



Council signs Pre-Development Agreement for Northwich Weaver Square redevelopment

A significant milestone in the regeneration of Weaver Square in Northwich has been reached as Cheshire West and Chester Council has signed a Pre-Development Agreement with VINCI UK Developments Limited, the Council's preferred development partner.

The PDA sets out the collaboration between the Council and VINCI UK Developments Ltd, who will deliver the scheme through a joint venture with ION Property Developments Ltd. This partnership brings together extensive experience in urban regeneration and a shared commitment to delivering high-quality, sustainable development.

It enables VINCI and ION to work up a masterplan for the Weaver Square site, based on the findings of the site investigations and to develop a business plan to help unlock external funding and support delivery. These activities will collectively inform the future redevelopment of the site, which is a key part of the Council's long-term vision to revitalise Northwich town centre, as outlined in the Northwich Development Framework.

Both VINCI and ION are committed to enabling the co-production of the masterplan for the Weaver Square site and will work with the Council and its partners to ensure that the views of the local community are heard during the process that will commence in the new year.

The Weaver Square scheme aims to deliver an accessible residential-led community, featuring over 100 new high quality modern homes, alongside improved public spaces.

It will also support local economic growth by attracting investment, increasing footfall, and boosting the evening economy in key retail areas including Witton St., High St. and Barons Quay.

Cllr Nathan Pardoe, Cabinet Member for Inclusive Economy, Regeneration and Digital Transformation, said: "The Weaver Square redevelopment is an exciting opportunity to create a new residential-led neighbourhood in Northwich town centre. Most importantly, this project will transform a part of Northwich that residents are keen to see redeveloped, replacing tired shops with quality placemaking and spaces that future generations can be proud of. We are committed to working in the new year with VINCI, ION and the Northwich community to co-produce a masterplan which reflects the aspirations of residents and businesses."

A VINCI ION spokesperson said: "We look forward to working with the Council and the community to develop our plans for Weaver Square, replacing the 1960s empty shops and buildings that are past their useful life with a range of new modern and sustainable homes that will be major boost for the town, helping drive its future growth."

For more information and updates [see more](#).

Northwich Town Centre Regeneration Update



Library Express offers convenient town centre location to borrow and return books

Cheshire West and Chester Council's Libraries Service has launched a new Library Express service in Northwich.

Working in partnership with Brio at Northwich Memorial Court, the library service has installed new shelving units to promote and display a regularly updated range of adult and children's fiction and non-fiction titles. Customers can easily browse, borrow and return books at the same time as visiting the leisure centre.

Library Express complements the existing library service and allows customers to continue to borrow and return books outside regular library opening hours in a community location. The service at Northwich Memorial Court builds on the popularity of the previous pop-up library which was set up when Northwich Library moved to its temporary home at Weaver Hall Museum on London Rd.

The temporary Northwich Library at Weaver Hall Museum offers a wider selection of the latest fiction and non-fiction titles, internet access via public computers and free Wi-Fi, printing, photocopying and scanning facilities, and a range of events, activities and groups.

The Council's Cabinet Member for Fairer Futures, Councillor Lisa Denson said: "We are delighted to work with Brio to provide the new Library Express service at Northwich Memorial Court. We also remain committed to renovating and refurbishing Northwich Library on Witton St. and recognise its value as a service to the people of Northwich and the sense of pride the building itself brings to people who live in the town. We are looking forward to creating an accessible and welcoming Library and learning space - it is currently anticipated that the library will reopen in winter 2026/27."

News in brief



New Market Update

The project team are in the process of selecting a contractor for the market fit-out and currently expect to start on site in early 2026. A Meet the Buyer event will be held once the contractor is confirmed, to assist local businesses to bid for work on the fit-out.

Following a recruitment process for traders, initial offers are being made to a number of traders and confirmation of the trader line up will begin early in the new year.

Christmas Events in Northwich

Santa's Grotto with Rotary

Sundays at Wildwood in December 10am – 4pm

Christmas Crafting at the Mini Makery

11 December at 11am

Northwich Artisan Market

13 December at 10am

Broga with Groove Asana Snap Fitness

21 December at 10am

See more events on the Visit Northwich [website](#)