, we thought it appropriate also to acknowledge significant events during its construction.

“The coins are a simple way of acknowledging what’s happened in society and how citizens to royalty have contributed to shaping British culture.”

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By Robyn Hewson 26 Sep 2023



Simon Lawrence (Image credit: Guezelian)

The director of growth and regeneration at Lancashire County Council has told an *Insider* event that the local authority is in conversation with government about a level two devolution deal, adding that the county was working hard to "secure a new relationship with government and funding that will come with that".

Simon Lawrence was speaking at Insider's Preston: Right Place, Right Time breakfast event, sponsored by Maple Grove Developments, Invest Preston and Preston Partnership.

He said Preston is "crucial to the success of the county".

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Impressive brutalism? Oh yes. Preston bus station was built by Ove Arup and Partners in the Brutalist architectural style between 1968 and 1969, to a design by Keith Ingham and Charles Wilson of Building Design Partnership with E. H. Stazicker. It's actually the curved edges of the car park above that makes it stand out.

Who are we with? Michael Conlon, chairman of Conlon Construction; Dave Ragan from Conlon; John Chesworth from Harrison Drury law firm and the chairman of the Preston



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£7.4M PLAN TO TRANSFORM DISUSED MAGISTRATES COURT INTO COMMERCIAL HUB

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By **Tim Aldred**
30 Aug 2023

Preston City Council has submitted plans to transform the Grade II-listed former magistrates court, which has been empty for more than two decades, into a multi-use hub.

Amounderness House, built in 1857, will undergo a £7.4m refurbishment into a modern workspace hub designed to help stimulate business, cultural and community uses in the city centre.

The project is one of six planned under Preston's Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme, for which the city was awarded £20.9m from the government's national Towns Fund initiative in March 2021.

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CGI of Amounderness House scheme

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Plans to convert Preston's former Magistrates' Court into office and retail space have been submitted by the city council.

Grade II-listed Amounderness House will undergo a £7.4m refurbishment and is one of six major projects planned under Preston's Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme, for which the city was awarded £20.9m from the Government's national Towns Fund initiative in March 2021.

The refurbishment of Amounderness House, originally built in 1857, into a high quality modern, flexible, multi-use workspace hub will help stimulate business, cultural, and community uses in the city centre.

Harris Quarter is a unique area of Preston undergoing a £200m investment programme to transform its historic buildings, sites and public realm into a diverse culture, leisure and employment offering, with Amounderness House located beside the £45m+ Animate cinema and leisure complex, which is under construction and due to open in spring 2025.

Plans for Amounderness House's refurbishment, designed by Frank Whittle Partnership, include the sensitive repair and

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The screenshot shows the full article page on the Place North West website. At the top, there's a search bar and a menu icon. The main article title is 'Preston unveils £7m Amounderness House revamp plans', dated 22 August 2023. The article text describes the plans to transform a former magistrates' court into a coworking office complex. To the left of the article are several 'Reader Comments' from users like '@Anonymous at 5.55pm' and 'Rochdale approves mill conversion'. To the right, there's a 'Subscribe' section with an email input field and a 'SUBSCRIBE' button. Below that is an 'Insight' section about building sustainability, featuring a profile for Lucy Lomas. Further down is a 'Jobs' section for 'Digital Content & Marketing Producer' at 'Place North Manchester'. At the bottom right, there's a 'Place Podcast' section for 'PLACE PODCAST'. The page also features several vertical banners, including one for '2024 EVENTS PLAN IS NOW LIVE' and another for 'CLIFTON GRAY'.



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By Ged Henderson
27 Jul 2023



When Preston first launched its City Living Strategy at the Harris Museum in 2017 much of the talk centred on the question of how it would attract developers and investors.

Manchester led the way when it came to delivering residential development in its centre, its skyline dominated by cranes. Investment in Liverpool was gathering pace. Could Preston join its larger neighbours in the city living club?

Fast forward to 2023 and it appears the answer is a resounding 'yes'. The strategy has come to life, cranes have appeared on its city skyline and the momentum continues to gather pace. Industry watchers see Preston as a North West development hotspot.

Last year PwC named it the region's number one city to live and work in.



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The screenshot shows the article page for 'Steelwork being installed at Preston's £45m+ Animate leisure complex'. The page includes a navigation menu, a news ticker, a breadcrumb trail, and a main article with an image of construction workers. A sidebar on the right features a 'Latest Issue' preview and a 'Landscape' trade show advertisement. A yellow call-to-action button is at the bottom right of the article content.

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Steelwork being installed at Preston's £45m+ Animate leisure complex

Posted on July 14, 2023 in Project News



Steelwork is being installed at Preston's Animate leisure complex, the latest milestone in the £45 million+ scheme, one of six major projects planned under Preston's Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme.

Preston was awarded £20.9m from the Government's national Towns Fund Initiative in March 2021, and the Harris Quarter is a unique part of the city centre undergoing a £200m investment programme to transform its historic buildings, sites and public realm into a diverse culture, leisure and employment offering.

An estimated 1,150 tonnes of steel are being used for the new steel frame of Animate, the flagship development of the Harris Quarter. The frame is being erected in multiple phases, with each section built sequentially rather than being constructed floor by floor because of the city centre location of the scheme.

The steelwork follows the recent completion of piling work and construction of Animate – on the site of the former indoor market and car park – is expected to complete in late 2024.

Almost fully pre-let, Animate will provide an eight-screen cinema, 16-lane bowling alley with gaming zone, five family restaurant units, a street food hub, public realm, a competitive socialising unit and 164-space undercroft car park, with national leisure brands including Hollywood Bowl, ARC Cinemas, Zizzi, Cosmo, Las Iguanas and Loungers already signed up as tenants.

Chair of Preston's Towns Fund Strategic Board, John Chesworth, said:

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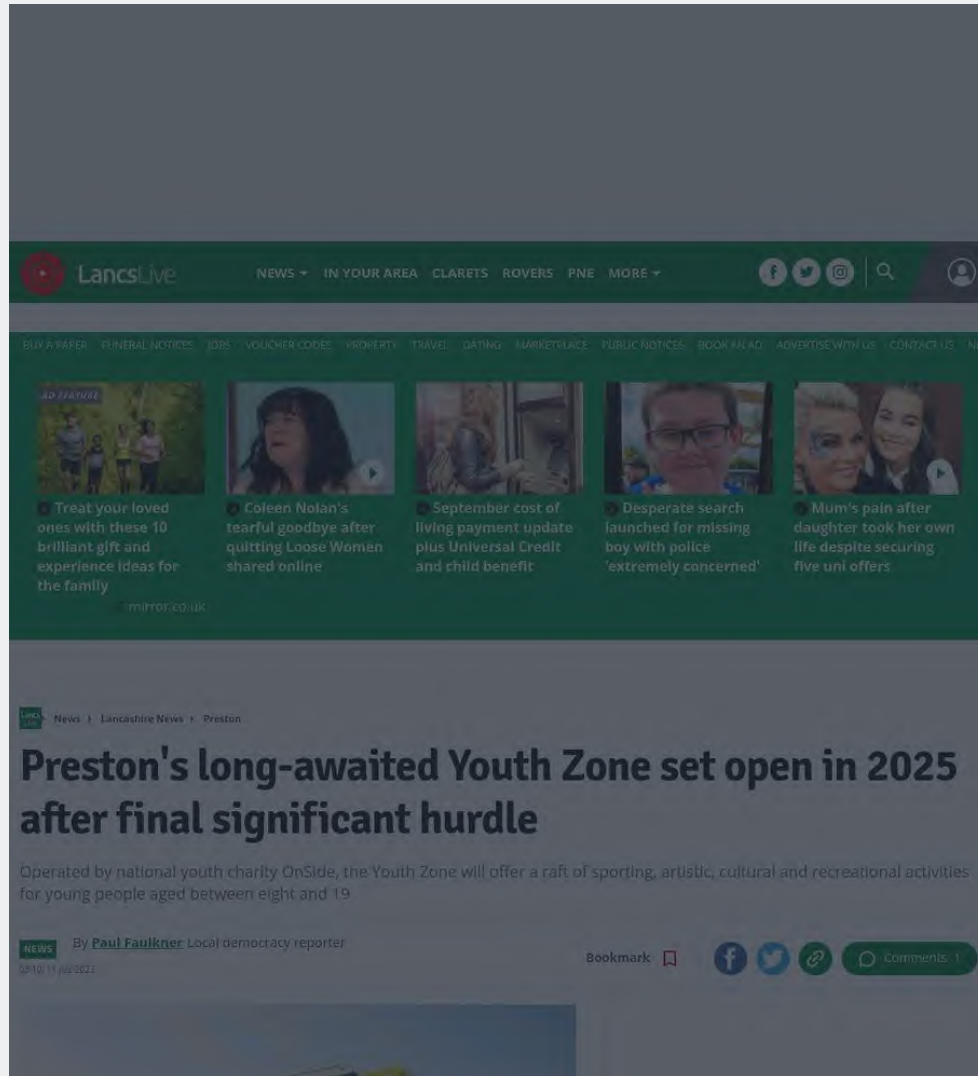
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After a productive city council planning meeting, the way has been cleared for a 19-storey apartment block in the city, as well as for 280 houses and a long-anticipated youth centre.

