



Connected Coast Chair's Update: February 2023

This month has seen the official start of works at the Campus for Future Living, the flagship project in Mablethorpe that is set to put the town at the forefront of medical technology and innovation.

At a special event on 8th February, Victoria Atkins MP for Louth and Horncastle, cut the first piece of ground on site, marking the beginning of construction of the Campus which is benefitting from £8.6M in Towns Fund investment.

Offering a centre for health and care related teaching and research, the main Campus building will include two large consultation rooms, seminar and teaching rooms, an event space including a coffee hub, and a pathology laboratory and additional laboratory space.

The site will also include an accommodation block, a children's play area, and a 35-space car park including eight disabled bays and electric vehicle charging points.

The Campus is the first East Lindsey District Council-led Town Deal project to start being delivered, with construction being carried out by Lindum Group.

The beginning of work on the ground is the culmination of partnership working to translate the ambition for the Campus into reality.



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Skegness Learning Campus



Our flagship Town Deal project in Skegness – the Skegness Learning Campus – has also moved a step closer with planning consent being granted.

The new campus, which is benefiting from £14M in Town Deal investment, will offer vocational skills training across a range of much-needed subjects and

has been described as an 'economic game changer' for Skegness.

The project will create a new purpose-built college of further and higher education, offering a vibrant environment where young people and adults will be inspired to learn and thrive.



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Through the new state of the art learning offer, people will be able to gain the skills, knowledge, and training they need to access a whole range of employment opportunities. The new campus will enable people to achieve their ambitions and fulfil their potential.

Work is expected to start this spring / summer.

Colonnade and Pleasure Gardens

An important milestone has also been reached for the Colonnade and Pleasure Gardens after planning consent was granted for the project.

The redevelopment of the Colonnade and Pleasure Gardens will bring facilities, opportunities, and investment that will transform this area for both residents and visitors to enjoy.



The project will see the creation of a new landmark multi-use pavilion and a unique promenade access. Overnight lodges and beach huts, two new craft studios, and a first floor viewing platform will also be developed within the main pavilion. Meanwhile, the Pleasure Gardens are set to be enhanced to create new sensory play facilities for children, additional seating areas, and space for pop-up events and markets, as well as landscaping. The paddling pool, anchor water feature, and tennis courts will remain available for public enjoyment.

The East Lindsey District Council-led project is benefitting from £4.2m of Town Deal funding in Towns Fund investment with the remaining costs funded by East Lindsey District Council. In addition, Connected Coast received early funding – accelerated funding – of £500,000 in 2020 which enabled the demolition of the existing failing structure at the Colonnade, in advance of the rebuild.



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Leisure and Learning Hub



Work will shortly be starting on the development of the new Leisure and Learning Hub on the site of the current Station Sports Centre in Mablethorpe.

The car park has been closed, and the project is moving towards early works starting in March.

The new development will offer a new four-lane swimming pool and changing village, as well as studios and a fitness suite, and learning opportunities will be provided through the centre. A turf cutting event for the Leisure and Learning Hub is set to take place on site on Thursday 9th March.

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Skegness Expo

At the beginning of February, the Connected Coast team attended the Skegness Expo at Southview Holiday Park Hotel to highlight the Towns Fund investment and projects in Skegness and Mablethorpe.

It was a great opportunity to meet people and talk about the projects and progress.



I was also pleased to speak at the event, and share an update for attendees about the Town Deal projects, and the difference they will make for Skegness and Mablethorpe.

Would you like to find out more about any of the projects in this update? Please do get in touch with us: Connected.Coast@e-lindsey.gov.uk



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