



March Regeneration Project

Project Newsletter – November / December 2023

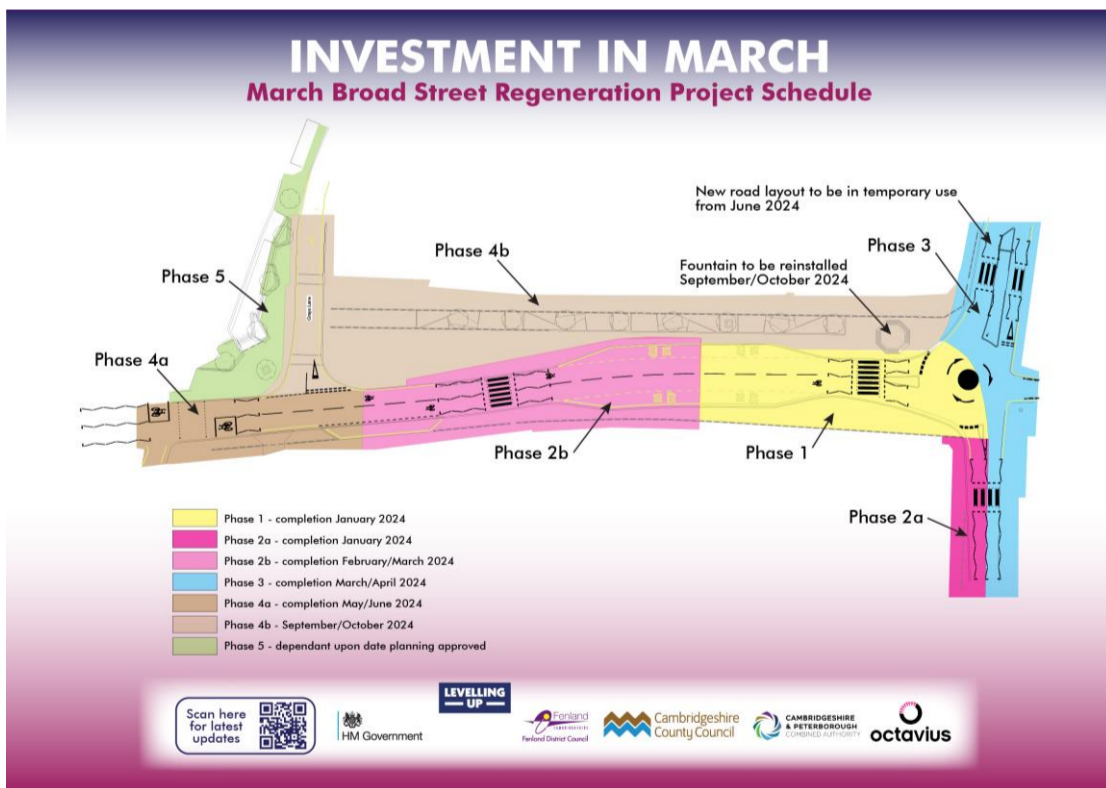


Welcome to the 4th edition of the March Regeneration Project newsletter, produced by Octavius Infrastructure, working for Cambridgeshire County Council and Fenland District Council. Our site office and team are based at 2 Broad Street (the Old Barclays Bank).

We have adjusted the programme phases, please see below revised March Project Schedule:

What has been happening so far?

Construction of the road formation to Broad Street and the installation of new drainage systems and new kerb line are now complete up to the memorial. We have now commenced paving in Station Road and will be complete before the Christmas Break. We have also commenced work outside of Collingwood's building in front of the shops at the Northern end of The High Street and works will be ongoing in this section. We would like to thank all the businesses for their co-operation while we have been working in front of their premises.



Upcoming Traffic Management Changes

The current three-way traffic light management system will remain in place and maintained 24/7, but we will constantly review its performance as we know how important it is to keep traffic flowing through the town. Future changes to the traffic management arrangements will be communicated well in advance, so please do watch out for these.

Toilet Block on Broad Street

The toilet block in Broad Street closed on Wednesday 13th December and new temporary toilets are available in the car park of the Octavius office, with public access from Grays Lane. The toilets will be open from 8am to 4pm. We will be completing preparation works prior to the removal of the toilet block & 'old man shelter' which will start in New Year.



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Site News & What's Coming Up

We will be continuing with installation of all drainage and progressing works along Broad Street, Station Road and the junction of Robingoodfellows Lane.

During November, the pedestrian footpath was diverted onto newly laid carriageway surfacing on Broad Street, plus we worked in Station Road, Broad Street and Dartford Road junction to continue with carriageway construction and footway works.

Sustainability & 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. We measure our social value impact using Thrive, a measuring software tool. The value is calculated using Impact Evaluation Standard (IES) framework, which is fully aligned to the UK Government's Social Value Model (PPN 06/20). The latest Thrive report can be found overleaf.

In December, we donated £2000.00 for the Christmas Tree, we attended the Christmas Lights Switch-On, our wonky Christmas Tree was in the local news and in global news, it has been mentioned in Australia, Singapore and other countries worldwide.

The Golden Age Event, an opportunity for the older residents of March to talk/meet other service providers. We had our own table with Octavius giveaways.



January Works

- Switch traffic management at Station Road to opposite side of the road, week commencing 8th January 2024 ready for the works to start.
- Continue with excavation and paving along Broad Street from Tesco down to WH Smith, these works will be ongoing until February / March 2024.
- Phase 3 works will start in January 2024.
- Excavate Station Road (south-west) side of carriageway outside of barbers and Bet Fred for full road construction and installation of new kern line.
- North-east corner outside of Nates Barbers down to window and door shop excavation of carriageway for full road construction.
- Demolition of toilet block will continue, and riverside works will begin.
- Full closure of Station Road on the 9th and 10th of January from 7pm to 11pm on both days to install light column and lanterns.



March local printers has produced a Christmas card with the wonky Christmas tree being sold locally.



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Meet the Team



Nicola Foster
Project Communication & Stakeholder Manager



Russell Penn
Site Manager



Rob Solway
Site Supervisor



Sarah O'Mahoney
Social Value Manager

Coffee & Chat

The coffee and chats events will continue at the Octavius site office, 2 Broad Street, March, PE158TQ.

Join us on Thursday:
11th & 25th January

Any queries and concerns please contact us on Marchproject@octaviusinfrastructure.co.uk

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The salon has gained an outstanding reputation, for offering exquisite treatments and using products from specially selected names in the beauty industry; offering a warm, friendly and personal atmosphere, with the serenity of a spa experience it's just the place, to switch off slow down & shake off all your stresses of every day life.

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Want to know more:

- Regular updates are displayed in the window at Octavius site office, 2 Broad Street and also available at: www.fenland.gov.uk/BroadStreetNewsletters
- Attend the Coffee & Chat (dates above) with the Project Team & Council staff
- 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

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