



York Central

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A new space at the heart of the city



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Welcome to York Central

by **Mike Goulding**, Interim Project Director at York Central, acting on behalf of Homes England and Network Rail



York Central has been a long-held ambition for the city. Whilst there has been scepticism about whether York Central would ever happen and what it would mean for York, it's exciting to see major steps being taken to unlock the site and the project.

Through newsletters, events and other communications, we hope to reintroduce you to the unique opportunity that is York Central. We'll explain what the vision will deliver for York residents and visitors, now and in the future, as well as encourage your views about what you would like to see at key stages of the project.

Covering 45 hectares of brownfield land next to York Railway Station, York Central is currently one of the largest city centre regeneration projects in the UK. Homes England and Network Rail, as the major landowners, are

working with key partners, the City of York Council and the National Railway Museum to deliver new homes and jobs, providing over 1 million sq ft of commercial, retail and leisure space, including a hotel and key areas of public realm including two new squares and a new central park. A major first stage, the delivery of over £100m of new infrastructure, is already underway.

We are also working closely with the National Railway Museum to achieve its Vision 2025 objectives, including expanding and improving the museum and its facilities.

Work has started on the infrastructure to progress the development and John Sisk & Son has been appointed as our contractor to carry out site works. Other developers will be appointed for different parts of the project in the future.

York Central will provide a significant boost to the local economy as well as improving access routes. You can read about the details on the following pages.

Homes England and Network Rail are working with JLL to procure a single development partner to realise the York Central vision. There has been significant interest to date and we hope to announce this development partner in Summer 2023.

These are really exciting times for York. It is fantastic to see things gathering momentum after 40 years.

Mike

Rediscovering York Central

After 40 years in planning and discussion, York Central has secured funding and is finally being realised and the project is gathering momentum, thanks to years of hard work from partners and community groups across York.

Situated to the side of York Railway Station, York Central is a once in a generation opportunity to create a vibrant, distinctive residential, cultural and commercial space at the heart of one of England's most historic cities.

York Central puts the railway at the heart of a new commercial, residential and cultural community, demonstrating the pivotal role our railway can play in unlocking sites which deliver growth and jobs. It offers excellent connections to the wider city and the rest of the UK.

Work on site now includes:

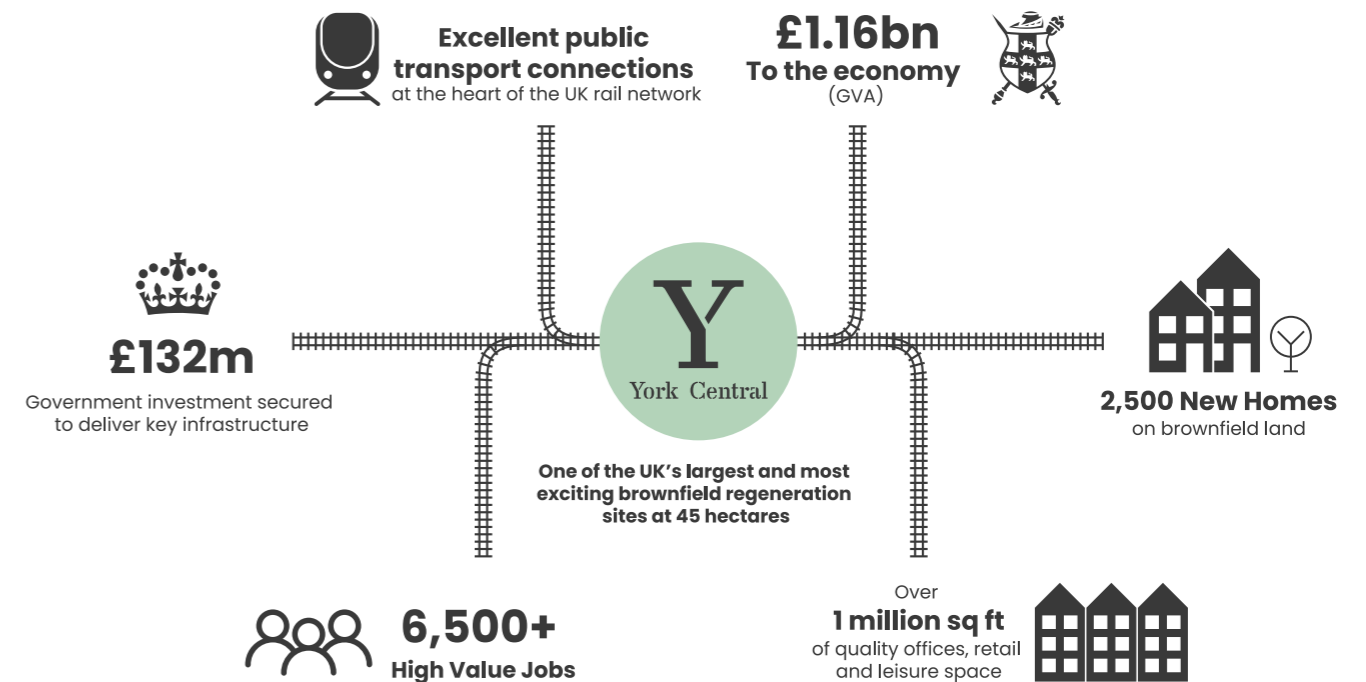
- Delivery of more than £100million worth of new infrastructure including;
 - over 2 kilometres of new roads plus public footpaths and cycle ways
 - new utilities
 - building two new bridges over the East Coast Main Line

