

Agenda Item No:	10	
Committee:	Cabinet	
Date:	18 December 2023	
Report Title:	Wisbech High Street Update	

1 Purpose / Summary

- 1.1 To provide Cabinet with a monthly update regarding ongoing work related to 24 High Street, Wisbech.

2 Key Issues

2.1 24 High Street Construction Progress

Etec, the main contractor, continues the construction work on 24 High Street with works remaining below street level.

Piling works commenced last month. An initial approach of using auger piles was halted when the system monitoring movement of buildings either side of 24 High Street detected movement.

This system monitors movement continuously and reports any variation to Etec.

Following this initial concern, a revised scheme using continuous flight auger piles was implemented, with the speed of works slowed down. This revised option has also caused movement although these are very small. Whilst very small, there are still many piles to complete, so the project team is assessing the suitability of the current technique and whether a further alternative technique would prove more appropriate.

At the time of writing any delay is unknown, nor the cost of such a delay, nor the cost of any piling revision. Legal advice is being sought to determine whether, in the case of additional costs, if the responsibility falls on the Council, the contractor, or the piling sub-contractor.

2.2 11-12 High Street

At the time of writing the options report regarding 11-12 High Street has not been received. It is anticipated in December, but as it seems likely that it will miss this report's dispatch date it will be considered by Cabinet in January.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 That Cabinet notes the current position in relation to the 24 High Street construction project in Wisbech High Street and notes information regarding the property at 11-12 High Street.

Wards Affected	Medworth Ward	
Forward Plan Reference	KEY/06SEP22/01	
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