The decisions were made at Preston City Council's planning committee meeting on Thursday. All of the votes were in line with officer recommendation. Here's a bit more on each of the approved schemes.

120 apartments in Adelphi Quarter

Portergate found success with its plans to build a 19-storey apartment block on land by the junction of Moor Lane and Walker Street in Preston's Adelphi Quarter.

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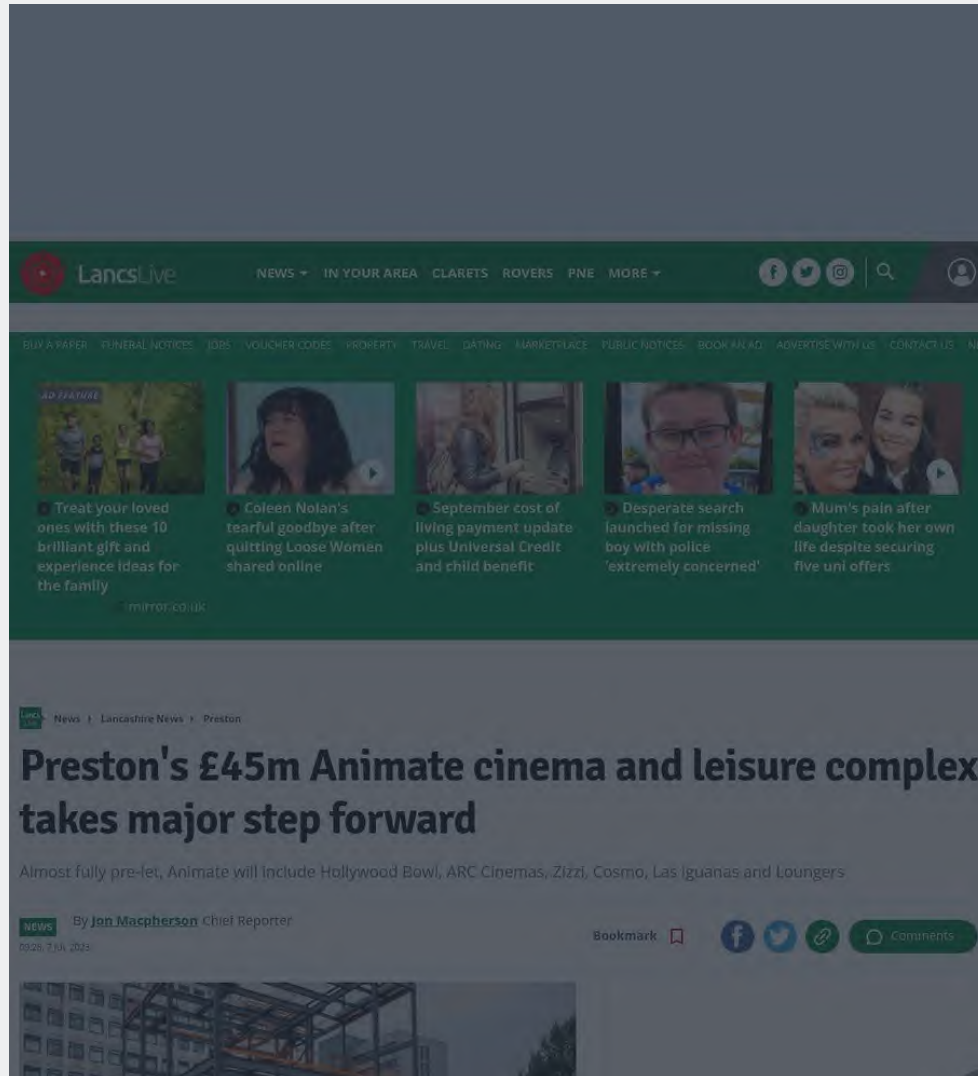
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By **Tim Aldred**
07 Jul 2023



National charity OnSide will extend its Youth Zone project into Preston after receiving planning approval from the city.

Expected to open in 2025, the Youth Zone will be located on the corner of Crooked Lane and Tithebarn Street.

The centre will provide young people with opportunities to engage in activities and access support from skilled youth workers, helping them to develop their skills and reach their full potential.

Preston Youth Zone will be open to young people aged 8-19, and up to 25 for those with additional needs, seven days a week.

For £5 annual membership, plus 50p per visit, young people will have access to a four-court sports hall, rooftop 3G outdoor kick pitch, gym and boxing and martial arts room for sports, as well as a music room with a built-in recording studio, arts and crafts area, climbing wall, dance

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Steelwork is being installed at Preston’s *Animate* leisure complex.

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The steelwork follows the recent completion of *piling work*. Construction of Animate – on the site of the former indoor market and car park – is expected to complete in late 2024.

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What the youth zone could look like Pic: Elephant Visual

After more than a decade of back and forth over its potential location and whether it would even happen – Preston will have a Youth Zone.

The state-of-the-art youth centre is to be built on the corner of Crooked Lane and Tithebarn Street in the shadow of the Guild Hall, Bus Station and Town Hall.

Plans from the OnSide youth charity were unanimously passed by Preston City Council’s planning committee.

Read more: Steelwork being installed at Preston’s Animate leisure scheme

The Youth Zone will include a four-court sports hall, rooftop 3G outdoor kick pitch, gym, boxing and martial arts room, a music room with built-in recording studio, arts and crafts area, climbing wall, dance studio, sensory room and a mentoring

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By **Tim Aldred**
05 Jul 2023



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The steelwork follows the recent completion of piling work and construction of Animate is expected to complete in late 2024.

Almost fully pre-let, Animate will provide an eight-screen cinema, 16-lane bowling alley with gaming zone, five family restaurant units, a street food hub, public realm, a competitive socialising



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l-r: John Chesworth, Chris Hayward and Nick Hague

The next stage of construction work has commenced on the £45m "flagship" Animate leisure complex in Preston.

