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BATTERY GREEN & MARINA CENTRE

“A vibrant hub with innovation and sustainability at its heart; offering leisure, dining and professional opportunities to support an emerging creating sector.”

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Total Site Area:
Approx. 1.2Ha

The Cultural Quarter project will see the redevelopment of former Battery Green multi-storey car park, the Marina Centre and the public realm setting, in the heart of Lowestoft's town centre.

Once complete, the Cultural Quarter will provide a vibrant hub with innovation and sustainability at its heart; offering leisure, dining and professional opportunities to support an emerging creative sector.

The development will provide:

- New cultural and community hub with studio space for creative businesses
- Competitive leisure complex
- Restaurant
- Landscape enhancements

The funding will also aid improvement works to the Marina Theatre; a project being led by Lowestoft Town Council in partnership with the Marina Theatre Trust.



CURRENT POSITION

Battery Green car park has been vacant since 2015, in a partially demolished state.

PROGRESS TO DATE

Public consultation was undertaken in October 2023.

Partial demolition of the Battery Green car park to be undertaken Spring 2024, before main contract.

PROJECT TIMEFRAME

Spring 2024	Planning permission decision
Spring 2024	Demolition to start
Summer 2024	Construction
Spring 2026	Building opens

KEY OUTPUTS

- Transform the core of the town centre to increase footfall, grow the daytime and evening economy, and provide social space for the community and visitors
- Provide a town which retains and attracts young people to work and live
- Increase long term employment opportunities
- Secure long-term, sustainable delivery of a cultural programme that capitalises on the town’s heritage and cultural assets, and acts as a catalyst for investment, driving economic growth and enabling community cohesion
- Enhance facilities and the public realm to provide a safer, more attractive environment that improves the physical and mental wellbeing for the community and visitors

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

The majority of the partial demolition of the car park will be complete in advance with some aspects forming part of the main contractor works.

The build must be completed by March 2026 due to funding regulations.

The construction is within an urban environment, therefore careful consideration needs to be given to neighbouring properties and highways.

DESIGN TEAM

Battery Green and Marina Centre: Chaplin Farrant – Norwich based architects.

PROCUREMENT

This will be an open tender process with a JCT Standard Building Contract.

For Battery Green and Marina Centre development, there maybe a 2 Stage progress with a Selection Questionnaire. This approach would ascertain a short list contractors.

TIMESCALE

17 June 2024	Tender issued Battery Green contractor works
18 August – 4 October 2024	Tender response and evaluation including contract standstill
7 October 2024	Appoint contractor
8 October – 1 November 2024	Mobilisation
5 November 2024 – 24 December 2025	Main construction phase