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**OUR CULTURAL HEART
UPDATE ON PROGRESS**

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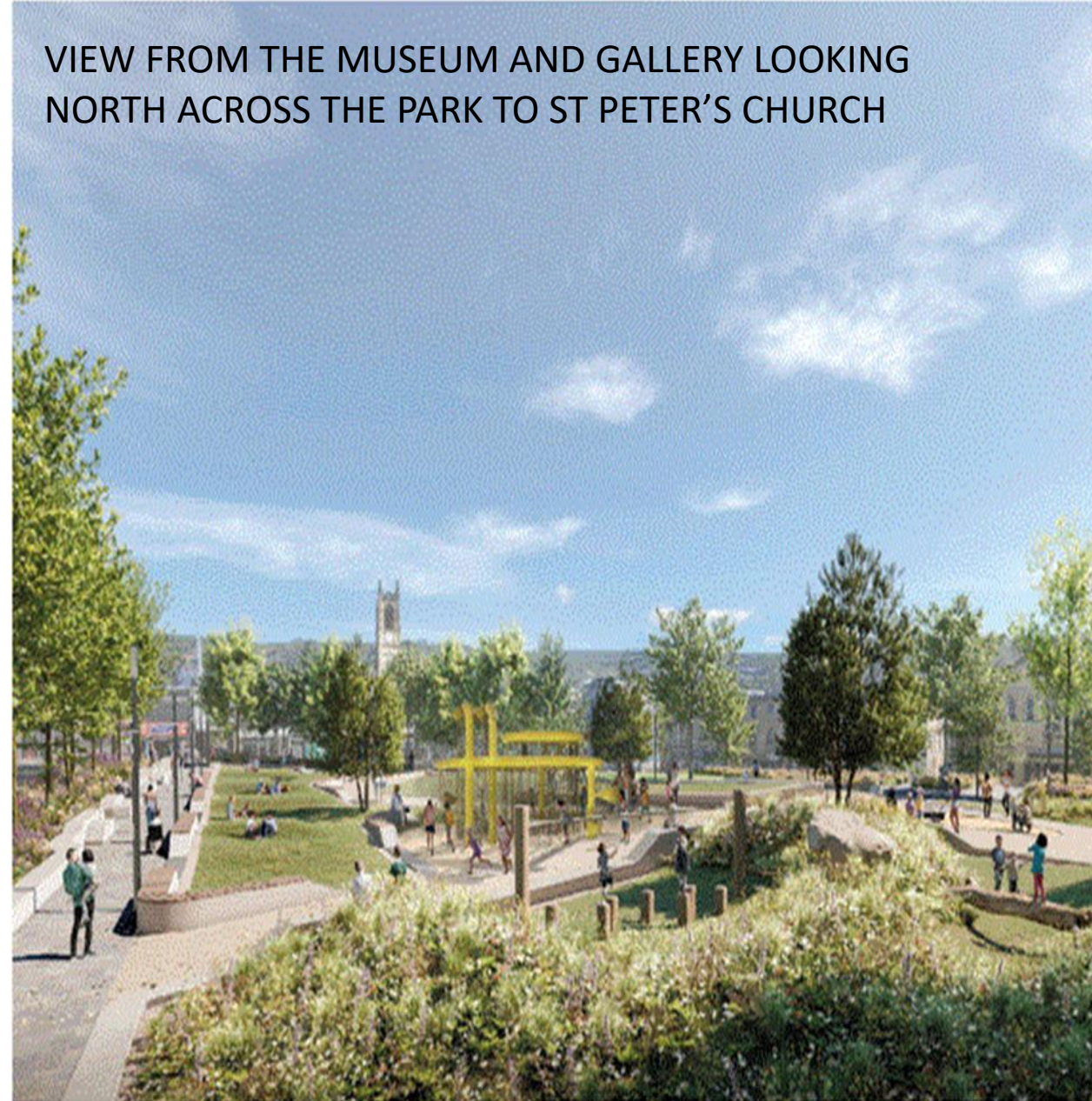
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VIEW FROM THE MUSEUM AND GALLERY LOOKING
NORTH ACROSS THE PARK TO ST PETER'S CHURCH