Piling work has now started at the site, which is one of six major projects planned under Preston's Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme, and will include a cinema, bowling alley and restaurants.

In March 2021, Preston was awarded £20.9m from the Government's national Towns Fund initiative, and the Harris Quarter is a part of the city centre undergoing a £200m investment programme to transform its historic buildings, sites and public realm into a diverse culture, leisure and employment offering.

All construction work on the development is expected to complete in late 2024, with piling work scheduled to finish this June.

Chair of Preston's Towns Fund Strategic Board, John Chesworth, said: "The start of the piling work is an auspicious occasion and marks another step toward the renaissance of Preston. The Animate complex has already attracted well-respected leisure brands, and together they'll create an impressive offering of activities that will increase footfall to the city, bringing additional economic benefits.

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Maple Grove Developments (MGD) starts work on Preston cinema and leisure complex.

Credit: Eric Wright Group.

The **£45 million Preston Animate** scheme was developed in 2016 and will be built on the site of the old indoor market and car park, next to Preston Markets.

168,000 sq ft leisure scheme will include:

- Eight-screen cinema with bar and restaurant.
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- A food hub.
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L-R: John Chesworth, Chris Hayward and Nick Hague at the Animate construction site

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Piling work on the Animate project will be completed in June, with works starting on the steel structure shortly afterwards. All construction work is expected to be completed in late 2024.

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PILING WORK BEGINS ON £45M ANIMATE COMPLEX

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By **Tim Aldred**
12 Apr 2023



Construction of Preston's £45m Animate leisure complex continues to progress with piling work now underway.

Scheduled to complete in June, works starting on the steel structure can begin shortly afterwards. All construction work is expected to be completed in late 2024.

When open to the public, it will offer an eight-screen cinema, a bowling alley, various dining options and a 164 space car park.

The project is one of six planned under Preston's Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme.

Preston was awarded £20.9m from the government's national Towns Fund initiative in March

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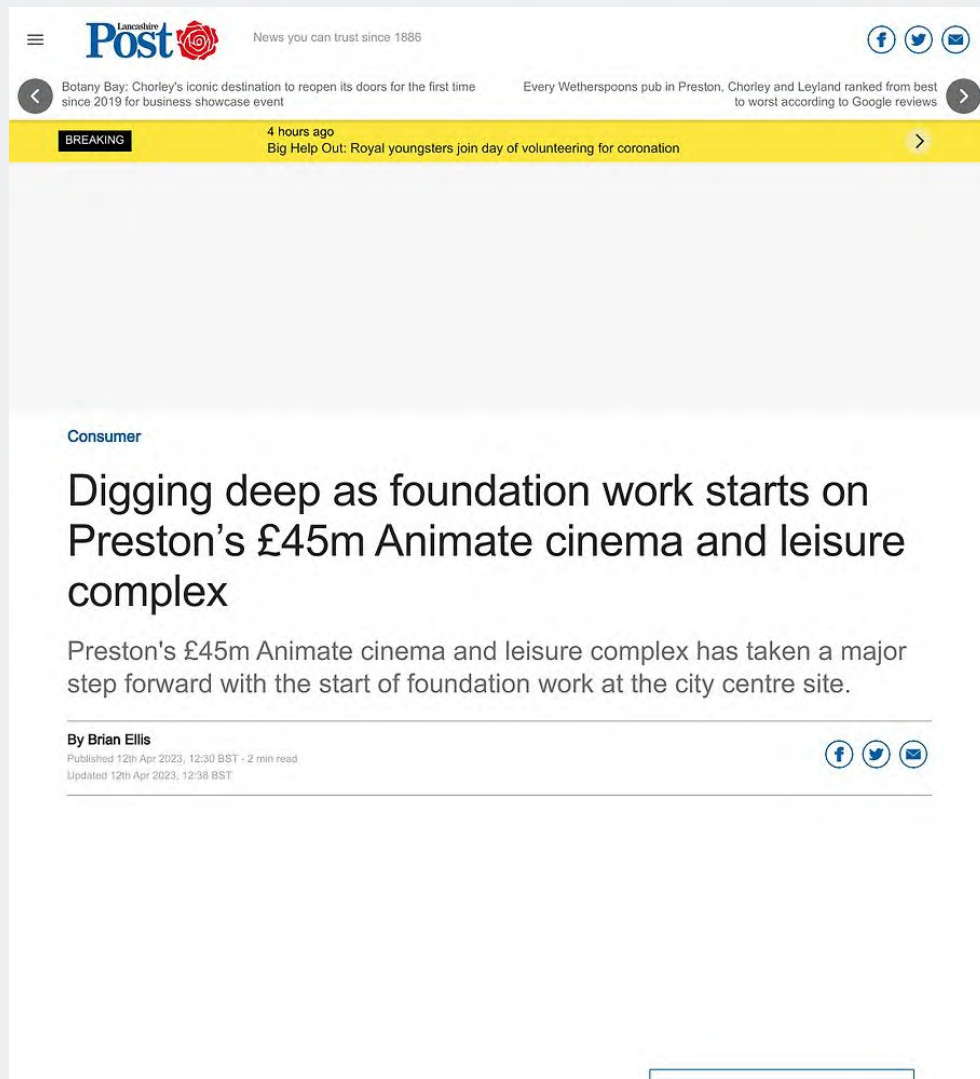
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Work has started on the £45m+ Animate leisure complex in Preston, with the beginning of piling which is expected to be completed in June, followed by the erection of the steel structure.

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What the youth zone could look like Pic: Elephant Visual


Preston Youth Zone has been awarded a £6.2 million Youth Investment Fund grant to build the new state-of-the-art facility.

This means that the Youth Zone, which will be run as a new local charity once opened, has secured all of its building costs and will now focus on fundraising the remainder of its annual running costs, which will come from private sector and philanthropic contributions.

Subject to plans being approved, the Youth Zone is expected to open in late 2024 and will be built on the corner of Crooked Lane and Tithebarn Street, directly opposite the Bus Station. It will provide thousands of young people with opportunities to engage in activities and access support from skilled youth workers, helping them to develop their skills and reach their full potential.

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Soaring inflation and construction costs are building pressure on Lancashire levelling up projects and challenging the viability of commercial developments.

Preston's flagship Animate scheme in the city centre is a prime example of the impact being felt on regeneration. The cinema and leisure complex will now cost £45m to deliver - up from the £41m estimated when it received planning permission last March.

The city council has also revealed the big squeeze being felt on other projects - forcing it to cut back on some, seek more funding and borrow money to keep Preston's regeneration moving forward.

Leading figures in the county's property and construction sector have also told Lancashire Business View how rising inflation and falling investor confidence has added to the strain of material price volatility.

Adrian Phillips, chief executive at Preston City

In some projects 'value engineering' has been implemented to reduce costs. Adrian says: "Sometimes it can be quite brutal."

The council has also had to borrow money for the regeneration of the Grade-II listed Amounderness House - part of its Harris Quarter vision - to ensure it goes ahead.

The £7.4m scheme is one of six major projects planned under Preston's Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme, for which the city received £20.9m from the government's Towns Fund in March 2021.



In February this year, Preston was awarded £20m of levelling up cash to regenerate its parks. It's a substantial sum but the challenges of cost inflation remain.

Adrian says the government has made it clear that councils can't go back for more money to mitigate the impact. He says: "We put the levelling-up bid last summer and things have changed a lot since then. It is a question of being as flexible as possible."

