



March Regeneration Project

Project Newsletter – July 2023

Welcome to the first edition of the March Regeneration Project newsletter, produced by Octavius Infrastructure. We have been appointed to carry out the works for the March Town Centre Regeneration Project.

Our site office and team will be located at 2 Broad Street, these premises have been decorated to be used as a site office and storage throughout the project.

The project works started on Monday 19th June 2023.

The relocation of March's Grade 2 listed Coronation Fountain has been approved by 'Historic England' in conjunction with Fenland District Council, to be relocated later in the project nearby in Broad Street. The fountain is 111 years old, and we understand how important it is to the people of March that it is cared for and not damaged during its removal and relocation. It will take approximately two weeks to carefully dismantle the fountain, before being wrapped and safely transported for storage until we are ready to reinstate into its new location towards the end of the project. We have marked out the new location of the fountain on the road so its future location can be better visualised.

We could not complete the removal of the fountain as planned last month due to a Dove nesting at the top of the structure. The fountain is now free of any wildlife inhabiting this location. An ecological survey has been undertaken and it has been established that there is no longer a presence of a nesting Dove. Once we received this confirmation, we installed netting around the canopy of the fountain to prevent any further nesting birds. Environ are now completing their works in this location to allow access for GLW to come in to dismantle the fountain on the 2nd & 3rd week of August.



An artist impression of the completed scheme



SUMMARY OF SCHEME PROJECT

- **Phase 1** – Removal of Broad Street Island
- **Phase 2** – Broad Street East works & SE Station Road
- **Phase 3** – Dartford Road & Station Road NE, SW, NW including Robin Goodfellows
- **Phase 4** – Broad Street West & Grays Lane
- **Phase 5** – Riverside


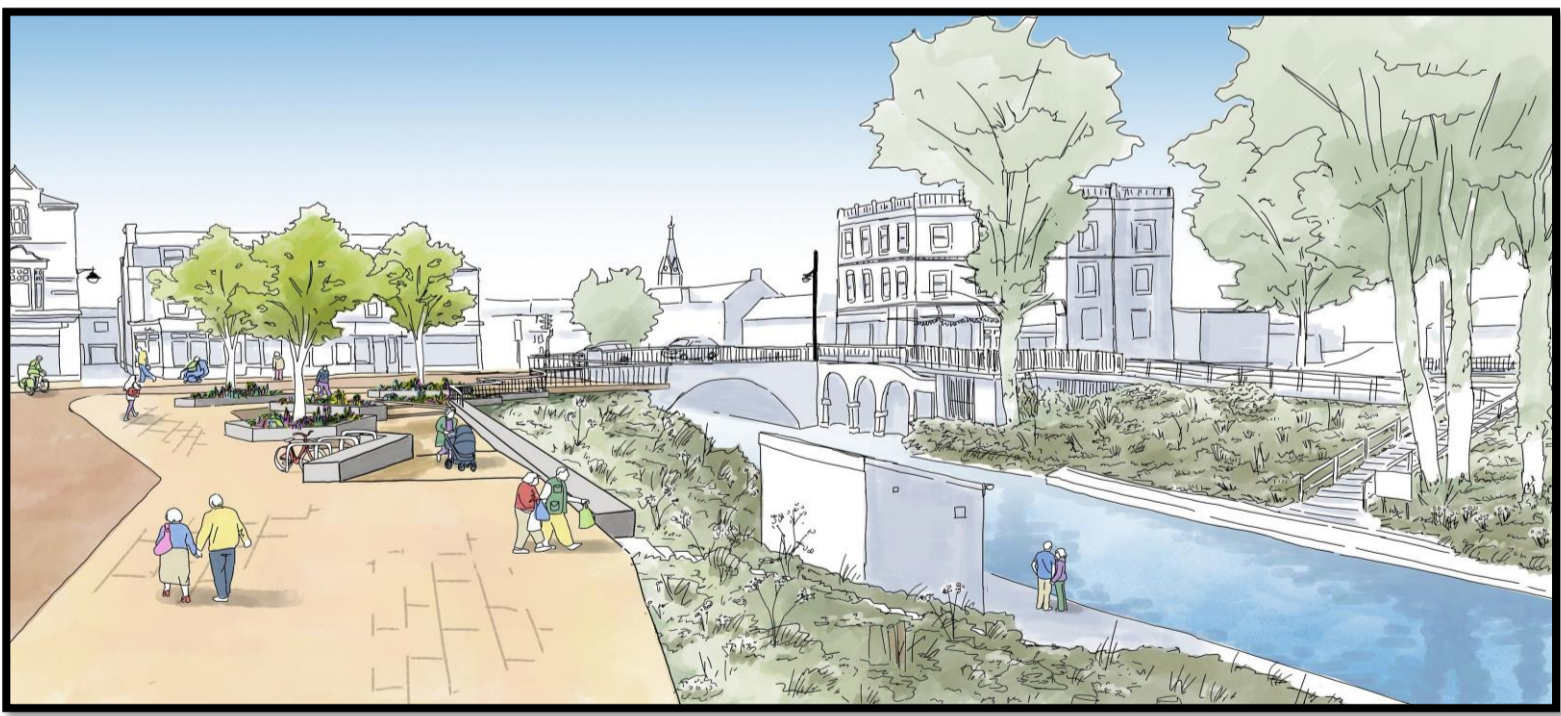
The new roundabout replacing the existing traffic lights will reduce congestion and improve the flow of traffic, whilst offering greater pedestrianisation.

