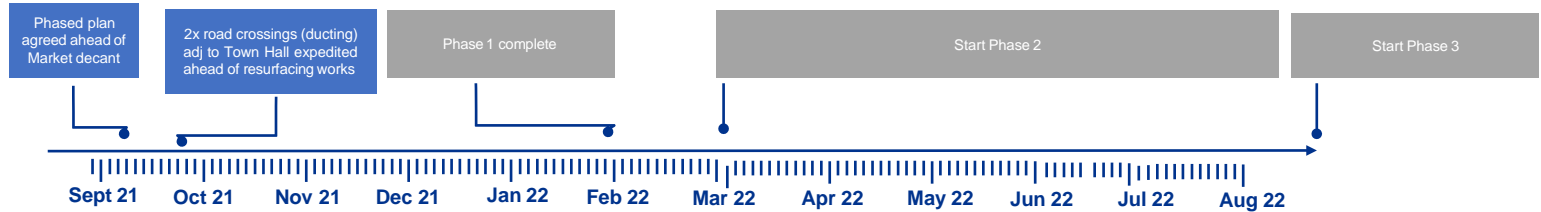


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Project update (September 2021) – Dewsbury Fibre Ducting

PROJECT STATUS: DELIVERY



Summary

Provide underground ducting to key locations identified in the Dewsbury Blueprint, thus ensuring fibre infrastructure providers can easily and cheaply service key assets in the town centre when there is currently little interest in providing fibre broadband, but also limit future damage to the planned street improvements

Plus the provision of resilient full fibre digital networks using Council buildings and approved projects as anchors.

Timescale/Programme

Start on site 2021
Completion 2025

Budget/Funding

Total = £0.5m; TF £0.25m and Kirklees Council £0.25

Outputs (MHCLG KPIs)

104 additional enterprises with broadband access of at least 30mbps (15 Arcade + 9 Building Revival + 80 Market Wi Fi)
39 additional residential units with broadband access of at least 30mbps (16 Building Revival + 23 Field House)

Dependencies:

- Dewsbury Town Investment Plan
- Decant of Dewsbury Market

Expected outcomes

- Bring gigabit capability to Dewsbury Town centre, helping to achieve the Government's ambition to bring full fibre and gigabit capable broadband to every home and business across the UK by 2025
- Increase gigabit broadband competition in the town centre
- Ensure the new neighbourhood of Daisy Hill has access
- Supporting people who work remotely
- Protecting key town centre assets

Key risks and mitigation

- Grant conditions to work with BDUK introduced an unknown risk of additional requirements to the project. *Meeting with BDUK has revealed interest in this project but no additional requirements.*
- There is a risk that other planned works, such as Highways Resurfacing and the Markets decamp might prevent trench digging necessary for fibre duct installation. *Existing good working relationships with Highways, Markets, Towns Team, Digital Programme and ICT mean this project can react swiftly and bring forward work where required.*
- This is a new idea, one that the Dept for Communities Media and Sport have not previously experienced. As with all new approaches there are risks and for this project it is that some of the ducts may not get used. *The mitigation to this risk is that there is ongoing work with fibre providers to make them aware of the regeneration of Dewsbury, the need to build fibre now, and the ducting provision being made available.*

Any issues to report

There are no currently any issues

Activities completed last six months period & underway

- Route planning for fibre ducting
- Route planning for Council dark fibre network
- Urgent delivery of duct road crossings ahead of resurfacing works
- Soft market testing for usage
- Tentative pricing of Phase 1

Activities due next six months

- Stakeholder engagement (Fibre Providers)
- Firm up pricing for Phase 1
- Delivery of ducting ahead of Market decant (Phase 1)
- Agree Phase 2 & 3 route
- Pricing of Phase 2 & 3 route

Item	Last period	Current period	Trend
Programme	Green	Green	↔
Resourcing	Green	Green	↔
Stakeholders	Amber	Amber	↔
Outputs	Amber	Amber	↔
OVERALL	Green	Green	↔