

## March Broad Street Public Realm Improvement Scheme



Dear Local Businesses & Residents,

### **RE: March Broad Street Public Realm Improvement Scheme – Introduction**

We are Octavius Infrastructure writing to introduce ourselves to all local businesses and residents as we have been appointed to carry out the works for the March Broad Street Regeneration Project.

Our site office and site team will be located at the end of Broad Street in the Old Barclays Bank, we are so pleased to be working in the area and all project communication will be displayed in our window.

Please be advised that during week commencing - **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023**, we will be taking a phased handover of the traffic management from Anglian Water to enable us to commence project works on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023**.

One of the first activities will be to oversee a specialist heritage contractor to carefully dismantle, wrap and store the grade 2 listed fountain.

The relocation of March's Grade 2 listed Coronation Fountain has been approved by 'Historic England' in conjunction with Fenland District Council, to be relocated later in the project nearby in Broad Street. The fountain is 111 years old and we understand how important it is to the people of March, that it is cared for and not damaged during its removal and relocation.

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The removal of the grade 2 listed fountain will be early but an important part of our works. Its careful dismantling will take approximately 2 weeks and will be safely transported for storage until we are ready to reinstate into its new location towards the end of the project.



Once the fountain has been removed and stored carefully, we plan to mark the new location on the road so everyone can visualise the future location. The new pedestrianised location will allow greater appreciation of the historic structure, built to celebrate the coronation of King George V in 1911, whilst enabling the new junction arrangement to be realised.

The new roundabout replacing the existing traffic lights will reduce congestion and improve the flow of traffic, whilst offering greater pedestrianisation.

The early phase will see works on the carriageway construction, new road layout, new kerbs lines plus the removal of all centre islands and old street furniture. The works will take approximately 16 weeks.

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### Artist impression of completed scheme:



The War Memorial Monument will stay in place, be fully protected during all phases of our works and be made fully accessible for important events such as Remembrance Day



During these works we will endeavour to maintain the traffic lights, signage and fencing to the highest standards for the safety of drivers and pedestrians, to ensure minimal

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disruption to the people of March. The management of noise, dust and nuisance is a priority to us and we will do all we can to minimise this.

A monthly newsletter will be issued, keeping all the businesses and residents up to date with the progress of works, up and coming works, meet the team and the social value projects being delivered in the local area. The first newsletters will be issued in July.

We will also hold a weekly coffee morning to engage with the local community and answer any queries or concerns while we are completing the works at the Old Barclays Bank. Our first coffee morning will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

Prior to the works starting, we will be contacting local businesses individually to answer any queries or concerns and take precondition photographs.

Please accept our apologies in advance for any inconvenience and disruption caused during these works – we will always do our best to listen to your concerns and act accordingly.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns. Please note for project or design enquiries, email: [HighStreetProject@fenland.gov.uk](mailto:HighStreetProject@fenland.gov.uk) and Octavius general construction enquiries, email: [Marchproject@octaviusinfrastructure.co.uk](mailto:Marchproject@octaviusinfrastructure.co.uk)

Yours sincerely

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