Traffic islands have been removed except the pedestrian crossing island in the centre which comes from the alleyway from Sainsbury's on to Broad street. This island will be removed under a temporary pedestrian closure on the 24 July. We will be contacting shop keepers/businesses directly about this and erecting signage along the fencing and footway. The only other remaining island is the island which the fountain is based upon. We are now trying to pin down a time for this to be removed but is looking likely to be the 2nd to 3rd week of August for the dismantling of the fountain. Upon completion of these works the final traffic island will be removed.



The War Memorial Monument

will stay in place, be fully protected during all phases of our works and be made fully accessible for important events such as Remembrance Day.

Riverside – Artist Impression of the completed works

Please accept our apologies in advance for any inconvenience and disruption caused during these works – we will always do our best to listen to your concerns and act accordingly.



Octavius Infrastructure working in partnership with Fenland District Council, Cambridgeshire County Council and Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority



IMPORTANT

Forthcoming Traffic Management

The traffic management will remain the same for the next forthcoming months.

This will be a 2-way traffic arrangement under a temporary traffic light system consisting of temporary pedestrian crossings.

The position of the temporary pedestrian crossings will change location during these works but these will be clearly signed and, at intervals, may be temporarily closed.

Advance warning notices of any pedestrian closures will be given at 7 days' notice by communication with shop owners and stakeholders, along with signage notifying the public of closures.

Footway access will be maintained to all businesses at all times during these works.

Traffic management arrangement will accommodate buses at all times. A temporary bus stop will remain within the works and access will be available at all times also.

On the 3rd July to 5th July, we completed planing works in the evening from 6pm to 11pm. We notified and communicated with all the businesses and residents that were-impacted by these works, the works were completed with no complaints or issues.

Please be respectful to our staff members during the works, and don't use abusive language. Thank you.

We are listening to local businesses and residents, taking onboard feedback and providing measures to discourage the use of side roads.

Thank you to all local residents and businesses for your patience during these works.

We will endeavour to maintain the traffic lights, signage and fencing to the highest standards for the safety of drivers and pedestrians and to ensure minimal disruption to the people of March. The management of noise, dust and nuisance is a priority to us, and we will do all we can to minimise this.

What is coming up. During the next month we will:

- Continue excavation of the carriageway
- Installation of the drainage run
- Setting out new kerb lines

March Coffee Morning- Every Thursday- 11am to 1pm

We will be able to answer any of your queries and concerns regarding the March regeneration project works being completed on Broad Street. **2 Broad Street, March, PE15 8TQ**

The coffee mornings started on 6th July 23 and have been a great success with residents and local businesses. All welcome.

Meet the Team:

Nicola Foster
Project Communication
& Stakeholder Manager



Rob Solway
Site Supervisor



Russell Penn
Site Manager



Sarah Askey
Social Value Manager



Sustainability and social value news

We are committed to delivering sustainable infrastructure, making a commitment to give value to society and the communities in which we work.

Our focus includes:

- Spending money with local and SME businesses
- Delivering local skills and employment for the local area
- Supporting local community initiatives.

Please let us know if you have an initiative that requires support.

Should any of the local businesses of March want to advertise in our newsletter while we are completing the project, our newsletter will be issued on monthly basis.

Nicola Foster will provide project communication in the community. This includes supporting and answering queries and concerns and keeping local stakeholders informed of road closures and key events throughout the works.

Want to know more:

- Read our regular updates that will be displayed in the window at 2 Broad Street. Also available at: www.fenland.gov.uk/BroadStreetNewsletters
- Attend the coffee mornings at 2 Broad Street, held every Thursday from 11am to 1pm, as we will be there to answer questions about the works.
- Project or design enquiries email: HighStreetProject@fenland.gov.uk
- Octavius general enquiries, email: Marchproject@octaviusinfrastructure.co.uk
- March frequently asked questions and answers: www.fenland.gov.uk/MarchRegenerationFAQs