

# Heanor Future High Street Fund

## *Briefing Notes – September 2023*

### Detailed review which can be shared in **Public Domain**

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#### **Market Place – Heart of Heanor**

Design, Quantity Surveyor works, Civil engineer design and ground investigation works have been completed. Unfortunately, the issue of Landscape Tender packs to market was delayed beyond the expected timeframe. This is not likely to extend the end date of the project but does mean there is not yet a timeframe for when the works will take place. Provisionally Scheduled October 2023 – March 2024, works will be completed on a phased approach to minimise disruption within the town centre where possible.

Once a contractor has been appointed, a timeframe for how the works will be phased will be made available. It is not possible to confirm dates of any public events without the contractor's schedule.

While this makes the planning of events difficult, it should be remembered that the designs show a blend of new and contemporary features to modernise the spaces, allowing for a focal area for events. The whole area including the carpark will be improved with the long-term aim of increasing footfall and creating year-round interest in the use of the space.

Business and community engagement has taken place with letter drops to maintain communication. Further public communication will be conducted to work with contractors and minimise disruption while works are completed.

#### **Former Grammar School – Heanor Hub**

Works are progressing well at the former school, with asbestos and strip out work concluding. Roofing works, including the lightning conductor, cupola and chimney stacks are all progressing.

The main contract has been awarded to A&S Enterprises, who will be starting on site in September. Demolition to the modern extension is expected before the end of the year. The site is a development site and no public access is currently permitted.

Enhanced marketing will be taking place over the coming months to spread more information about the project work, and the end use of the site.

#### **Whysall Street – Heanor is Home**

Strong interest has been received from developers to acquire the sites at Whysall Street. Analysis of each offer is ongoing with the next stage to agree Heads of Terms with the preferred developer. A final round of investigation works to support remediation of the land took place in July with full remediation work to be completed by March 2024. Once the land is released to a developer, a full planning application will be submitted early in 2024 leading to new homes by 2026.