SUMMARY

- Huddersfield Blueprint launched in June 2019 to transform the town centre. Our Cultural Heart (OCH) is one of six target areas
- OCH delivers against one of the council's four key priorities, 'invest and regenerate our towns and villages'
- £262m construction budget for OCH included in the council multi-year capital budget plans profiled over the years up to 2030-31
- Council services preparing for pre-opening and opening in line with construction phases, and the Town Centre Operational Management Board coordinating operation and integration across the town centre
- OCH reports monthly to programme board and Regen PHB

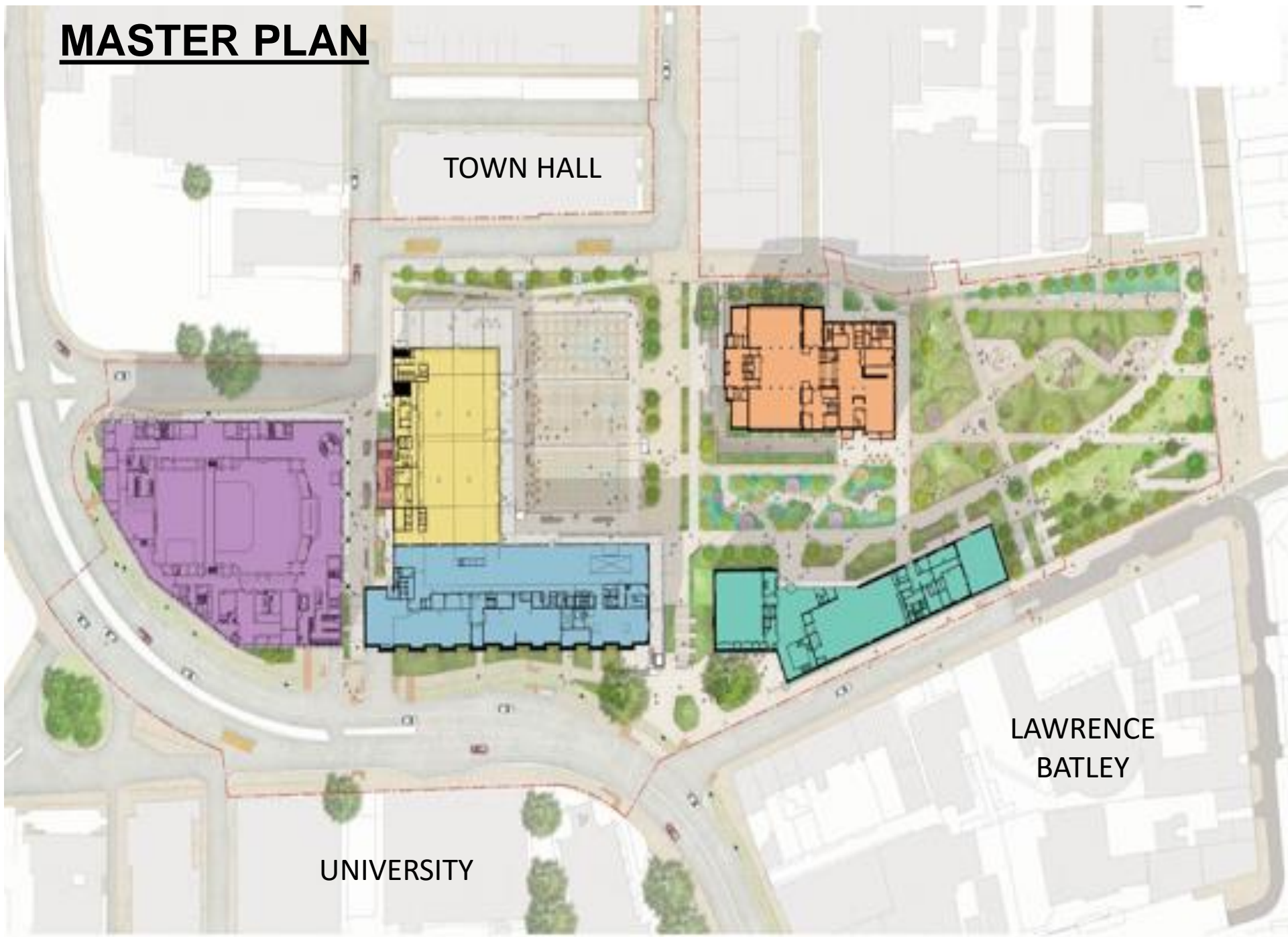


SUMMARY continued







- Progress regularly reviewed by Cabinet using the gateway process where issues influencing the council, and the programme can be factored into future strategy. Gateways will be repeated for each phase
- Next Cabinet report target date is Nov/Dec 2024
- The programme has also been to Scrutiny several times with the last visit on the 20th November 2023
- Scrutiny is invited to note the progress made in developing the programme and the next steps