When completed, the scheme will provide:

- Up to 2,500 homes, 20% of which will be affordable
- Over 1 million sq ft of commercial space for offices, retail and leisure, providing a significant boost for the local economy
- Potential to create 6,000 jobs
- Improved connectivity and access, as well as fantastic new public realm and open spaces, including an urban park.

Did you know?

- York Central is the largest development opportunity in York and its sub region, which is one of the least affordable places to live in the North of England.
- The development will also enable a multi-million-pound extension to the National Railway Museum and a new accessible western railway station entrance which will be accessed directly from the site.
- **You have the chance to shape how York Central will look by joining us at an event in November (see back page for details)**



Winter 2019
Outline planning approved

Spring 2021
Infrastructure funding secured

Summer 2022
Infrastructure works started

Spring 2023
Further consultation and planning submission for public space and first commercial building

Autumn 2023
First infrastructure phases complete

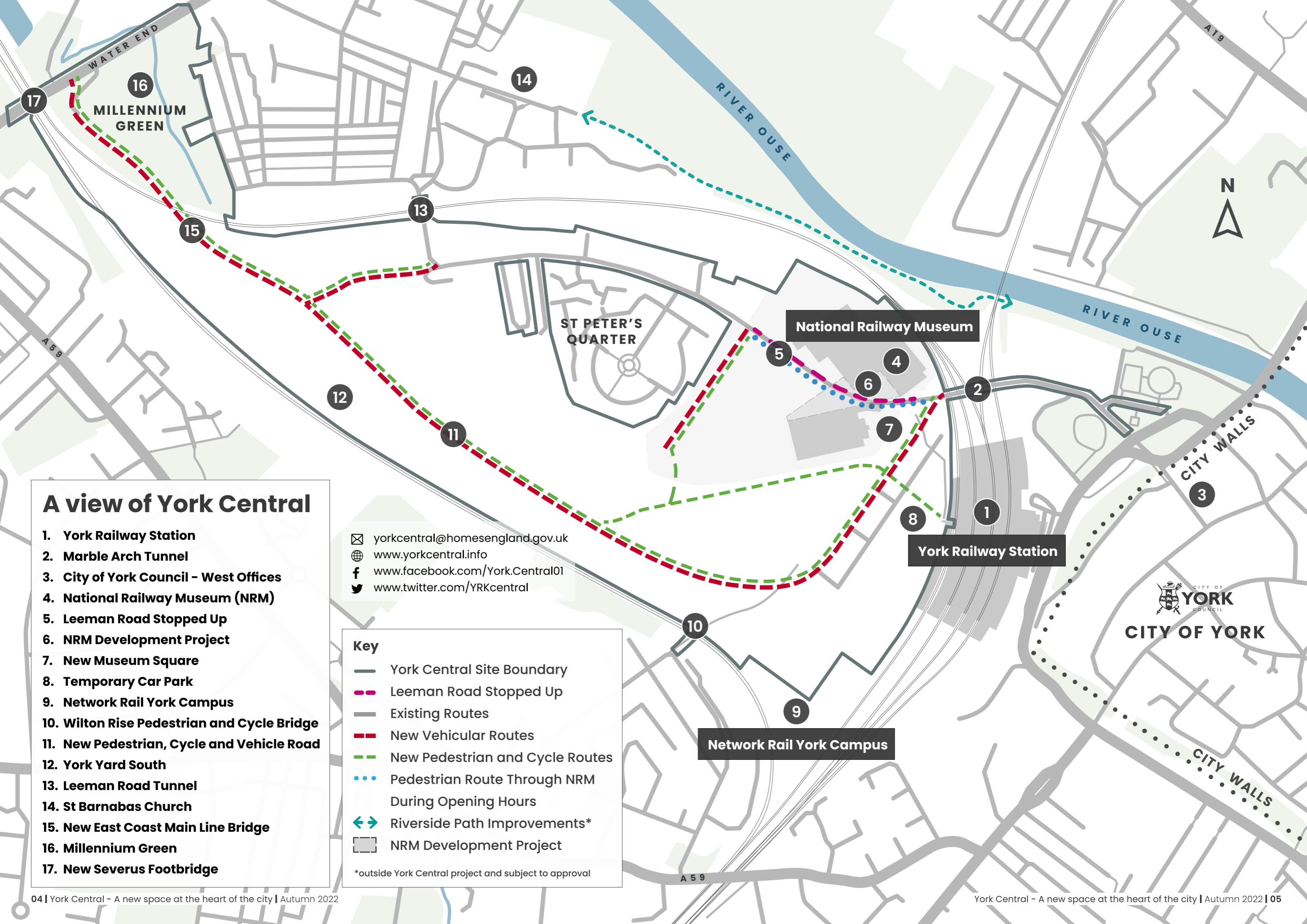
Winter 2020
Reserved Matters for the infrastructure approved

Summer 2021
Site clearance commenced

Autumn 2022
Consultation on public space and first commercial building

Summer 2023
Development Partner announced

Summer 2025
All infrastructure works complete



A view of York Central

1. York Railway Station
2. Marble Arch Tunnel
3. City of York Council - West Offices
4. National Railway Museum (NRM)
5. Leeman Road Stopped Up
6. NRM Development Project
7. New Museum Square
8. Temporary Car Park
9. Network Rail York Campus
10. Wilton Rise Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge
11. New Pedestrian, Cycle and Vehicle Road
12. York Yard South
13. Leeman Road Tunnel
14. St Barnabas Church
15. New East Coast Main Line Bridge
16. Millennium Green
17. New Severus Footbridge

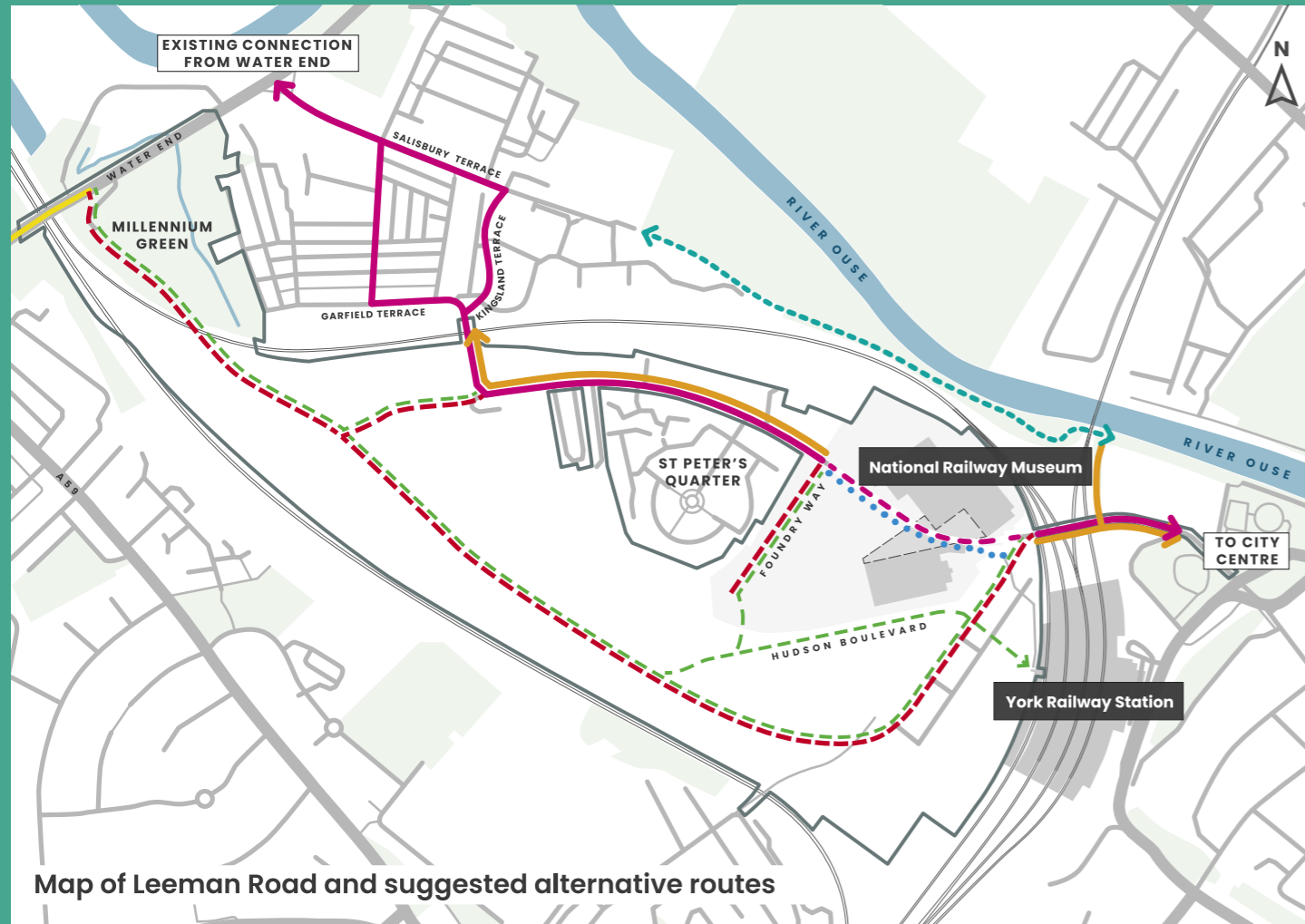
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Key

- York Central Site Boundary
- Existing Routes
- New Vehicular Routes
- New Pedestrian and Cycle Routes
- Pedestrian Route Through NRM During Opening Hours
- ↔ Riverside Path Improvements*
- ▭ NRM Development Project

*outside York Central project and subject to approval

Your questions answered



What will happen to Leeman Road?

As part of the previously approved outline planning consent for the York Central site, a part of Leeman Road will be stopped up once alternative routes are in place. It will be stopped up between the National Railway Museum Leeman Road entrance and the Bullnose building.

Only when alternative routes are provided will the section of Leeman Road between the two halves of the National Railway Museum site be stopped up. This part of the road will no longer be a public highway.

