Agenda Item No:	10	Fenland CAMBRIDGESHIRE
Committee:	Cabinet	
Date:	19 May 2025	
Report Title:	Wisbech High Street Update	

1   Purpose / Summary

1.1   To provide Cabinet with a monthly update regarding the ongoing construction work at 24 High Street, Wisbech.

2   Key Issues

3   24 High Street Construction progress

3.1   Etec, FDC's main contractor, continues with the construction work on 24 High Street, Wisbech. Internal works are proceeding as anticipated, and the building is now looking close to completion.

3.2   The building is a significant improvement to the streetscape of the High Street, filling in the "missing tooth" that has impacted the town for the past 40 years. The images below demonstrate the impact.

3.3   The expected completion date has slipped by three weeks since the last update. Completion is now expected on 21 May 2025, but handover to the Council may not occur until 21 June 2025, due to connection issues regarding water and sewerage and the necessity to close the High Street and the interface with County Council Highways processes that this involves.

4   Images

4.1   Prior to works commencing:

4.2   Current images (dated 2 May 2025)

4.3

The new 24 High Street building is the lighter coloured building, next to Chloe's, with the twin drainpipes on the frontage.

5   Recommendations

5.1   That Cabinet notes the report, recognising that progress on the build continues with completion of construction works due imminently.

Wards Affected	Medworth ward
Forward Plan Reference	KEY21APR22/01
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Background Papers	Previous monthly Cabinet reports regarding Wisbech High Street July 2022 Cabinet and Council reports regarding 24 High Street, Wisbech