



York Central

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What's been happening at York Central?

Since our appointment as strategic development partners earlier in the year, we have been busy working on the complex jigsaw of elements that bring a project of this scale to fruition.

Already, the joint venture is generating positive momentum by working closely with a wide range of stakeholders, suppliers, potential occupiers and other partners to co-develop plans and opportunities for the benefit of York Central and the communities it will serve.

Not only are we actively engaging with all tiers of government, including the new combined authority and Mayoral office, the City of York Council and its leadership team, as well as the Government Property Agency, we have also established a regular senior stakeholder forum. This will help deepen these relationships and ensure York Central blends seamlessly into the city's, and wider region's, long-term socio-economic objectives.

With outline planning consent secured for phase one of York Central, we are now working with our partners and stakeholders on the detailed design for what will comprise a significant proportion of the development. This includes the first commercial building, a new square, a new western station entrance as well as homes and a new urban park.

We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the public events being organised by City of York Holgate Ward Councillors in October, find out more on page 4 and 5.

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By **Tom Gilman**,
Regional Managing Director,
McLaren Property



New Government Hub given green light

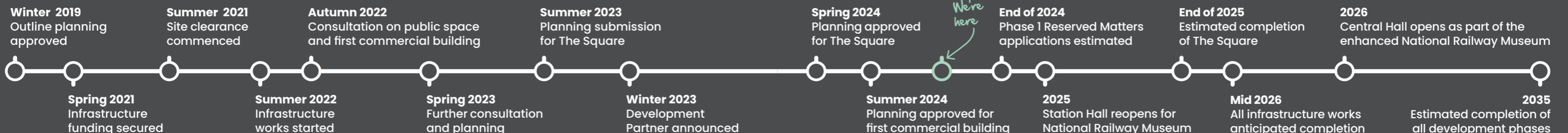
A planning application for a state-of-the-art government office development at York Central was given the go-ahead in July.

Following extensive public consultation, the application to construct a six-storey, 195,000 sq ft government hub was put forward by the Government Property Agency (GPA), Homes England and Network Rail, as the first major commercial building within the York Central development.

Development proposals, approved by the City of York Council Planning Committee, include 135,000 sq ft of flexible office space, with ground floor retail and ancillary space. Building features include solar panels, air source heat pumps and a green roof, as well as 230 cycle spaces and a planted pedestrian area. Initially earmarked for completion in 2027/2028, the hub will be home to up to 2,600 civil servants.

Mark Bourgeois, the GPA's CEO, said: "The new hub will help to accelerate the York Central development, stimulate economic growth and investment in the North of England as well as supporting the transformation of the Civil Service. It's another milestone for us at the Government Property Agency to deliver smart, modern, sustainable and digitally connected workplaces that focus on improving productivity and wellbeing."

Robin Dobson, Group Property Director at Network Rail, added: "Creating high quality workspace is fundamental to the future success of York Central. Having attracted the GPA, it is great to have reached this important planning milestone."



You're invited...



Updates on York Central and other local projects

The City of York Holgate Ward Councillors will be holding two meetings in October, to which members of the York Central team, and neighbouring projects, have been invited to provide an update on various elements of the development.

These will be great opportunities to update people on various elements of the project and share progress around the exciting York Central development. They will also provide opportunities to ask questions about the project.

We very much appreciate being invited along to these meetings by the Holgate Ward Councillors so that we can update the community on progress of the project.

Thursday 3rd October
6pm – 8pm

St Paul's Church

Holgate Road
York
YO24 4BF

Topics to be discussed at this meeting will include an update on the Wilton Rise footbridge replacement plans and an update from the master developers of York Central about the vision and benefits of the project.

Tuesday 8th October
6pm – 8pm

St Barnabas Primary School

Jubilee Terrace
York
YO26 4YZ

Topics covered will include an update on the riverside path upgrade, York Central infrastructure progress and the vision and benefits the development will bring, as well as further information about how to have your say on the project.

For more information contact your Holgate Ward Councillors.

Welcoming the new Mayor

As part of his first 100 days in post, we welcomed the first Mayor of York and North Yorkshire, David Skaith and Leader of City of York Council, Cllr Claire Douglas for a visit in July.

Following a Q&A with York Central Partnership representatives, a site tour demonstrated progress to date and helped the delegation grasp the immense potential of this 45-hectare



regeneration project site, which will bring a vibrant new dimension to our historic city.

Sharing his visit on LinkedIn, David Skaith, said: "The project is not just huge in size, but also in the scale of opportunity for York and North Yorkshire residents. It's early days, but when the site reaches its potential of almost 6,500 new jobs, and with such excellent rail connectivity, it will open up employment opportunities for people across our region."