MASTER PLAN



TOWN HALL

-  LIBRARY
-  FOOD HALL
-  MUSEUM & GALLERY
-  QUEEN ST PLOT
-  VENUE & MSCP
-  PUBLIC REALM/PARK

LAWRENCE
BATLEY

UNIVERSITY

OUR CULTURAL HEART

PHASES



PHASE 1

- NEW LIBRARY
- FOOD HALL



PHASE 2

- MUSEUM & GALLERY



PHASE 3

- QUEEN ST PLOT



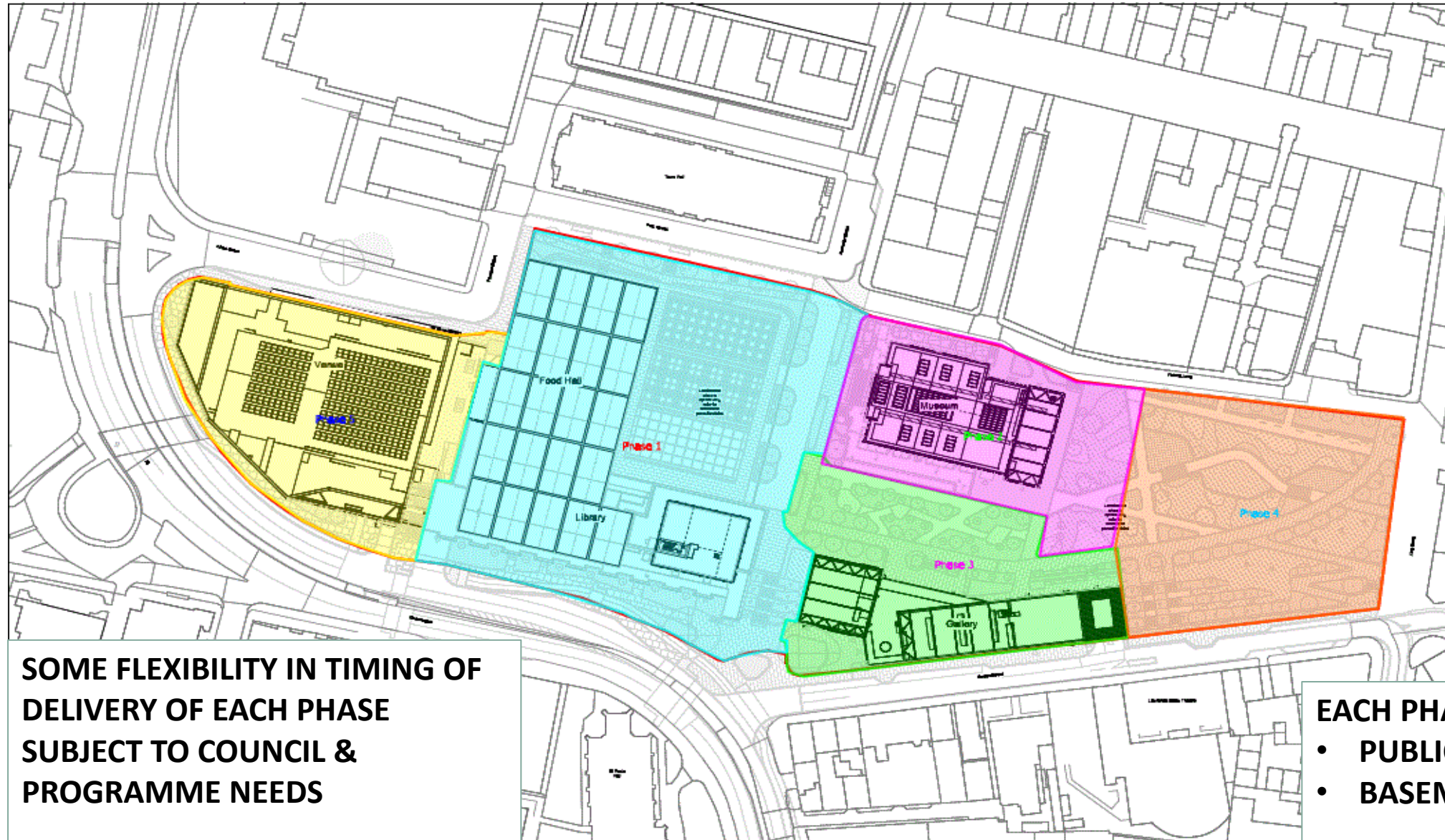
PHASE 4

- PARK



PHASE 5

- VENUE & MSCP



SOME FLEXIBILITY IN TIMING OF DELIVERY OF EACH PHASE SUBJECT TO COUNCIL & PROGRAMME NEEDS

EACH PHASE ALSO INCLUDES

- PUBLIC REALM
- BASEMENT

PHASE 1, GATEWAY 4, DECEMBER 2024

At Phase 1, GW4 Cabinet approved or delegated the following,

- Flexibility in delivery, review phasing during timeline of the programme
- Instruct enabling works as part of the PCSA
- Subject to conclusion of the RIBA 4 design and contract sum negotiations to award the Phase 1 design & build main contract to BAM
- Extension to appointments of client's delivery team, SDP, architect, engineer, etc
- The budgets to progress the combined museum & gallery to Phase 2, Gateway 3
- To explore any 3rd party interest in the Queen St plot
- Services to establish council budgets for pre and post opening
- Conclude the social value strategy for OCH, including the operation of the SV fund

