A new cinema development for the heart of Daventry

Welcome to the second edition of the Mulberry Place project newsletter, to keep you informed on the progress towards building a new four-screen cinema and restaurant complex on land off North Street, Daventry.

Willmott Dixon is pleased to be constructing this development on behalf of Daventry District Council to deliver improved leisure facilities in Daventry town centre.

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Delivering the new development

Work has started on delivering the Mulberry Place cinema development, the new multi-screen cinema, associated restaurants and public square which is being built on the site of the old library. The plan below shows the site layout, the build is due for completion Christmas 2020 with the cinema due to open spring 2021. Deliveries will continue through North Street and over the coming weeks the site boundary will alter to suit the works.

Upcoming works

Weeks 4 - 10: Until the end of November
A piling rig will arrive on site and carry out piling works, which will install the foundations for the new cinema building.

Weeks 6 - 18: November to late January
Groundworks will commence to the footings and retaining walls.

Weeks 19 - 25: Early February until late March
A mobile crane will arrive on site to install the steel frame.

Community activities

Students from Daventry Hill School visited site to watch an archaeological dig. They were allowed to hold artefacts that had been found on site. Lots of enthusiasm and great questions!

The Arc announced as cinema operator

Daventry's new cinema will have luxury electric recliner seating, cutting-edge screening technology and all the latest blockbusters under the proposals unveiled by its new operator, The Arc Cinema.

The Arc Cinema runs an established chain of cinemas in Ireland and is coming to Daventry as part of its UK expansion programme, which will see the launch of a regional chain in the East Midlands area. It was selected for the lease by DDC due to its successful track record in providing a high-quality and friendly cinema experience that can be tailored to local communities.
Notice of Commencement of Works

Creating a temporary vehicular access to the Bishops Crewe House Car Park has commenced this week (15th October 2021).

Once complete (25th October 2019). This will remain the temporary vehicular access into Bishops Crewe House car park for the duration of the main construction, completing in January 2021. The construction fence line for the site will move in line with the kerb line and the footpath will remain open for most of this time, and toward the completion of the main works, there will be further alterations to enable completion of construction works. We will keep occupants further informed in due course.

At completion of works, the temporary access will become part of the Public Square, and the original route of the car park entrance will once again become available.
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