"Things are moving forward, it is just more difficult. The last thing we want is for things to falter, stall or be significantly delayed. It is about making pragmatic decisions."

Tim Webber is managing director of Lancashire-based construction and development group Bamfield. He says: "There is no doubt 2022 was a challenging year for main contractors in terms of controlling rising costs from suppliers and subcontractors alike."

"Values within both the residential and

"This could be the first indication of a market slowdown, which will help bring costs down, but we wait to see how further pressure of both wage and energy rises manifests itself in the construction sectors.

"In 46 years of business we've seen these trends many times before and we remain in a strong and stable position to weather this storm."



Jeremy Hartley, managing director of the Eric Wright Group, another major Lancashire construction and development business, says the impact of rising costs and inflation is making it more difficult to get developments out of the ground.

He says: "Viability is constantly being challenged and this is particularly the case in the commercial property sector. Rising costs are combining with increased interest rates and reduced market investor confidence.

"The group is focused on mitigating issues around pricing strategies and meeting the current unprecedented inflationary pressures as successfully as possible. We aim to ensure that we do not take on any undue risk and continue to carefully consider and evaluate the deliverability of every new project."

Michael Conlon, chairman of Conlon Construction, which has its HQ in South Ribble, says a "myriad of challenges" have played a part in rising costs. He cites the war in Europe, which led to sanctions cutting off timber supplies from Russia, energy hikes sparking increases in the price of cement, plaster, bricks, tiles and steel, and the cost-of-living crisis.

Michael says: "Clients have often budgeted years in advance, but costs are now higher, forcing delays and, in some cases, the cancellation of projects.

"As a sector we need to drive on. Many professionals, even some in senior roles, will not have encountered double digit inflation before. It is important to stress, therefore, that time is not on a client's side if they choose to delay.

"Time spent attempting to find savings may perversely have the opposite effect precisely because of the impact of high inflation."

Housebuilding has also been affected. Joel Winders, commercial director at Lancashire developer Kingswood Homes, says: "We anticipate price rises to continue throughout



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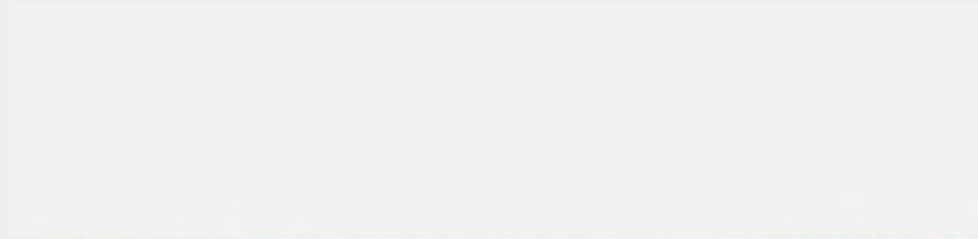
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Plans to transform a listed building into offices moved a step closer after Preston City Council announced the identity of the tenant to operate the facility.

The council and its development manager Maple Grove Developments have identified W_rkspace, operator of seven business centres in the North West, as the preferred tenant to lease Amounderness House, on Lancaster Road.

Following a complete refurbishment of the former police station and magistrates court by the council, W_rkspace will occupy and

ment offering, with Amounderness House located beside the £45m+ Animate cinema and leisure complex granted planning permission in March 2022 and due to open in 2024.

It is hoped the rejuvenation of Amounderness House into a modern, flexible, multi-use workspace hub will stimulate business, cultural and community uses in the city centre.

Councillor David Borrow, city council cabinet member for planning and regulation, said: "This is a significant step forward in the rejuvenation plans for one of Preston's grandest buildings.

"It will be wonderful to see new life breathed into a heritage property that has had such a rich history and im-

W_rkspace brings its own unique brand of flexible working solutions to the heart of the city.

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"The W_rkspace team feel proud to accompany this exciting city development and look forward to many fruitful and rewarding partnerships with the proud business community within Preston."

Nik Puttnam, senior development manager with Maple Grove Developments, said: "This is an exciting milestone in this project.

"The building offers an opportunity to create an ex-

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Representatives from Maple Grove, Preston City Council and W_rkspace at Amounderness House

Café-bar chain joins big names at Animate site

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A popular café-bar chain has become the latest tenant for Animate Preston, joining a number of big brands which have already signed up.

Loungers has signed a 15-year lease at Animate, Preston's city-owned £45 million cinema and leisure complex, which is being delivered by Maple Grove Developments.

The announcement comes after Eric Wright Construction began work on site last month.

The café-bar chain has taken a 4,265 sq ft unit, at an initial rent of £100,000 per annum, in a move which bosses say will further strengthen the retail and leisure offer at Animate.

The chain joins anchor tenants The Arc Cinema and Hollywood Bowl, as well as brands including Italian restaurant Zizzi which is taking 3,250 sq ft on the main terrace, fronting Preston's market canopy; Latin American bar and restaurant Las Iguas; and world buffet operator Cosmo which will take 11,000 sq ft on the upper floor

ty manager at Loungers, said: "We are delighted to be bringing Loungers to Preston. Our Loungers strive to put community at the heart of hospitality and our teams always go the extra mile to make a difference."

Coun David Borrow, Cabinet Member for Planning and Regulation said: "Loungers is a substantial operator in the UK hospitality sector and the business has proved to be one of the rising stars in the industry over the past three years.

"It's commitment to Animate is testament to the attractiveness of Preston as a great place to invest in and do business here."

The scheme is funded and owned by Preston City Council, with support from the Towns Fund (£3.4m) and City Deal (£3.25m).

The Animate development is a key project in Preston's 15-year City Investment Plan and is one of six major projects planned under Preston's Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme, for which the city was awarded £20.9m from the government's national Towns Fund initiative in March 2021.



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Loungers has signed a 15-year lease at Animate, Preston's city-owned £45m cinema and leisure complex.

The café bar chain has taken a 4,265 sq ft unit, joining anchor tenants The Arc Cinema and Hollywood Bowl, as well as other national and regional restaurants and a street food hub.

Designed by Leach Rhodes Walker and brought forward by Maple Grove Developments, the wider scheme will also offer a 164 car park and improvements to landscaping with an outdoor terrace for al fresco dining, street lighting, a changing places facility, improved pedestrian access and new trees.

Gemma Irwin, community manager at Loungers, said: "A real home from home, we'll cater for all tastes throughout the day with a varied and innovative all-day menu. Whether it's a coffee with friends, a long lazy brunch with family or a relaxed dinner and drinks, our Lounge will be the perfect place to relax and unwind in good company.

"Our Lounges strive to put community at the heart of hospitality and our teams always go the extra mile to make a difference."

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The screenshot shows the main article page. The breadcrumb trail reads 'What's On > Food & Drink > Preston'. The article title is 'Preston's £45m cinema complex secures Loungers café bar in huge win for the city'. A sub-headline states 'The café bar chain will now join The Arc Cinema and Hollywood Bowl on site'. The author is identified as 'Chantelle Heeds Live News Reporter' with a timestamp of '05:50, 22 FEB 2023'. Below the text are social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn, along with a 'Comments' button. A large image of a cityscape is visible at the bottom of the article.

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An artist's impression of how Animate will look

Café bar chain Loungers has signed a 15-year lease at Animate, Preston's city-owned £45m cinema and leisure complex.

The chain has taken a 4,265 sq ft unit at an initial rent of £100,000 per annum. It joins anchor tenants The Arc Cinema and Hollywood Bowl, as well as other national and regional restaurants and a street food hub.

The announcement comes after Eric Wright Construction started on site last month.