PHASE 1

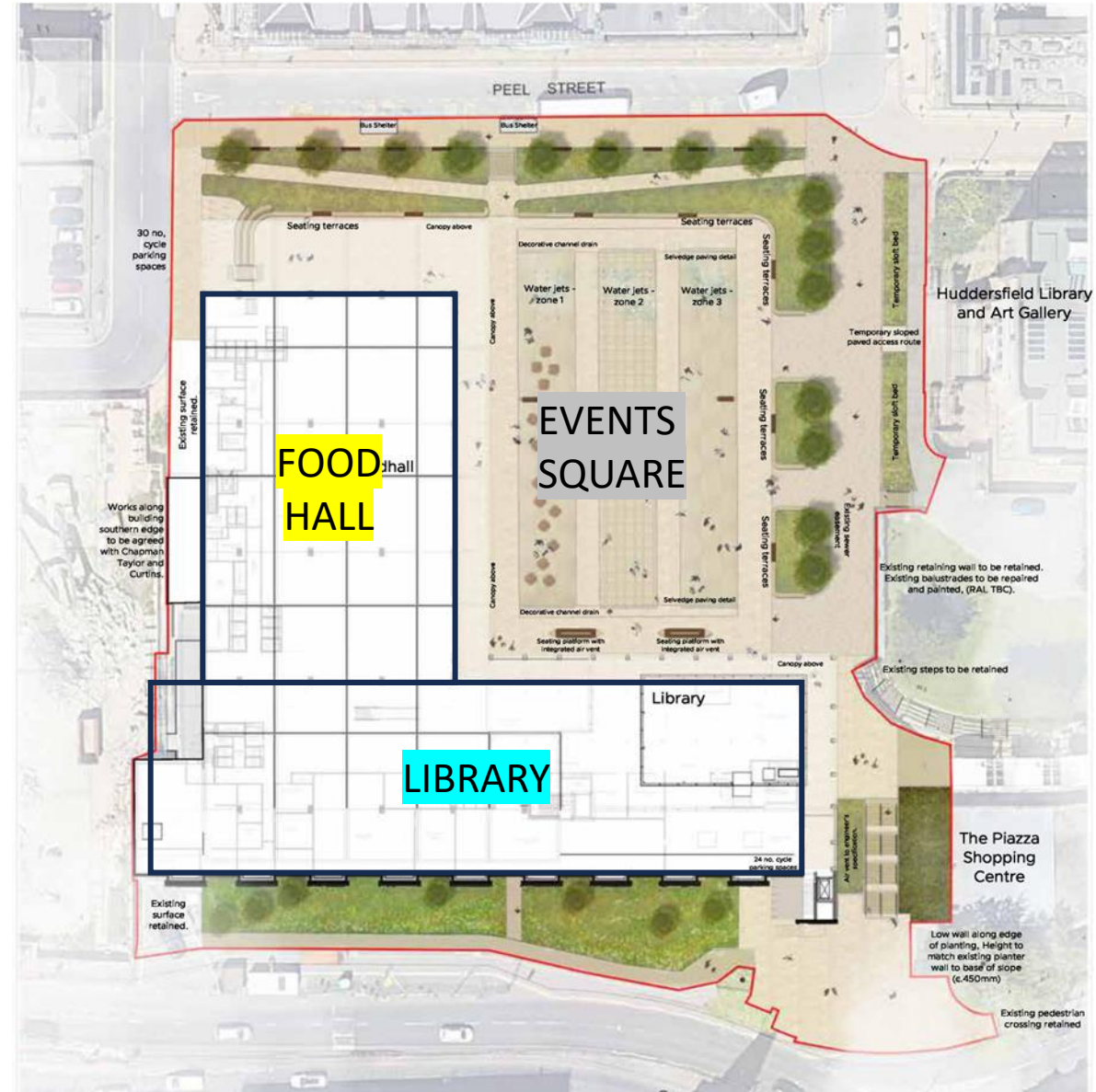
- New library
- Food hall
- Events Square
- Public realm
- Basements

DESIGN & BUILD CONTRACT

- Following a successful PCSA period the JCT design & build main contract was signed with BAM Construction Limited (BAM) w/c 19th August 2024. Asset related structural works also included within the contract.

TIMLELINE

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| • Enabling works instructed under PCSA
Asbestos removal & internal demolition | March 24 |
| • Planning/LBC revisions approved | June 24 |
| • Main contract commenced
Construction compound on old car park plot
Contractor SV delivery begins | August 24 |
| • Food hall operator appointment | Q4 25 |
| • Construction completion (Gateway 5) | April 26 |
| • Facilities operational | Summer 26 |



PHASE 2

- Museum & Gallery
- Public realm
- Basements

TIMLELINE

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| • Design work re-commenced
Redesigning within planning approved envelope | | March 24 |
| • RIBA 2 design completed | | May 24 |
| • RIBA 3 design target completion | | Sept 24 |
| • Planning/LBC revisions submitted | | Aug 24 |
| • The next gateway report, Phase 2, Gateway 3
Request approval to appointment design &
build contractor to progress the PCSA,
RIBA 4 design & contract sum negotiations | | Nov/Dec 24 |
| • Phase 2, Gateway 4
Commence construction on site | Target | Q1 26 |
| • Construction completion, target | | Q3 27 |
| • Facilities operational | | Q1 29 |



