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Relocation of Blackpool Magistrates Court

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Relocation of Blackpool Magistrates and County Courts

- Overview of existing facilities and location
- Request from Town Deal Fund
- Proposed relocation site
- Why do we need to relocate?
- Current status
- Next steps

Existing Court Facility

- Blackpool Central Boundary.
- Existing Magistrates and County Courts.
- Vacant Former Lancashire Constabulary Divisional Headquarters (Bonny Street Police Station).



Existing Provision

- 1960's Construction
- Multi-function building complex, inclusive of:
 - Magistrates County Courts
 - Former Lancashire Constabulary Divisional Headquarters and
 - Municipal multi-storey car park
- Security access to courts via police premises.
- Existing premises leased from Blackpool Council on long lease arrangements.
- Circa £14M required on repairs and maintenance over next 25years – (shared liabilities).
- Poor energy performance.
- Poor accessibility.
- Generally building at end of life – poor state of repair.



Chapel Street Elevation



Bonny Street Elevation



Mezzanine Floor Entrance

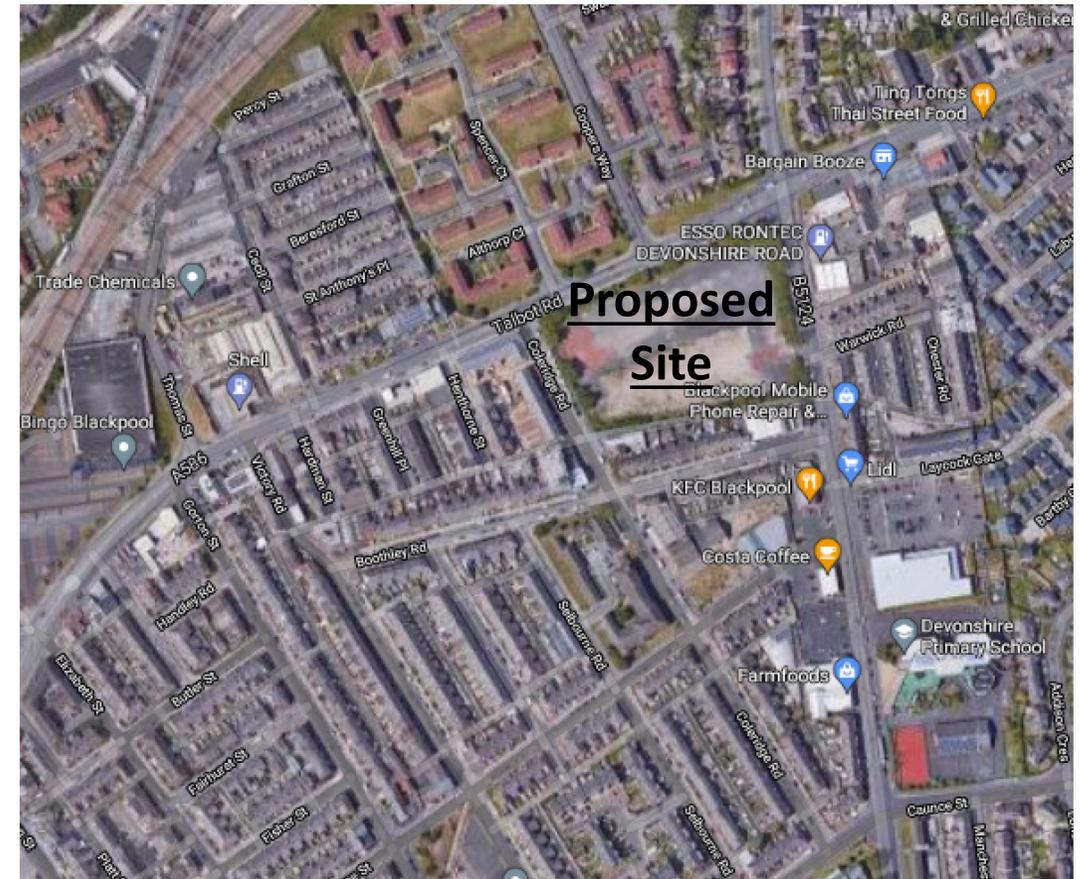
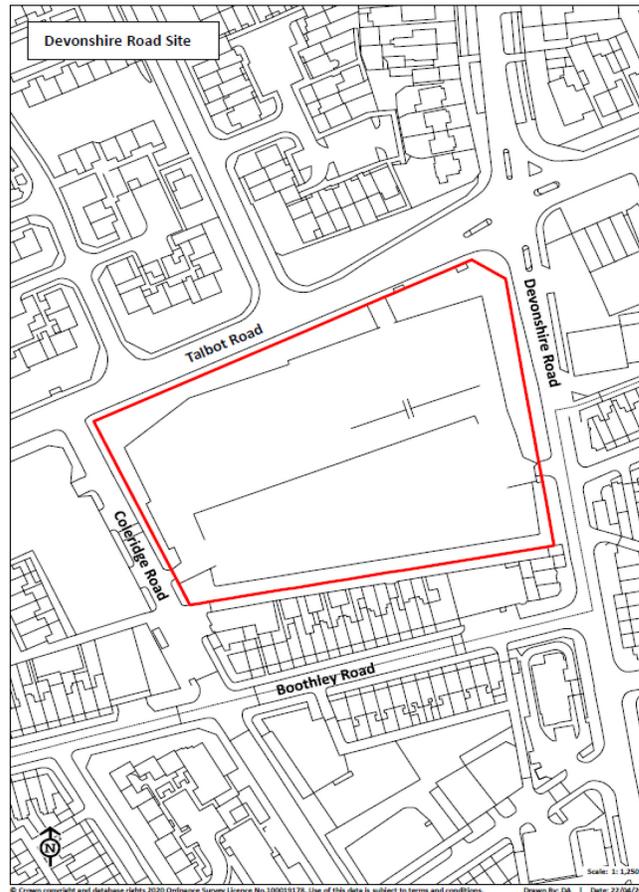