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The group will join anchor tenants The Arc Cinema and Hollywood Bowl, as well as other national and regional restaurants and a street food hub.


Cllr David Borrow, cabinet member for planning and regulation, said:

"Loungers is a substantial operator in the UK hospitality sector and the business has proved to be one of the rising stars in the industry over the past three years. Its commitment to Animate is testament to the attractiveness of Preston as a great place to invest in and do business here."

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An aerial shot of the Animate site (Image: Council)

A national café bar chain has signed a 15-year lease at a £45 million cinema and leisure complex being built in Lancashire.

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Animate, Preston's city-owned £45m cinema and leisure complex, has a new tenant after national chain Loungers agreed on a 15-year deal.

The café bar has taken a 4,265 sq ft unit, at an initial rent of £100,000 per annum. It joins anchor tenants The Arc Cinema and Hollywood Bowl, as well as other national and regional restaurants and a street food hub.

The deal means only three units remain to be filled: a restaurant, good hub and social space.

Coun David Borrow, cabinet member for planning and regulation at Preston City Council, said: "Loungers is a substantial operator in the UK hospitality sector and the business has proved to be one of the rising stars in the industry over the past three years. Its commitment to Animate is testament to the attractiveness of Preston as a great place to invest in and do business here."

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Preston's £45m council-owned cinema and leisure complex, Animate, has signed up national café bar chain Loungers to the site.

The group has committed to a 15-year lease at the scheme, which is being delivered by Maple Grove Developments. The announcement comes after Eric Wright Construction started on site last month.

The chain has taken a 4,265 sq ft unit, at an initial rent of £100,000 per annum, in a move which will further strengthen the retail and leisure offer at Animate, joining anchor tenants The Arc Cinema and Hollywood Bowl, as well as other national and regional restaurants and a street food hub.

Designed by Leach Rhodes Walker, the wider development will also offer a 164-car park and improvements to landscaping with an outdoor terrace for al fresco dining, street lighting, a changing places facility, improved pedestrian access and new trees.

Only three units are now left – unit 4 in centre of parade (restaurant); unit 6 (food hub) and the competitive social space. Bradys and CBRE are the joint lettings agents for Animate and advised Maple Grove Developments.

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An aerial shot of the Animate site. (Image: Council)

A national café bar chain has signed a 15-year lease at a £45 million cinema and leisure complex being built in Lancashire.

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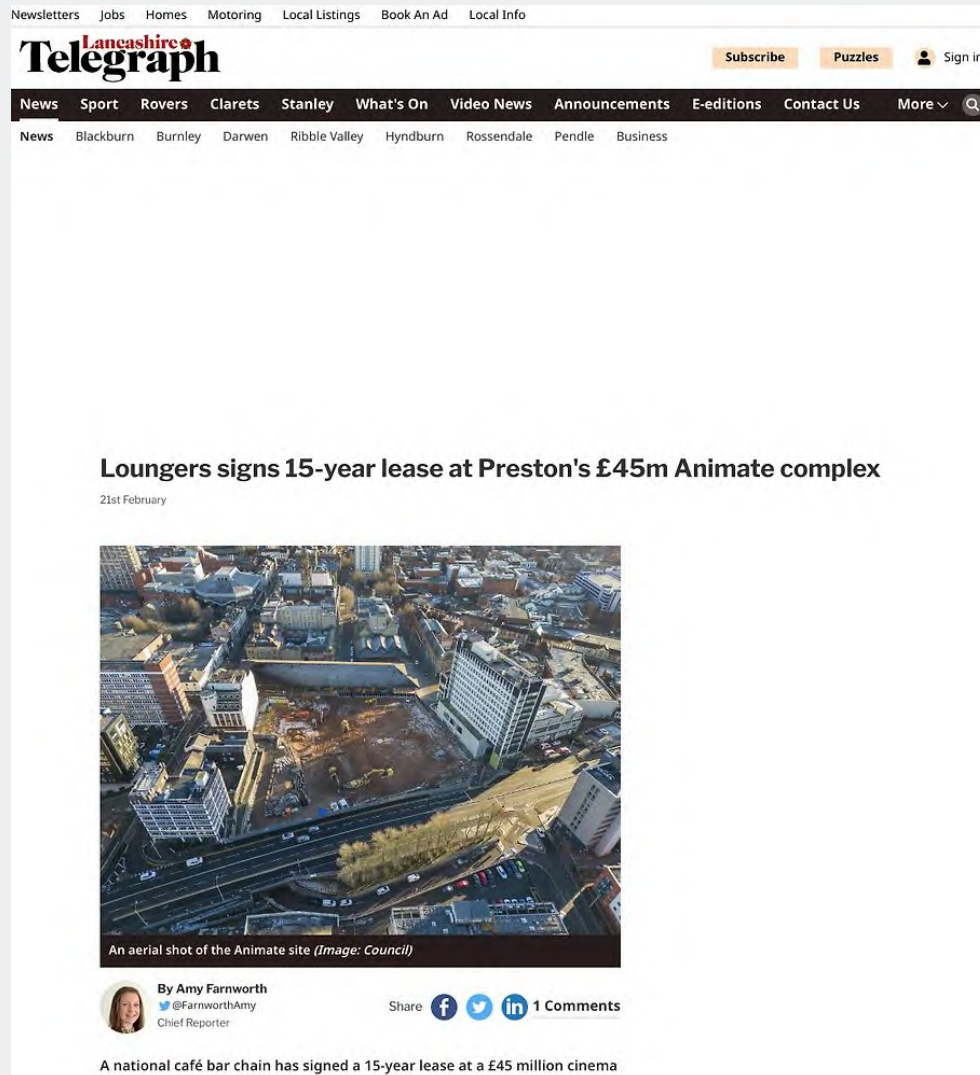
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The main article is titled "Loungers signs 15-year lease at Preston's £45m Animate complex" and is dated "21st February". It features an aerial photograph of the Animate site, with a caption: "An aerial shot of the Animate site (Image: Council)". The author is identified as "By Amy Farnworth @FarnworthAmy Chief Reporter". Below the author information are social media share icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn, along with a "1 Comments" indicator.

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W_rkspace has been named as the preferred tenant to lease Amounderness House by Preston City Council and Maple Grove Developments

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The council and its development manager Maple Grove Developments identified W_rkspace, operator of seven business centres in the North West, including five in Preston, as the preferred tenant to lease the former police station and magistrates court situated on Lancaster Road.

Following a refurbishment of the property by the council, W_rkspace will occupy and operate 23,842 sq ft across three floors in the property from late 2025.

The £7.4m scheme is one of six major projects planned under Preston's Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme, for which the city was awarded £20.9m from the government's national Towns Fund initiative in March 2021.

The rejuvenation of Amounderness House into a workspace hub will help to stimulate business, cultural and community uses in the city centre.

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Councillor David Borrow, cabinet member for planning and regulation, said:


"This is a significant step forward in the rejuvenation plans for one of Preston's grandest buildings.

"It will be wonderful to see new life breathed into a heritage property that has had such a rich history and impact on the city centre over the years. Not only will it repurpose an empty property, generating income for the city, but it will boost new footfall in the area, provide new jobs and support local businesses and the city centre economy."

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Serviced offices provider, W_rkspace, has been appointed to operate Grade II-listed Amounderness House, in Preston.

Preston City Council selected the company to transform the site into serviced offices and managed workspace accommodation.