An alternative public highway route will be in place prior to the implementation of the stopping up of Leeman Road. This will be a newly constructed all-purpose route from the corner of the existing Leeman Road round to Marble Arch.

In addition, a pedestrian and cycle route will be provided along a new route via a new street (Foundry Way) and new pedestrian/cycle route (Hudson Boulevard) from Leeman Road (near to the existing car wash premises) around the south side of the museum and through to Marble Arch. Both routes will include footways, segregated cycle routes, lighting, landscaping and CCTV.

The works are currently planned to be completed by Autumn 2023, with the connection through to Water End completed in early 2025.

For full details on Leeman Road, alternative routes and other activity at York Central visit: www.yorkcentral.info

- Key**
- Existing roads to be retained
 - Existing Pedestrian / Cycle Routes to be retained (mostly on-road)
 - Existing Riverside Route to be improved (outside of York Central boundary)
 - Proposed Vehicular Routes
 - Proposed Pedestrian / Cycle Routes (mostly off-road and segregated)
 - Proposed Leeman Road Closure
 - Proposed Walkway Agreement Pedestrian Route through expanded NRM during opening hours
 - Future Segregated Pedestrian / Cycle Route

What is happening at Millennium Green?

Home to a range of flora and fauna, Millennium Green is an important area of green space within York.

