



## Request

Could you please send me update information on the timeliness for the development of the town centre. i.e. dates when the next stage is due to start and what exactly this will entail. And following on the planned dates that for further stages.

## Response

Since the completion of the main phase of demolition works in February 2024, work has continued on site throughout 2024 to allow the development to progress at pace. This work has included extensive site investigations, site remediation, removal of underground obstructions and surveys, which are required to discharge all relevant planning pre-commencement conditions.

The discharge of all relevant pre-commencement planning conditions is key to determining the start on site date for the next phase of construction works.

The scope of the next phase of construction is anticipated to be the first phase of the New Market Hall building, as well as the first phase of the required site-wide enabling, ground and piling works. These works, referred to as Section 0, are all targeted to begin in Autumn 2024, subject to finalisation of all technical matters.

A report was presented to the Council's Cabinet on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024 relating to Section 0. Details of the decisions taken are in the public domain in the minutes from that meeting at:

<https://democracy.wigan.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=130&MIId=5507&Ver=4&a=1>