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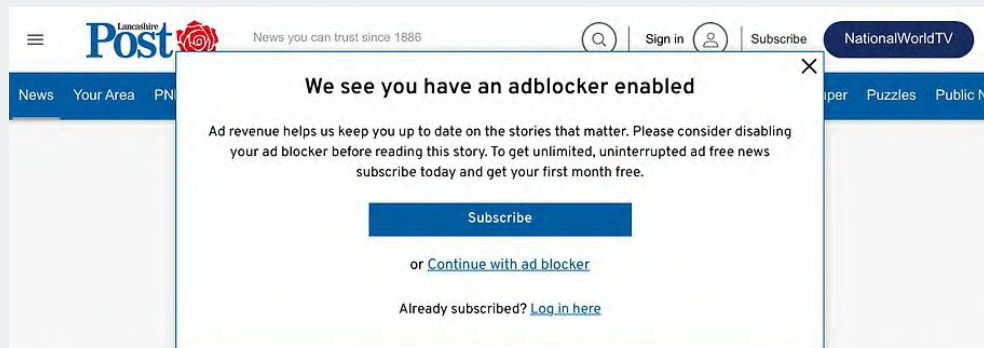


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BECK Interiors has been appointed as the fit-out contractor for the **Harris Museum, Art Gallery & Library** capital project.


Click Netherfield has been appointed as the showcase contractor, responsible for the design and manufacture of the exhibition display cases throughout the new Harris.

Councillor Peter Kelly, Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure Services at **Preston City Council**, said:

"We're pleased to enter new major works with **Conlon Construction** and welcome **BECK** to the capital project team. Leveraging our collective strengths, this partnership will help us deliver on our ambitious vision for Harris Your Place, creating a community hub of learning, creativity and enjoyment."

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It's the **Place North West** Lancashire Today conference.

Some excellent discussions and thoughts in the first panel, on investment and development in Lancashire as a whole, and focus on Preston's ongoing growth as a city through regeneration and the levelling-up agenda.

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Harris Museum, Art Gallery & Library is on the hunt for critical friends and project advisory group members to ensure Preston's diverse communities are heard and represented.

Can you help?

Councillor Peter Kelly, Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure Services at **Preston City Council** said:

"We need help shaping the future of the Harris to ensure we are reflecting the voices of local communities as we move through this exciting period of transformation.

"Local communities are of utmost importance to us, their participation and opinions are valued and considered throughout all the work we do.

"This approach represents a new way of working for museums adopting a collaborative and co-curated approach to our programme decisions to ensure the Harris genuinely meets the needs of visitors and communities.


"Working in this way will ensure the Harris programme and offer reflects the diversity of our visitors and communities and ensures the Harris remains relevant and cherished.

"These two brilliant opportunities will work towards driving a community-led approach where individuals can present their views on how they would like to see change."

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The Preston Station Quarter Project is an opportunity to create high-grade office and commercial space, with the aim of developing Preston City as the commercial centre of Lancashire.


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The Station is established as a strategic gateway to the rest of Lancashire, through its position on the West Coast Main Line. It is a key arrival and departure facility for commuters through both business and leisure travellers.

The Station Quarter project aims to create a Commercial Quarter on the land around Preston Station for the development of office and commercial spaces, new city living spaces, new civic spaces, landscaping and a high-quality public realm to improve the station quarter as a place to live, work and visit.

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Preston City Council has appointed **Limitless Public Relations** - the Preston and Blackburn-based firm, for a three-year strategic communications contract, following a competitive tender process.

The agency has been appointed to deliver strategic communications support for Preston's £20.9 million Town Deal which it secured in March 2021 as part of the government's £3.6 billion Towns Fund, established to help level-up towns and cities around the country.

Councillor David Borrow, Cabinet Member for Planning and Regulation, said:

"We are delighted to have Limitless Public Relations on board and looking forward to working together to communicate Preston's regeneration and investment progress. We were impressed with the overall standard of submissions we received, in particular with Limitless's extensive experience and understanding of our ambition and vision for the City."

John Chesworth, Chair of the Towns Fund Board, added:

"Limitless Public Relations has been chosen to support Preston's Towns Fund investment programme following a thorough tender process against stiff opposition, and we are looking forward to working closely together on all the exciting projects that are starting to come to fruition and that will make a positive impact on Preston and its people."

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Great to see the new design surrounding the Harris Museum, including some favourite art of Pauline in the Yellow Dress by Sir James Gunn, and Horace the Poulton Elk, which appear digitally on the hoarding.

Councillor Peter Kelly, Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure Services at [Preston City Council](#) said:


"It's a fantastic achievement to get to this stage of the Harris Your Place capital project. We're thrilled to announce the completion of the construction site hoarding, which offers an updated insight into the exciting reopening plans for 2024 and the significant community empowerment guidelines we base decisions.

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The £20 million Levelling Up funding for Preston will be spent across two key areas of investment in cultural and transport projects:

Transport will see new and enhanced works to improve the active travel infrastructure in the city, including:

- New cycle/footbridge over the River Ribble to replace the Old Tram Bridge;
- New cycle paths and walkways, making them greener, safer and more user-friendly. This includes segregated routes along Queen Street and Avenham Lane;
- Major public realm works at Friargate South;
- New mobility hub to provide a secure cycling facility at Preston Bus Station.

Cultural investment will include:

- A cross-city project focusing on the regeneration and improvement of four major city parks. The proposals include the delivery of new, high quality and more accessible community sports facilities and pitches, pavilions, public realm and safety and infrastructure improvements to key heritage buildings.
- Ashton Park will see a major redesign and renewal of the 32ha park, a new community sports hub and sports pavilion, 3G sports pitch and several adult and junior football pitches, with associated landscaping.
- Moor Park (Grade II* listed) - heritage and public realm improvement works including lake restoration, bridge works and new phase 2 visitor facilities;
- Waverley Park will see a range of sports, visitor and community facilities and access improvements;
- Grange Park to receive accessibility and lighting improvements for the re-opening of a building to support community use.

Find the full plans here <https://lnkd.in/eUeEkC3q>

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When talking about the proposals for the construction of a brand-new £22m student accommodation block in Preston, close to the University of Central Lancashire, the developer - Caro Developments Limited - said:

"Preston is flying at the moment...the former indoor market site is going through the gears and the Station Quarter will deliver a modern central office district that will attract quality occupiers to the city.


"It's a good time to invest here."

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Andrew Dewhurst, director at **Maple Grove Developments**, commented:

"A huge amount of work over many years has got us to this point and credit must go to **Preston City Council**, as well as the wider project team for their determination and drive in making sure plans become a reality.

"There are now nearly two years of construction work ahead of us on the site of the former markets but the benefits Animate will bring to Preston once it is open will make it certainly worth the wait."

Jeremy Hartley, managing director at **Eric Wright Group** said:

"As a local business with a long-standing history of supporting improvement to our North West towns and communities we are very proud to now be in a position to deliver this leisure-led scheme for the people of Preston to use and enjoy."

John Chesworth, Chair of **Preston Partnership** said:

"As one of the key Town Deal projects and central to the £200m Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme, Animate will help to regenerate the Harris Quarter and support the Council's commitment to Preston's City Investment Plan 2035, complementing further investment in the Harris Museum, Art Gallery and Library, flexible office space for local businesses in Amounderness House and a dedicated space for Preston's younger community at the Youth Zone."