FUTURE PHASES & MASTER PLAN DELIVERY

PLANNING

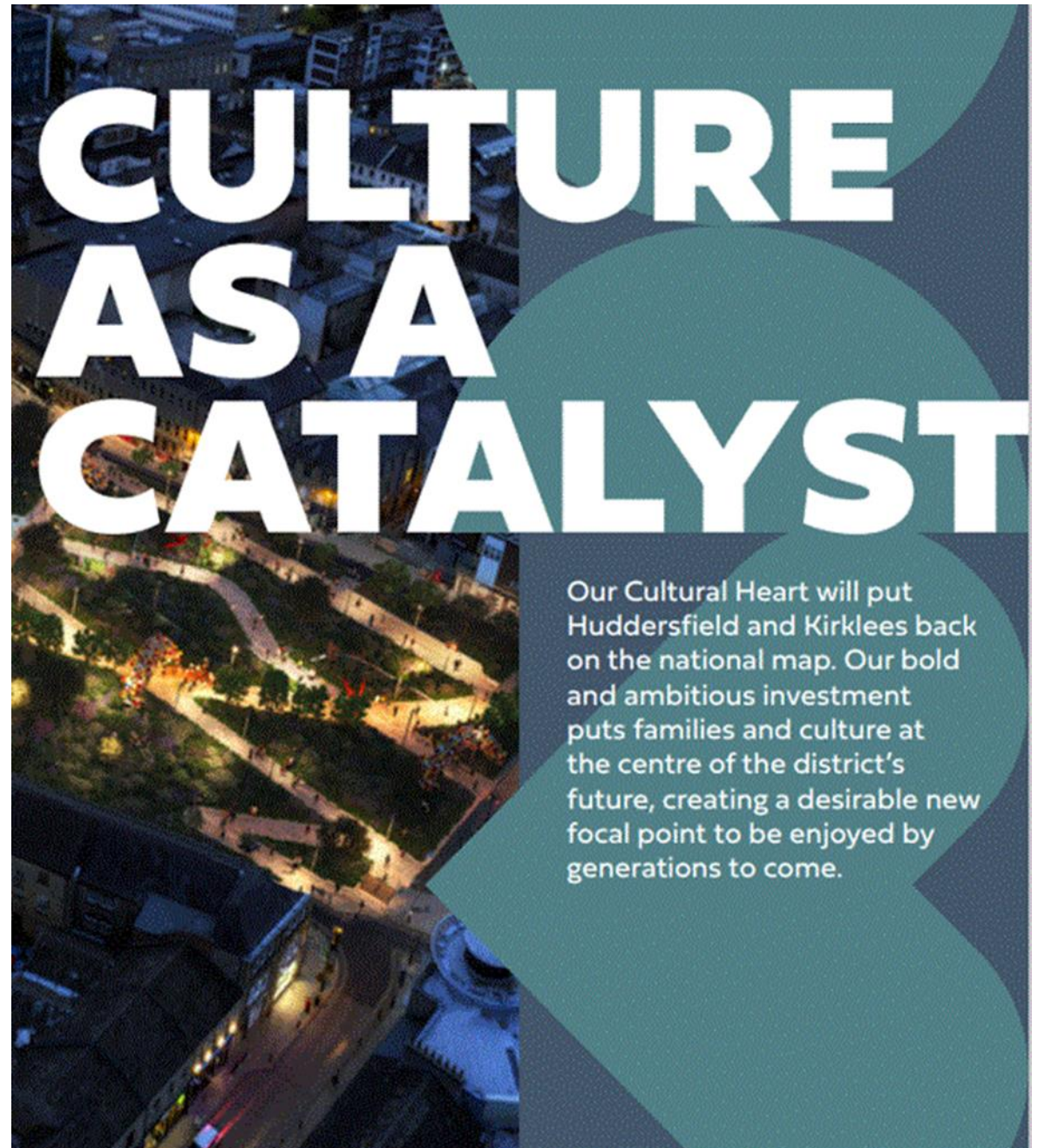
- Planning & listed building consents for the whole master plan were approved at the Strategic Planning Committee on the 2nd March 2023

QUEEN ST PLOT

- Greenhead College have withdrawn their interest
- Other alternatives for the plot include a hotel & residential, options appraisal is being worked up

VACANT POSSESSION

- Vacant possession of all the remaining units within the Piazza area of the master plan is deliverable to comply with phasing





AERIAL VIEW OF OUR CULTURAL HEART, MASTER PLAN

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION