

# Civic Quarter Project

Civic Quarter Liaison Group Meeting  
26 March 2026

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# Agenda

- 1) Welcome - Cllr Rosy Moore
- 2) Planning Application Update and next steps - David Roberts
- 3) Traffic Controls – David Roberts, Nick Sturge
- 4) Decant Update - Nick Sturge
- 5) Corn Exchange – Interim Arrangements - Jaques van der Vyver
- 6) Demountable Stall Trial Update – Jaques van der Vyver
- 7) High level Programme for 2026 – Jaques van der Vyver

# Planning Applications Update

- 1) Planning Committee – 25 March 2026
  - Committee outcome was to defer applications on Market Square and Public Realm to a future Planning Committee date TBC
- 2) Sign off pre-commencement Planning Conditions to Jan 2027
- 3) September 2026 return to Cabinet for final decision to proceed
- 4) Decanting of:
  - Guildhall Offices – by Oct 2026
  - Guildhall - Large and Small Halls by Jan 2027
  - Corn Exchange and Market – by Jan 2027
- 6) Start of works – January 2027
- 7) Works programmes
  - Market – 12 months
  - Corn exchange – 18 months
  - Guildhall and Public Realm finishing - 24 months

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# Traffic Controls

## 1) Extension of Market Square TRO to include Sunday 10-4

*Exclusions: Blue Badge city centre holders and other permit holders*

## 2) Removal of through-traffic from Corn Exchange Street towards Bene't Street

**Proposed 10-4 TRO Monday to Sunday.**

*Exclusions: Taxis, Large deliveries, Blue-badge permits*

## 3) Removal of right-turn exit from the Grand Arcade car park on Corn Exch. Street.

All vehicles exiting the Grand Arcade car park would be required to turn left towards Downing Street.

**Would apply to all vehicles 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

**Reliant on Highways Authority review and routing**

4) Interim TROs to facilitate temporary market locations

5) Construction traffic Controls – being confirmed.

**Deliveries/business servicing arrangements will be maintained**

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# Traffic - Surrounding construction interface

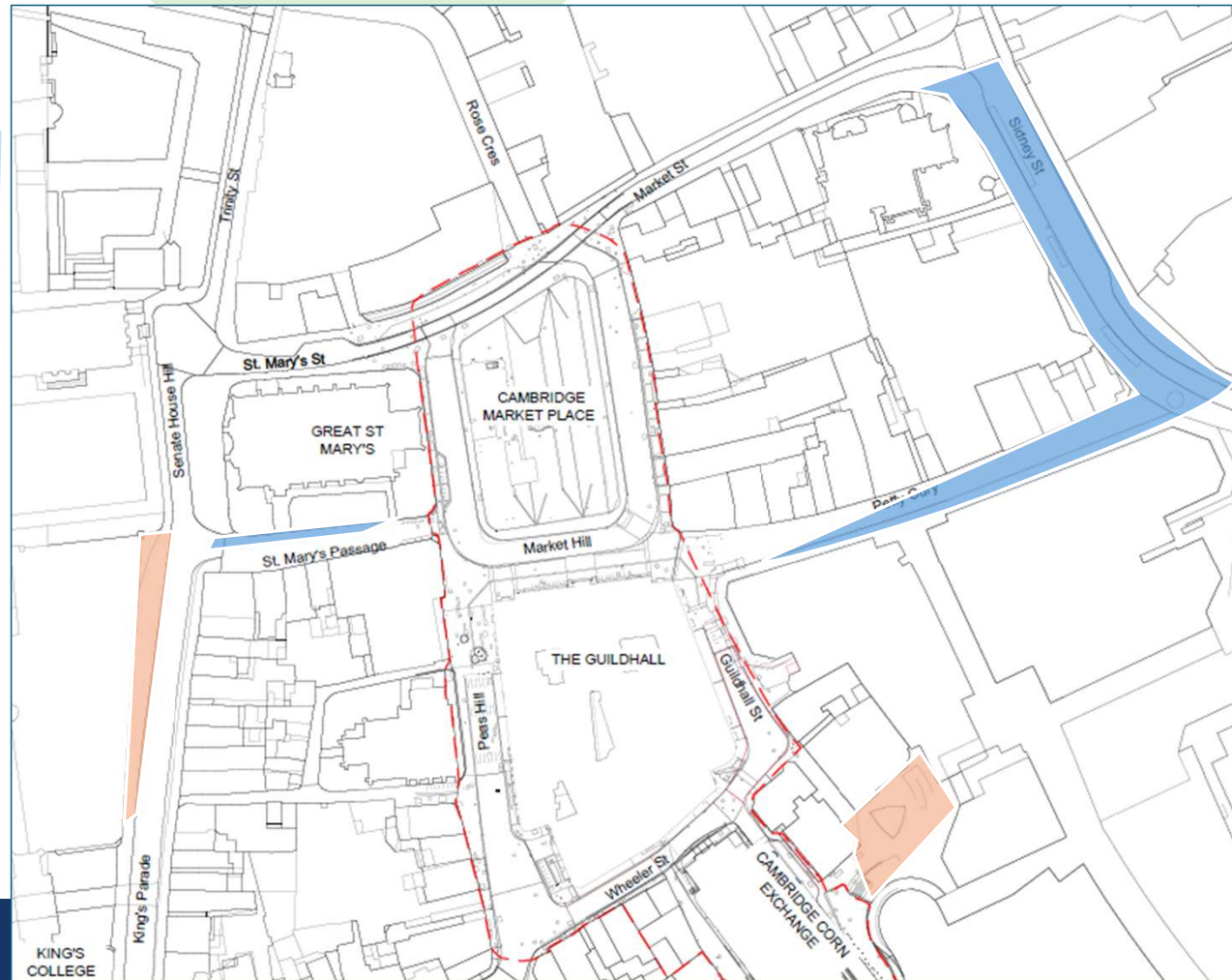
- 1) Arts Theatre works commencing Summer 2026**
- 2) Christs Passage works commencing Summer 2026**

These will be active sites when redevelopment activities commence.

Contracting team have commenced engagement with both parties to adjust planning to fit with their works logistics which will be in place.

# Temporary Market Location Update

- Sidney Street
- Petty Cury
- St Mary's Passage
- King's Parade with move to Fisher Square on event days
- Christ's Pieces considered but discounted
- Street trading accommodated at existing positions



# Demountable Stall Trials

- Ground sockets now in place
- All trial components received
- LP Tents
  - tension bars
  - heavier weight canopy with vent
  - canopy extension
- Surf and Turf option
  - standalone not compatible with LP ground sockets installed
  - Weighted down with weights
- Trial dates across April/May and potentially into the summer

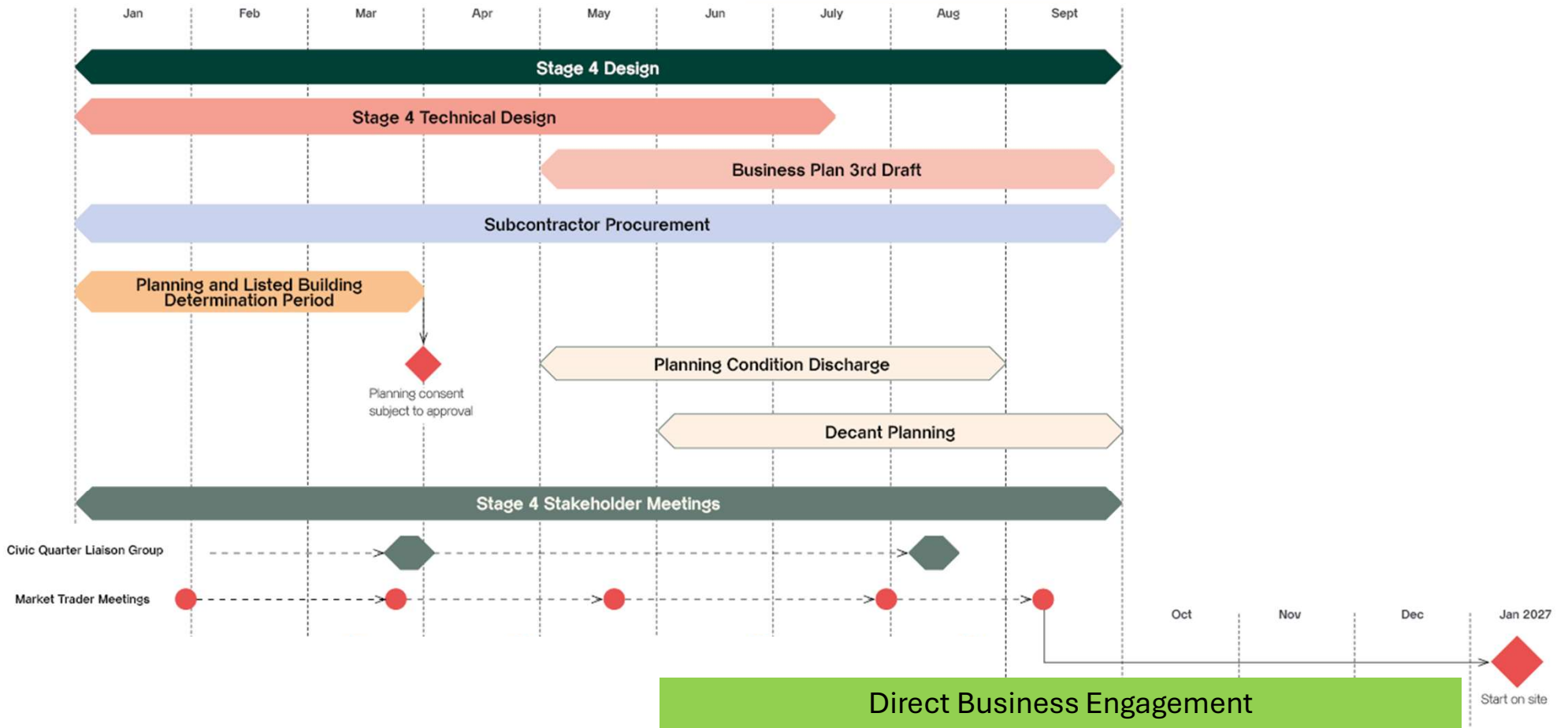


# Corn Exchange Interim Arrangements

Cabinet Approval to progress a temporary performance and events venue to support the transition period during closure

- 1) Enable a successful reopening and rapid return to sustainable trading
- 2) Maintain cultural visibility and prevent audience drift
- 3) Retain organisational capability
- 4) Preserve key stakeholder and client relationships
- 5) Provide continuation of economic and cultural activation of the City Centre
- 6) Targets proposed opening April 2027.

# High Level Programme - 2026



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