

BOOTHS

COMPLETION OF MARKET PLACE MALL

Renovation works to the Market Place are now virtually complete and the three relocating companies, Poulton Optical Centre, Bodycare and Homecare Walkabout are now installed in their new premises. The fully glazed entrance to Market Place is now fully operational and will remain so on a permanent basis with no further mall closure.

Public response to the mall itself, the new shops and the mall entrance has been very favourable. Robert Pinkus, of Robert Pinkus & Co. Chartered Surveyors, who has dealt with the tenant relocations, stated:

"Relocating the tenants has been a complicated and difficult exercise and the public's reaction has been a justification for the efforts made by the many parties involved."

NEW TEMPORARY ENTRANCE FROM CAR PARK

Work is now starting on demolition of part of the centre and upgrading of the Teanlowe car park, to create the new Booths' food store. It requires, on safety grounds, the Teanlowe car park entrance to be hoarded off to create and maintain safe access for the public from the car park to the Market Place Mall, which will be maintained throughout the project.

Works on the car park will be carried out in three phases until the end of January next year, with a temporary pause in early December to avoid disruption of the Christmas trade. Throughout this period at least two thirds of the car park will be available for use at any time, as illustrated on the site plan.

BUS STOP RELOCATION

To provide a safe working area for the main contractor, Eric Wright Construction, the existing bus lay-by has been relocated to Blackpool Old Road, and the entrance into the Teanlowe Centre closed, enabling stripping out and demolition of the empty shops now to take place. Pedestrian access from Blackpool Old Road to the Teanlowe car park and Market Place Mall will now be via either Market Place or Village Walks, off Queensway, as illustrated on the plan below.

