

Welcome to the newsletter for the Appleby Town Centre FRMS, keeping the community up to date.

This newsletter is for residents, businesses and visitors who live and work in and around Appleby-in-Westmorland. This newsletter will provide you with information about scheme progress and how to find more detail about the project.

What we have been working on since the public information event:

Undertaking a door knocking exercise (Chapel Street, Holme Street and Holme Court)

- Following the public information event held on 3rd April 2023, we took the decision as a project team to try and better understand opinions of the residents directly benefitting from the scheme.
- The exercise took place over 3 separate dates to consult as many residents as possible, including an evening knock to catch those who may have been at work during the day.
- A pre-set questionnaire was produced to obtain feedback from residents and all information was collected and has been stored in accordance with data protection (GDPR).
- Approximately 81% of respondents are in favour of the scheme going ahead.

Securing alternative car parking whilst Broad Close car park is closed during construction

- We are committed to providing alternative parking while Broad Close car park is closed to allow construction works to take place.
- A number of potential sites we could use for car parking have been identified and checked, however several constraints have ruled out all but one.
- We are progressing with the option to work with the Oaklea Trust to use the Edenside site as a temporary car park following demolition of the existing building.
- It is anticipated that the site will provide up to 43 standard bays and 2 disabled bays.

- This option will require a planning application to be submitted as a change of use. This has now been submitted to the Local Planning Authority.
- Currently, the temporary car park is expected to be operational from December 2023, and will remain in place for the duration of the construction works.

Updates to the traffic management (TM) arrangements during the construction works

- To safeguard both public and construction teams it is necessary to have traffic management plans in place. To maintain traffic flow around Appleby, we will implement specific plans for different construction activities and minimise inconvenience where possible.
- Please refer to the Flood Hub page for more detailed information – <https://thefloodhub.co.uk/appleby/#overall-traffic-management-plans>

Service / utility diversions

- We are working with Electricity Northwest Ltd, Northern Gas Network, and United Utilities (UU) as their services need to be redirected before our works commence.
- United Utilities work is due to start September 11th for approximately 2-3 weeks.
- We are working with Northern Gas and Electricity Northwest to confirm dates for their respective works. This will be communicated in due course.
- The Flood Hub page will be updated to provide further information regarding utility diversions and traffic management arrangements – <https://thefloodhub.co.uk/appleby/>

Fire Service

- We are working with the Fire & Rescue Service to ensure access is maintained for their services.

Programme update:

Key Dates

- Planning application submission – **August 2023**
- Start of utility diversion works – **September 2023**
- Award construction contract – **October 2023**
- Mobilisation / site compound setup – **December 2023**
- Setup of temporary car park – **December 2023**
- Temporary car park open / Broad Close car park closed – **January 2024**
- Start of main works – **January 2024**
- Construction completion – **Autumn 2025**

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