Some works have needed to take place on the western edge of Millennium Green to prepare for a new road junction which will come off Water End and join a new bridge over the East Coast Main Line, providing a new access route into the York Central area. This will reduce traffic within current residential areas.

In addition, a new pedestrian and cycle bridge next to the existing Severus Bridge on Water End will maintain capacity at Water End and improve safety.

To keep people safe while the works are taking place a protective fence has been set up alongside the existing footpath that runs through Millennium Green. Some trees and vegetation have been cleared between the new fence line and the railway tracks, in line with planning and in consultation with an ecologist.

In time, a new embankment will be built and planted with new saplings, established trees and shrubs along the side of the railway line. This will provide a green space and enhance Millennium Green as a public space that can be enjoyed for generations to come and we are committed to

working with the Millennium Green Trust and local residents to develop the area further.

For updates on activity at York Central visit: www.yorkcentral.info and sign up to the newsletter.



Meet the York Central partners



The government agency responsible for investing in increasing housing supply and releasing public land to the market. Its involvement has allowed the final pieces of land to become owned by the partnership, with future focus on unlocking the residential potential of York Central.



The national rail infrastructure agency and largest single landowner on the York Central site. Work on the site is being led by the land and commercial division, tasked with generating funds to be reinvested back into the railway by delivering transport and station-led regeneration, housing, jobs and economic growth.



City of York Council, as local authority, and a partial landowner, has played a crucial role in facilitating the development of York Central. The Enterprise Zone and Housing Zone designations enabled the council to work with all partners to leverage the public funds necessary to; facilitate the enabling infrastructure, attract future investment, and crucially to unlock the site's long term strategic development potential and build a great new place for the city and its residents.



A leading UK museum and visitor attraction, the National Railway Museum currently welcomes 750,000 visitors annually. A major landowner and anchor occupier, the museum is progressing its own multi-million-pound programme of investment and improvements: Vision 2025.

Spotlight on...

Amy Hoskin

Community Liaison Officer at Sisk



John Sisk & Son Ltd is the infrastructure partner for the York Central project, getting the site ready for development across the next three years. Our work will include constructing a new bridge over the East Coast Main Line, a new pedestrian and cycle bridge at Water End, the new spine road through York Central, and improvements and landscaping around the site.



Sisk is a family-owned company, with projects across UK, Ireland, and Europe. We have a strong focus on bringing value to communities, concentrating on local employment, local supply chain, and local engagement.

As Community Liaison Officer for the project, Amy will be communicating with you on project updates and work near to residents and businesses.

If you have any enquiries about our work, please get in touch with Amy at: YorkCentral@sisk.co.uk

What's coming up at York Central?

November 2022

- Leeman Road Pedestrian footbridge removal (12th-13th). Marble Arch tunnel will be closed to vehicles overnight with a diversion route in place. Pedestrian and cyclist access will be maintained.
- New temporary commuter car park to open behind York Railway Station.
- Ground improvement work at Millennium Green/Water End to prepare for the new embankment and road bridge over the East Coast Main Line.
- Leeman Road exploratory works. Temporary traffic lights set up with vehicle, pedestrian, and cyclist access maintained.
- Public exhibition on York Central and consultation on public spaces and first commercial building.

December 2022

- Commuter car parks: continuing excavation of upper car park and filling in the lower Coal Drop car park.
- Removing contaminated material from site and begin ground preparation for new road.
- City of York Council to consult on riverside path changes.

January 2023

- Leeman Road: improvements to the junction at the Leeman Road/Cinder Lane junction/Marble Arch tunnel.
- Works at Water End/Millennium Green to reinforce the ground to support the new bridge.

Have your say...

Come and meet members of the York Central team, find out more and share your feedback at one of the events below:

Public Engagement 1

Thursday 17 November
10:00 - 20:00

St Barnabas Church
Jubilee Terrace
Leeman Rd
York YO26 4YZ

Public Engagement 2

Friday 18 November
9:00 - 17:00

City of York Council
West Offices
Station Rise, Bishophill
York YO1 6GA

Public Engagement 3

Saturday 19 November
10:00 - 14:00

City of York Council
West Offices
Station Rise, Bishophill
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Public Engagement 4

Wednesday 23 November
19:30 to 21:00

Online Event
Email: yorkcentral@homesengland.gov.uk
to be sent a link to join in online

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