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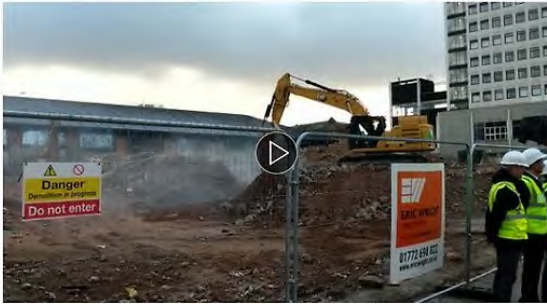
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And we're off...Animate is underway! 🎉

Representatives from **Preston City Council**, **Eric Wright Group**, **Maple Grove Developments**, and **Preston Partnership** gathered at the site on Monday 9 January 2023, to mark the commencement of groundwork at the £45m leisure and entertainment complex within the Harris Quarter in Preston City centre.

Leader of Preston City Council, Councillor Matthew Brown, said:

"Animate is at the heart of our diversification plans for the city centre, strengthening the cultural and leisure offer, attracting more people into the city, for a wide variety of reasons that the whole family can enjoy, for longer into the evening. Animate will remain in the ownership of Preston City Council and is a key addition to our Community Wealth Building agenda.

"The development is not only a catalyst for attracting further investment into the city, but working in partnership with Maple Grove Developments, and through implementing a renewed progressive approach to procurement, we have an opportunity to work more closely with a skilled local supply chain, throughout the life of the programme, working towards our shared vision for a more inclusive Preston economy."

The scheme is funded and owned by Preston City Council, with support from the Towns Fund (£3.4m) and City Deal (£3.25m).

Animate's complementary public realm improvements are being supported by a **Lancashire County Council** Economic Recovery Grant (£800,000).

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Plans in for long-awaited Preston Youth Zone

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After nearly a decade of stop-and-start, Preston looks set to receive a facility aimed at providing activities and employability training for young people.

Youth charity OnSide has submitted a planning application to Preston City Council for the three-storey building, to sit on the corner of Crooked Lane and Tithebarn Street.

Facing Preston Bus Station, the 30,900 sq ft Preston Youth Zone would offer members the ability to participate in 20 different activities every night for the cost of 50p visit and a £5 annual membership.

Preston Youth Zone is being funded in part by £4.2m from Preston's successful bid to the government's £3.6bn Towns Fund. Additional financial support is to be procured by the private sector, grant funding bodies, and charitable trusts.

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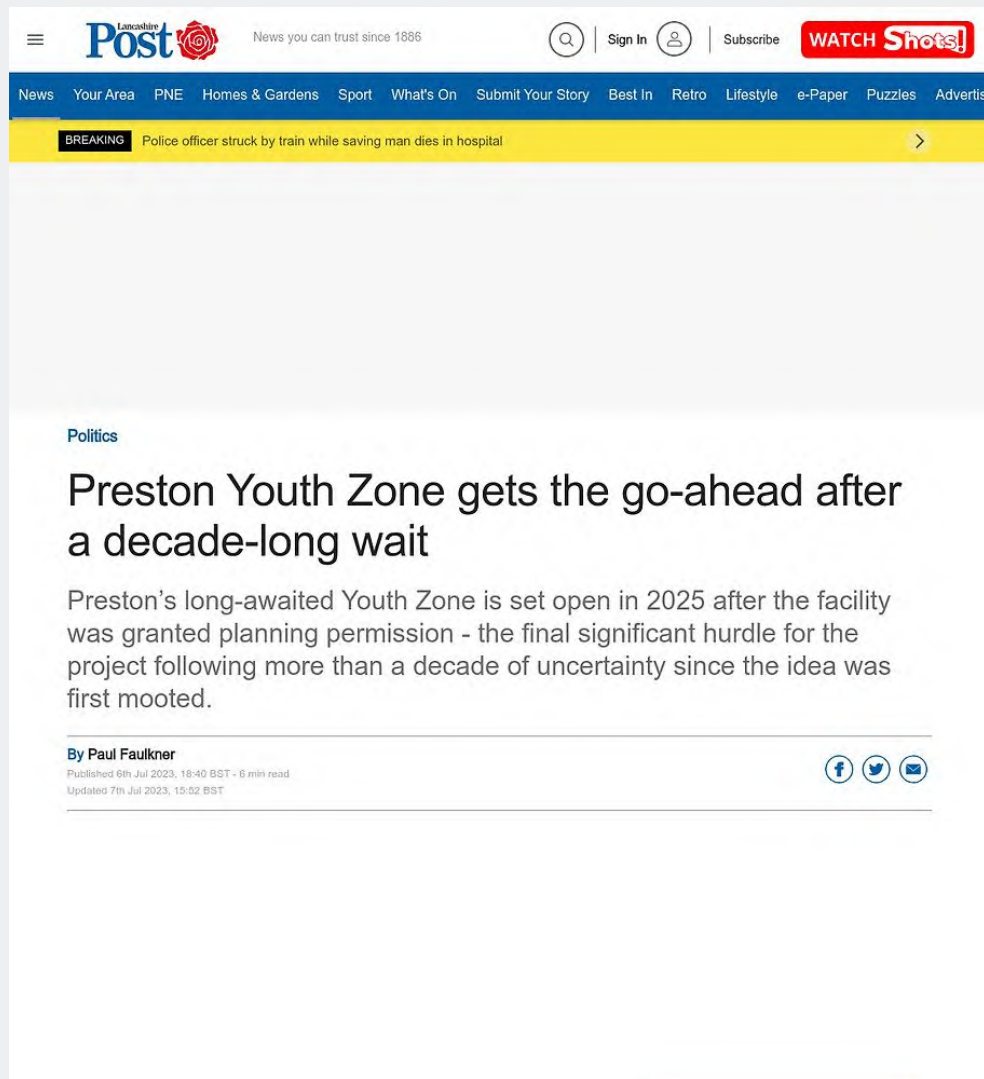
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The main article is titled 'Road changes confirmed for Preston's 'Animate' cinema and leisure scheme' under the 'Politics' category. The author is Paul Faulkner, and it was published on 1st Feb 2024 at 18:42 GMT. The article text begins: 'The date has been set for work to begin on a key aspect of Preston's forthcoming city centre cinema and leisure development.'

Below the article is a red banner that says 'Watch more of our videos on Shots! and live on Freeview channel 276' with a 'Visit Shots! now' button. The article text continues: 'Construction of the 'Animate' complex, on the one-time site of the old indoor market and multi-storey car park, has been ongoing for more than a year. The £4.5m scheme - which includes restaurants, a street food hub and bowling alley - is due to open in early 2025. Part of the project includes better connecting the location to the bus station and improving the road that will be used to access the new car park. Those works are now set to begin on 4th March, after Preston City Council agreed to hand control of a small parcel of land it owns to Lancashire County'.