Cllr Claire Douglas, Leader of City of York Council echoed his sentiments, saying: "York Central presents a huge opportunity for York and the wider region. It was fantastic to visit the site again and see the progress that has been made since I was last there.

"Once complete, York Central will provide much needed sustainable and affordable housing, good quality jobs, economic growth and green space which will create a great place for people to live and provide a huge boost for our local and regional economy."



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Cross-cutting collaboration a key theme at UKREiif

UKREiif, the UK Real Estate, Infrastructure and Investment Forum, connects people, places, and businesses to accelerate and unlock sustainable, inclusive, and transformational investment. York Central was represented by York

Central Partners with an exhibition stand and 3D model demonstrating the aspirations for the development's next phase. Delegates from Invest York and North Yorkshire also showcased the opportunities for investment across the wider region.



York Central sponsors York College & University Centre's Construction Awards

York College & University Centre's Construction Awards winners were hailed as "role models and ambassadors" for the industry at its annual presentation night in June.

among the sponsors, proudly supporting the 'Full-Time Electrical Student of the Year' Award, which was won by Herbie Oxtoby Wilkinson.

One of the major highlights in the College's calendar, the awards celebrate students' achievements in construction. Family, tutors, and sponsors joined industry leading firms to recognise student success. York Central was

Everyone in the team wishes Herbie and all the award winners the very best with their futures in construction. We look forward to a continued partnership with the college, supporting its 'Brick Wall' in the Construction & Engineering Centre.



Proudly supporting new York Community Fund

We are proud to announce that at least £150,000 will be available for the newly established York Community Fund, thanks to initial investments from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) and York Central Ltd.

in the city that make life better for local people is very much part of our ethos. It will ensure people have the best opportunity to thrive in the places where they live and work."

"Those small organisations provide food parcels and emergency support and advice, they provide warm spaces – both literally and emotionally – and they offer opportunity and hope. This is the kind of work that the York Community Fund is here for."

The fund is a partnership between Two Ridings Community Foundation, City of York Council, York CVS, JRF and York Together. The official launch was held in August at the historic Merchant Adventurers' Hall, bringing together leaders from York's corporate, public and charitable sectors.

Celia McKeon, Chief Executive at Two Ridings, outlined the fund's purpose, saying: "Everyone involved has things in common and one that brought us together is we all want to live in thriving, connected communities. But that doesn't just happen. Many people live in deep hardship, persistent deprivation, and chronic isolation. And local small community organisations are a lifeline for people living in those situations."

The event highlighted the critical support that local groups provide in creating thriving and connected communities. The York Community Fund aims to support local projects covering: Equality, Human Rights, Affordability, Climate Action, Health and Wellbeing.

Explaining why York Central Ltd has chosen to be the first commercial investor in the fund, Allan Cook said: "We truly believe that York Central will be a place for everyone to enjoy. Giving back to the community groups

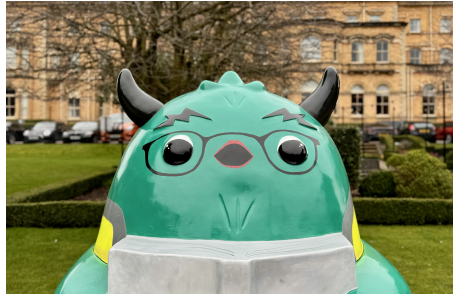
"Giving back to the community groups in the city that make life better for local people is very much part of our ethos."

Allan Cook
Founder, Arlington Real Estate

Snooks auction raises record amount for local hospice

York Central's development partners were the successful bidders for "Webbo" at Make It York's Snook auction in May. Held at York Barbican, attendees gathered to bid on the 22 four-and-a-half-foot sculptures from the Snooks Trail 2024, raising a record breaking £27,050 to support St Leonard's Hospice and the York Creates Fund.

Tom Gilman, Managing Director at McLaren Regeneration, said: "The Snooks Trail was a great way to engage with the local community and raise vital funds for the essential work of St Leonard's Hospice in providing care and support for the terminally ill, and those with life limiting illnesses.



"We're really pleased to have been the successful bidder for 'Webbo', which further demonstrates our ongoing commitment to supporting arts and culture in York, and we're already exploring other initiatives that will give back to the community in the city."



News from our neighbours:

- **Riverside Pathway:** Feasibility and design work continues on the planned Jubilee Terrace to Scarborough Bridge riverside path improvements. More detailed proposals will be shared shortly.
- **The Station Gateway Project:** For the latest information visit www.york.gov.uk/StationGateway



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