Town Deal Fund

- Total Town Deal Funding: £8M
- £3M Her Majesty's Courts & Tribunal Service (HMCTS) in consideration of their existing leases/ contribution towards new facilities.
- £5M Demolition of buildings and remediation of land.
- HMCTS Funding new Courts £30M plus (HMCTS to fund £27M plus)

Proposed Location

- Devonshire Road site identified as preferred option following works funded via One Public Estate Programme.
- Former Devonshire Road Hospital – demolished approx. 15 years, currently vacant land.





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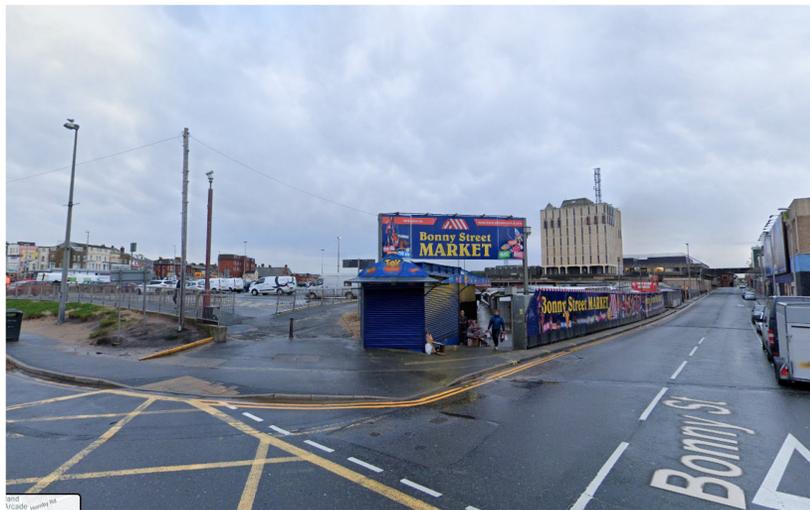
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Why do we need to relocate the
courts?