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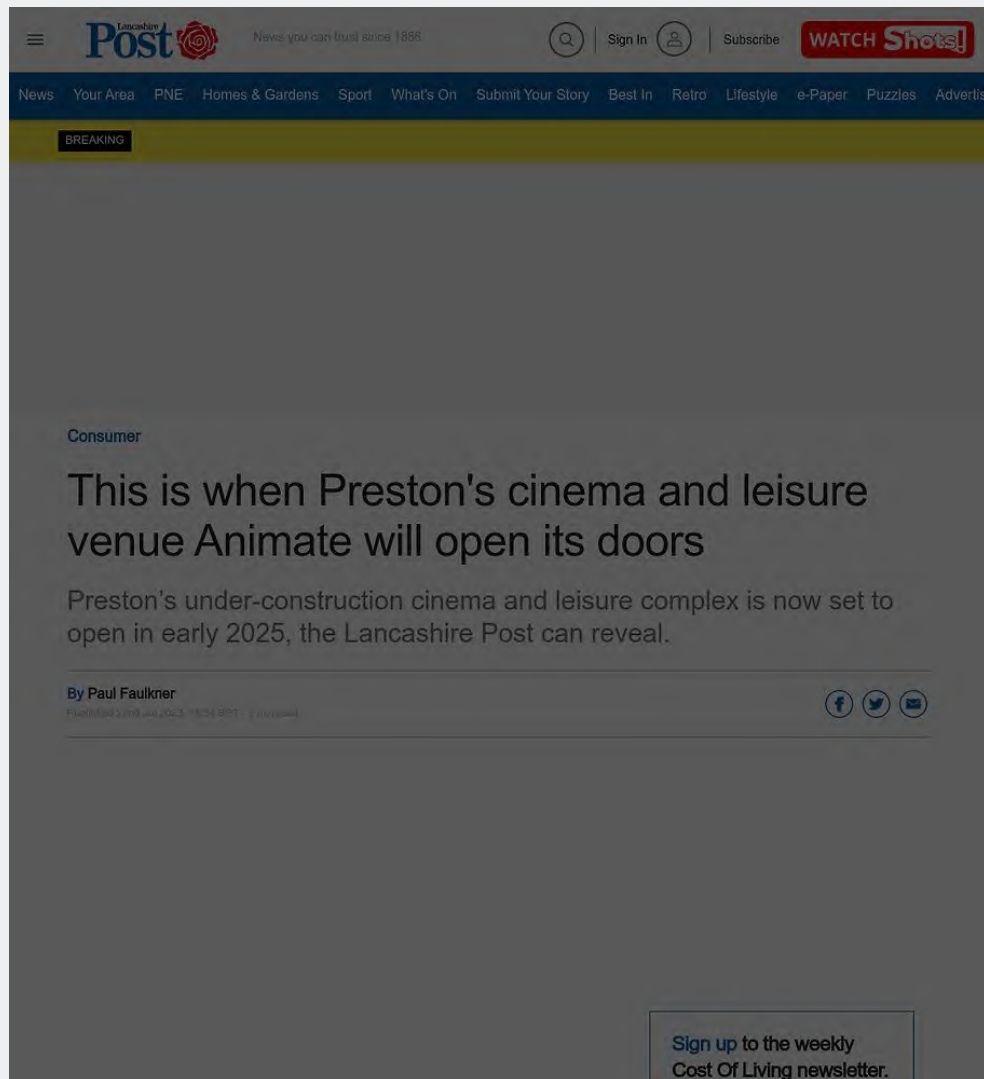
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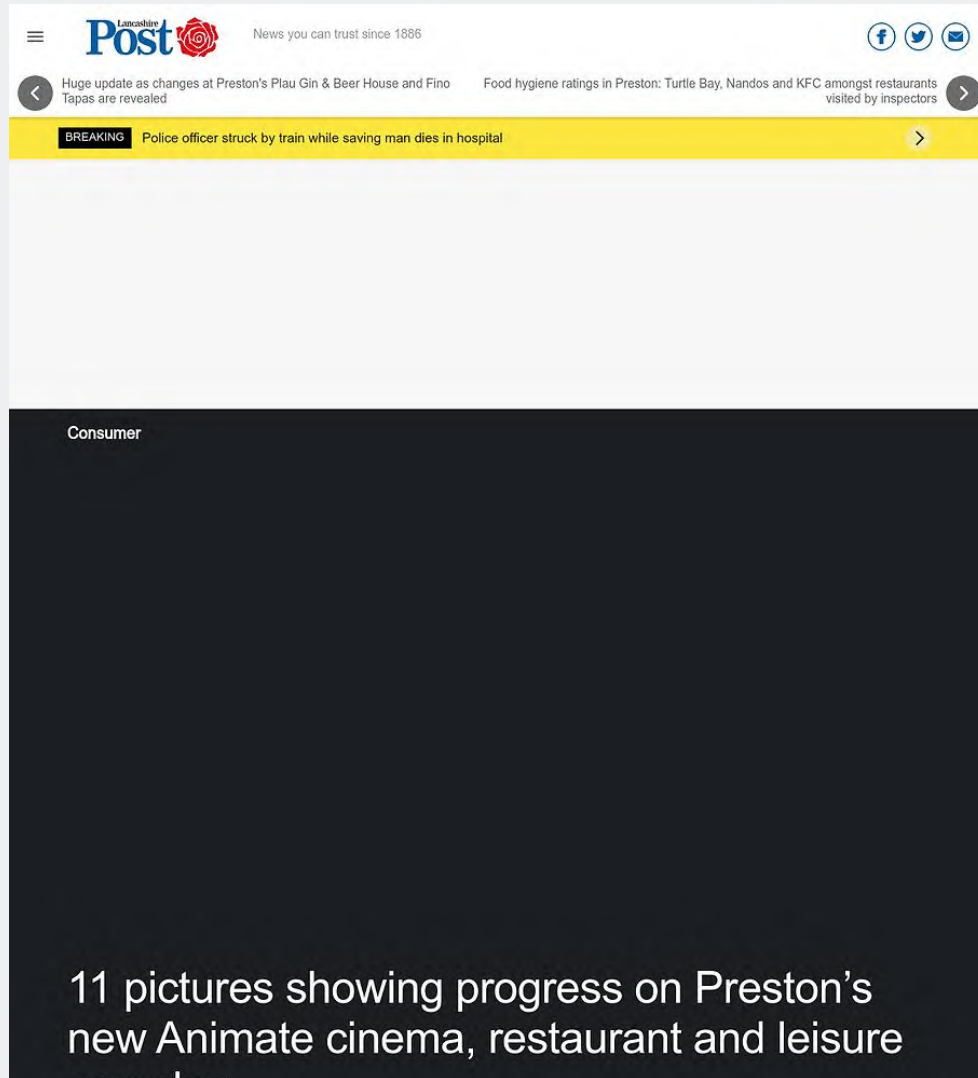
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The screenshot shows the Lancashire Evening Post website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the site logo, a search icon, a 'Sign In' button, and a 'Subscribe' button. A red 'WATCH Shots!' button is also visible. Below the navigation bar, there is a yellow 'BREAKING' banner with the text 'Why there is a crime scene, detectives and CSI at Fylde Coast house'. The main content area features an advertisement for 'Basement Waterproofing Experts' by Atlanta Basement Systems, which includes a 'Before' and 'After' photo of a basement and a 'FREE ESTIMATES' button. Below the advertisement, there is a news article titled 'Old Preston magistrates' court building Amounderness House to be turned into offices and shops'. The article is by Paul Faulkner and was published on 4th Nov 2023. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Sign up to our daily newsletter' button.

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The screenshot shows the Lancashire Evening Post website. A notification subscription pop-up is visible, asking the user to subscribe to notifications for the latest news and updates. The pop-up has checkboxes for 'News' and 'Sports', both of which are checked. There are 'Later' and 'Allow' buttons. Below the pop-up, the website header includes the 'Lancashire Post' logo and navigation links for 'News', 'Your Area', 'PNE', and 'Home'. A 'WATCH Shots!' button is also present. The main content area features a news article titled 'Preston to refurbish the longest row of red phone boxes in the UK and make them a 'must-see' feature of the city'. The article is by Paul Faulkner and was published on 18th Dec 2023. There are social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Email. At the bottom of the article, there is a sign-up form for the daily newsletter, with a text input field for the email address and a 'Sign up' button. A small disclaimer at the bottom of the sign-up form states: 'This site is protected by reCAPTCHA and the Google Privacy Notice and Terms of Service apply.'

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