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Date announced for demolition of Lincoln footbridge

Scott's Bridge on Melville Street in Lincoln will be demolished in **mid-May**, making way for a **new hotel and residential development** at the site of the former City Square Centre.

Permission was granted to demolish the bridge in the hotel's original outline planning permission, as it posed as **a barrier to development**, both visually and logistically.

The bridge will be closed to the public from **Monday 5th May**, enabling preparation work to take place, including erecting extensive scaffolding. Demolition operations will then complete over the weekend of **Friday 16th**, through to **6am on Monday 19th May**.

To ensure a safe demolition, **road and footpath closures** will be in place on Broadgate and Melville Street from **7pm on Friday 16th May**, until **6am on Monday 19th May**, as agreed by **Lincolnshire County Council** and facilitated by **Highway Traffic Management**.

Local businesses **Eddisons** and **UDCS Demolition** are working towards the **demolition and site clearance** on behalf of Lincolnshire Co-op, and have been consulting with **City of Lincoln Council, Stagecoach** and **PC Coaches** to ensure that public transport continues to run.

Nearby multi-storey car parks, including **Broadgate Car Park** and **Lincoln Central Car Park**, will also remain open during the works.

Local businesses impacted by road closures will be advised and supported by UDCS, keeping disruption to trade to a minimum.

UDCS Ltd, a Lincoln based demolition company, removed approximately **8,100 tonnes of concrete and brick rubble** and **350 tonnes of mixed metals** from the City Square Centre site during its demolition, and **99.6%** of all demolition materials were **recycled**.

All concrete and brick rubble was repurposed within Lincolnshire, providing essential materials for new road and site infrastructure.

In preparation of the bridge's demolition, UDCS will be erecting scaffolding on the bridge itself, and around the Longhurst buildings adjacent to the bridge.

UDCS Demolition Director, Matthew Browne, said: *"We look forward to contributing to the ongoing regeneration of Lincoln's Cornhill Quarter and are committed to executing this project with the utmost attention to safety, efficiency, and community consideration."*

Lincolnshire Co-op has **outline planning permission** for a hotel on part of the former City Square Centre site and is in advanced negotiations with an international hotel developer and operator. The larger remaining area, earmarked for residential uses, has already attracted interest from several developers.

Kevin Kendall, Head of Property at Lincolnshire Co-op, said: *“We’re pleased with how the project continues to progress, and look forward to bringing new services to the local area, which will support tourism in Lincoln and create more housing.*

“Thank you to Eddisons and UDCS Demolition, who have done a fantastic job at managing the demolition and minimising disruption. I’m confident that this will continue as we embark onto this next phase.”

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Notes to editors:

1. **Lincolnshire Co-op** is an independent co-operative society. Its purpose is to bring together ideas, energy and resources to make life better in communities. It has around 300,000 members and 2,900 local colleagues in Lincolnshire and the surrounding counties and an elected board of directors who oversee the business.

The society provides **valued services** and supports the **local economy** from outlets across its trading area including food stores, filling stations, post offices, travel branches, funeral homes, a florist, a crematorium and community libraries. It also cares for people’s **health and wellbeing** through its pharmacies and support for a network of

wellbeing walks. Local good causes benefit through its Community Champions scheme and together, colleagues and members also look after the **local environment** through volunteering.

As well as its trading outlets, Lincolnshire Co-op owns properties, from flats and houses to commercial premises. The society brings land and buildings back into use to create attractive environments. With Lincolnshire Co-op as landlord, rents stay local and are invested in schemes that benefit the community.

2. **UDCS Demolition Ltd** has built up a strong reputation to become one of the East Midlands' leading demolition companies since its formation 10 years ago. UDCS Demolition prides itself on working as a team, being reliable, trustworthy and providing a quality professional service whilst building strong relationships with clients. Based in Lincoln, UDCS Demolition Ltd provides services in towns and cities throughout the UK, including Boston, Brigg, Doncaster, Grantham, Grimsby, Horncastle, Hull, and Leicester.