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Planning Application submitted: June 2021

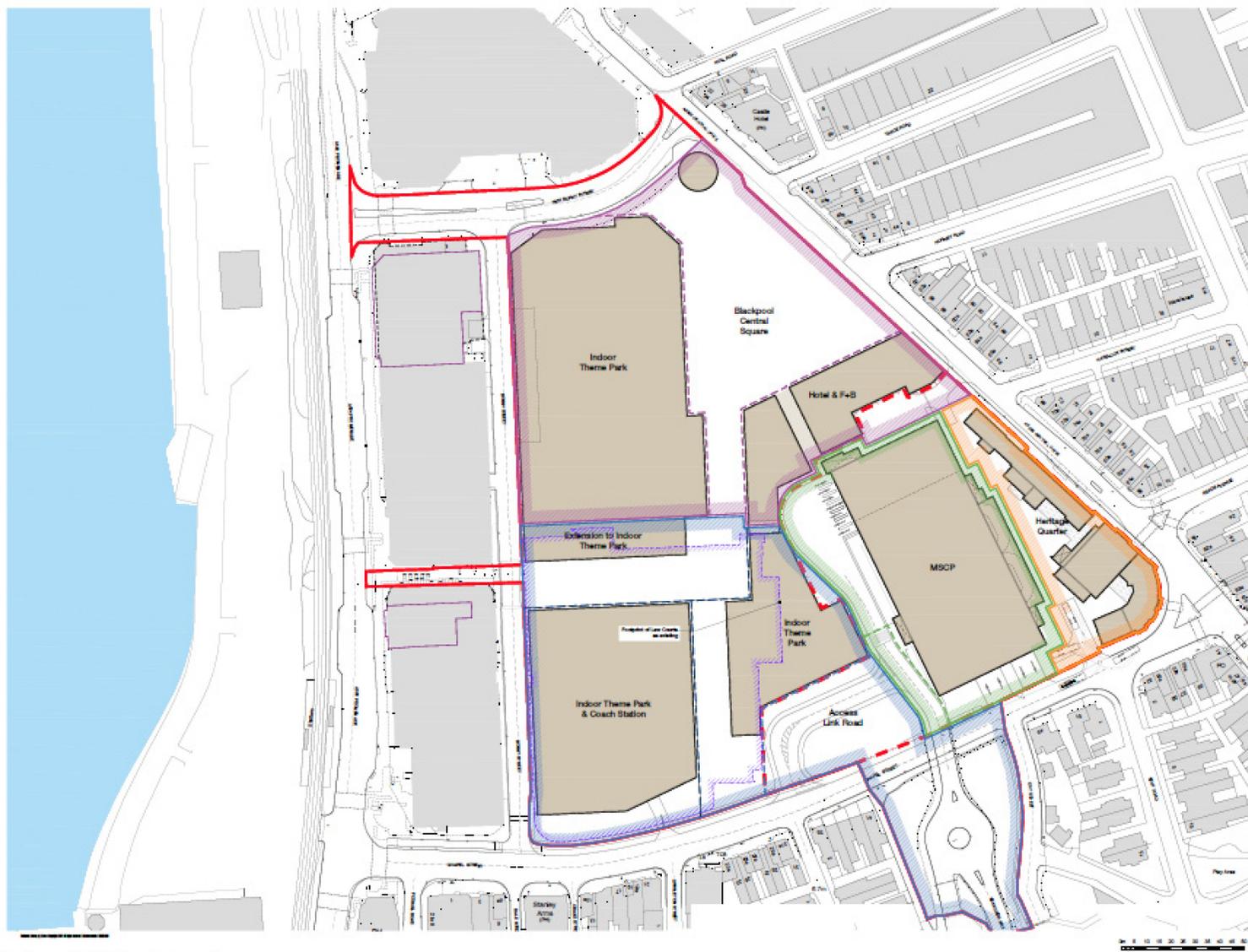
Planning Committee: Sept 2021

 Enabling Phase Start on Site: 2021 - 2023

 Phases 1: 2023/24 – 2025

 Phase 2: 2023 – 2024

 Phase 3: 2025 - 2028





Current Status

- Structural Engineers appointed May 2021 - Review demolition approach.
- Town Deal Business Case development and sign off 12th Nov 2021.
- Working with HMCTS to support Green Book Business Case for HM Treasury for new facilities on Devonshire Road.



Next Steps

- Prepare specification and cost analysis for demolition.
- Continued work with HMCTS to support obtain full funding allocation required.
- Plan for delivery new facilities: 2024/2025
- Decant programme from existing site: 2025
- Demolition of existing: 2025



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