



Update January 2023

This document has been produced to provide you with progress updates for each of the projects being undertaken as part of the Principal Towns Programme and where possible, it will also include information from colleagues across the authority about works ongoing or completed in your areas. These updates will be sent every eight weeks.

Due to the nature of the projects and the timelines we are working with, this update will be laid out as follows:

- Featured project which is actively underway
- Brief updates on ongoing projects which have longer timescales
- Other activities of interest

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Hoyland Public Realm Improvements

Our featured project update in this briefing is Hoyland, with three projects commencing in Hoyland on Monday 9 January. The first, was improvements to the pedestrian access to Duke Street Car Park, and completed on 18 January. The images below show the access before and after the works.



The second project, designed to open access between the high street and the B&M car park, completed on 25 January. Businesses adjacent to this area had experienced damage / theft to premises due to people climbing up the decorative gates and removal had been requested, and the pathway had been difficult to navigate through.



The final and largest of the three projects is the town square improvements and work started on 23 January, with expected completion in 3 weeks. An artist impression of the square is shown below. The refurbished square will include; installation of a new wall and ramped access, paving alterations, new steel anti-vandal seating, the connection of two powered bollards, and the installation of a new tree and solar powered uplighters. The circular piece of artwork in the centre of the square

will also be raised to form a plinth which will provide an area for a performance space and a further seating area.



[Advance press](#) was issued in November to confirm the start of the works programme. Prior to works starting, the team visited all businesses, and hand-delivered letters with details and contact information for any queries or concerns.

During the works, regular updates have been issued via the council social media pages to keep the public informed of progress.

Our Principal Towns investment work to transform the town square in Hoyland is well underway. The new footway to Duke Street car park is complete and is now open to the public. Works have started to remove the gates between King Street and Market Street Car Park. All other planned works are on schedule.

You can read more in our news article here:
<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/.../hoyland-town-square.../>

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Our [#PrincipalTowns](#) investment work to transform the town square in Hoyland is continuing to progress with works on King Street now complete. The contractors are now making progress on the town square. There is hoarding around the area however, all businesses and the market are still trading as normal. You can read more in our news article here: <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/.../hoyland-town-square.../>

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Hoyland Town Square update

Work to Town Square well underway

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Work to transform Hoyland Town Square progressing

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A formal opening event is being planned and local members will shortly receive an invitation to mark the completion of the works at the end of February.

Hoyland Former Co-op

Once the town square works complete, activity moves to the former Co-op building. Asbestos removal works will start in March, and as a small works compound is required, these works were time lined to follow from the public realm works in order to lessen the impact of works in the area. Local members will receive a more detailed update by email once the dates and details are finalised.

Hoyland Library

The images below capture the recent wonderful refurbishment of the library which was completed late 2022.



Hoyland Public Art

The submission of the planning application for Billy Casper sculpture to be located on Hoyland Road, facing the former home of Barry Hines, author of 'A Kestrel for a Knave' made the BBC news earlier this month. Details of the installation will be confirmed once planning permission is secured.

Barnsley: Second Kes statue planned for town

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Around the borough:

Wombwell High Street

Public realm and highways improvement are expected to start in Wombwell in late February. Led by our Highways team, the programme includes pavement improvements to both sides of High Street, resurfacing of the highway and decluttering and infrastructure improvements to the market area of High Street.

Due to the nature of the works, most activity will take place during the night. As with Hoyland, the Urban Centres team will ensure that advance communications are issued, all businesses are visited, and regular progress updates are shared on social media and in person. Finer details of the programme will be shared with local members once the dates and the programme timeline are finalised.

Local Centres

Five local centre projects from the Local Centres Investment Plan, have been prioritised for delivery. This prioritisation was based on:

- Alignment to B2030 outcomes
- Effective management of amenities by existing community / voluntary organisations
- Clear business and use case
- Evidence of use and demand
- Spatially distributed to address need

Feasibility reviews and condition surveys have been scheduled to produce cost plans, agree scope of works and seek approval to progress with the projects. Detailed updates will be shared with local members

- Dearne Renaissance Centre – repairs and future proofing
 - Expected to move to procurement from May 2023
 - New Lodge Community Centre - extension to kitchen, storage and offices
 - Expected to move to procurement from June 2023
 - Darfield Footfall Club– training, fitness and catering facilities for community
 - Expected to move to procurement from August 2023
 - Great Houghton Village Hall – extension and future proofing
 - Condition surveys expected from March 2023
 - Mapplewell Village Hall – repairs, future proofing and potential events space
 - Condition surveys expected from May 2023
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Royston Monckton Enterprise Park

Following a meeting with members and the Ward Alliance, officers are working up revised plans for planning. A full Habitat survey is scheduled to be completed for the site during the period February and April 2023.



The Heart of Goldthorpe

'The Heart of Goldthorpe' includes a new public plaza and events area. It will provide a central point for community activity and temporary public uses like market stalls and pop-up events. The tender opportunity closed on 26th January. The indicative timeline is for mobilisation on site in March and completion at the end of June, but this may alter dependent on the outcome of the procurement exercise.



Market Improvement Work

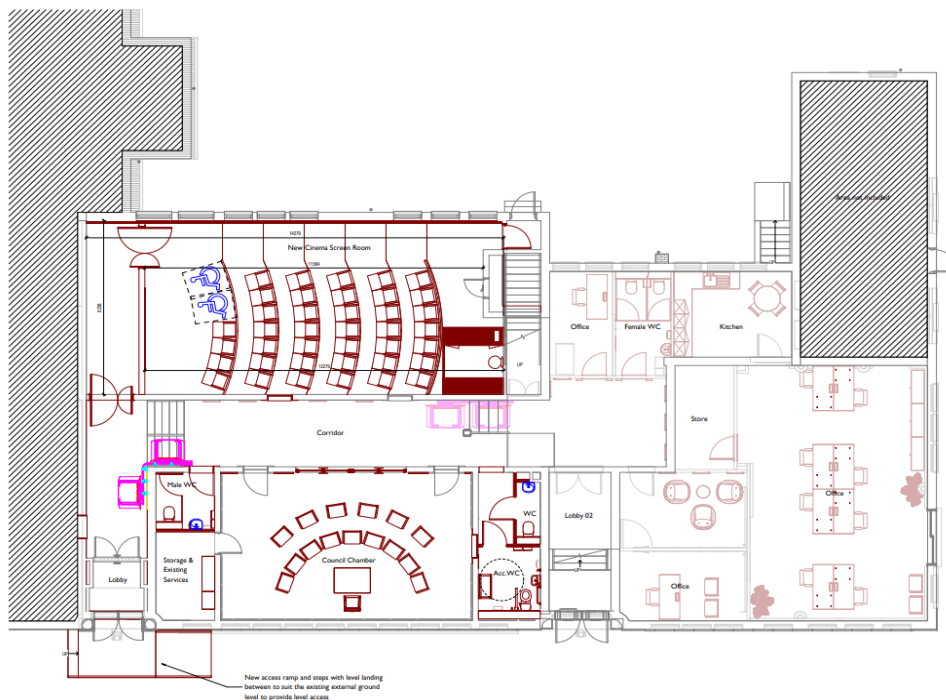
A study has been commissioned to review viability of street markets in Cudworth and Royston, as the only two Principal Towns without a market. This will review:

- Potential sites in each town
- Options of market type and trading day
- Delivery model for each market
- Potential timescales and high-level action plan for each market / town

This commission also includes an assessment of the planned relaunch of the market in Goldthorpe, to review the proposal to change the market day to Friday. This work has been funded through UK Shared Prosperity Funding and will be delivered by Market Place, an experienced market consultancy company. The findings will inform existing planning for Goldthorpe, and shape potential medium-term plans for Cudworth and Royston.

Penistone Town Hall / Cinema Extension

Architects for the scheme are working up the plans to RIBA 4. Confirmation of the schedule of works and costs are expected in February. In readiness for relocation to allow for works to take place an inventory of the heritage items within the Town Hall is being carried out. Work is underway with colleagues in Culture to ensure that all historic items can be stored safely and securely during any periods of disruption. Local members will receive detailed briefings as the final stages of the plans are developed and costed. The image below shows the revised floorplan and the second screen planned for the cinema within the existing Town Hall footplate.



Penistone Sheep Trail

Plans for the installation of the Penistone Sheep trail have been submitted and are awaiting approval. The sheep are manufactured and waiting patiently (see image below). Local members will be briefed once installation dates are confirmed.



Local Leadership and Collaboration – Support for Traders

Engagement activity has been commissioned for three Principal Towns; Penistone, Cudworth and Royston to work with local high streets businesses to set-up / relaunch a local trader group for each town. This work has been funded through UK Shared Prosperity Funding and will be delivered by SaveTheHighStreet.org. This organisation has extensive experience of working in local high streets, identifying local business champions, and supporting them to establish strong trader groups in their town.

Activity will be taking place in these towns during February and March, to reach out to businesses and set-up their first meetings. They will be supported to consider and implement governance arrangements, determine group capabilities, roles and responsibilities, shape how often they will meet and how they will work collaboratively to encourage people into the towns. Local members for each town will be kept updated on progress of the groups. A review of the impact of this work in these towns will be undertaken to determine if a similar exercise would be of benefit in other towns.

Principal Towns Action Programme

Officers from the team will contact members to update on any other specific activity within their areas.

Pothole Repairs across the Borough

During the winter months, the bad weather conditions cause more potholes. Our teams have been working extra hours to keep up with this demand. Find out more about how we repair potholes and how they get prioritised at <https://youtu.be/qjluNLmNEes>.

Over the past two weeks, our Highways Team have completed 230 pothole work requests. This ranges from a single pothole repair to 20 potholes per request.

Day of Action around Measborough Dyke

Recently, we joined forces for an action day around Measborough Dyke. During the day, we removed 16.7 tonnes of fly-tipped waste, litter and side waste. Our teams were on hand to remove graffiti and clean out contaminated bins. We also cleared footways and provided information, advice and guidance to residents who needed it.



Progress at Low Valley Bulling Dyke Flood Alleviation Scheme

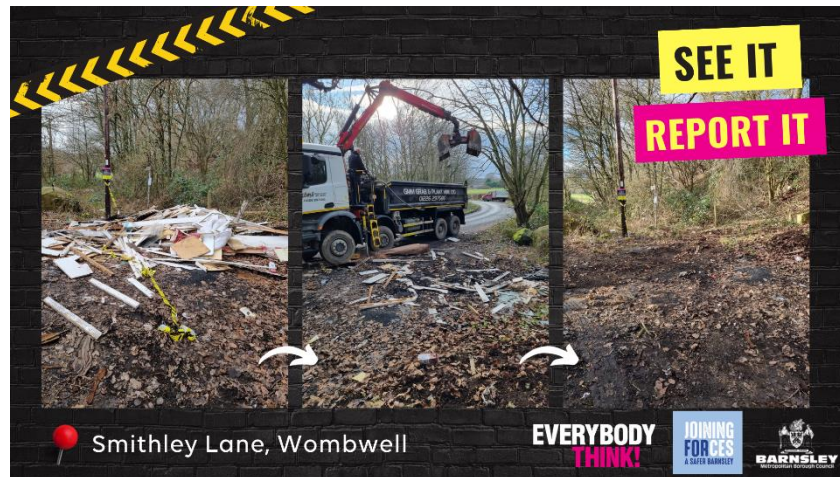
We've been busy working on our Bulling Dyke flood prevention scheme with partners from across South Yorkshire. Bulling Dyke is an Internal Drainage Board system serving residential and commercial areas of Wombwell, passing through a highways culvert.

William Saunders Partnership have been appointed to work with us to identify works that may be needed to store water in the system. Recently, we carried out CCTV surveys and gully cleansing with William Saunders Partnership to outline the next phase of our plans. Find out more information about [Bulling Dyke](#) and all our [flood alleviation schemes through the connected by Water partnership](#)



Fly-Tipping Update

It's been another busy month for our fly-tipping team who have been working hard to keep Barnsley clean and green. Recently, our team cleared this large amount of dumped waste from Smithley Lane in Wombwell. You can help us by reporting any tipping incidents to us on our website at www.barnsley.gov.uk/fly-tipping.



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