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Talbot Gateway is a major mixed-use regeneration scheme, transforming the heart of Blackpool town centre.

The £350m development is led by Blackpool Council, alongside its long term partner Muse. The scheme is redeveloping the area around Blackpool North train station in order to bring over 8,000 workers and students into Blackpool town centre and create more jobs and opportunities for local people.

A first phase was completed in 2014 with the opening of the 125,000 sq ft Number One Bickerstaffe Square council office, a Sainsbury's supermarket and a refurbished 650-space multi-storey car park, alongside extensive public spaces for the community to enjoy.

A second phase was completed in 2024 with the opening of a 144 bedroom Holiday Inn and Marco Pierre White restaurant, as well as a new tramway extension and interchange with Blackpool North train station.

Other phases are now under development, including a 215,000 sq ft office for UK Government, Multiversity education campus and additional offices.





Multiversity

A £65m new home for Blackpool and the Fylde College.

UK Government funding will ensure delivery of a new Multiversity, a carbon-neutral, education campus in Blackpool's Talbot Gateway around Blackpool North train station.

Blackpool Council, supported by Wyre Council, will receive the funding to deliver a new Multiversity, a carbon-neutral, education campus delivering over 70 courses in further education, higher education and lifelong learning.

The Multiversity will promote higher-level skills, helping residents in Blackpool secure jobs for the future. Work has started on clearing the land with the building expected to open in 2028.

Funding for land assembly of the Multiversity was also granted via [Blackpool Town Deal](#).



DWP Office

Construction completed on a new regional office for the UK Government's Department of Work and Pensions in June 2025.

The £100m office development has brought over 3,000 civil servants to the town centre.

This is the next stage in the Council's ambition to rejuvenate the town centre by the introduction of high quality office developments that will protect local jobs and create new employment opportunities, drive footfall and bring a huge economic boost to retailers and local businesses in the town centre.



The c.215,000 sq ft, seven storey building is on King Street and the land of East Topping St car park. The eco-friendly design includes new pedestrian and cycle paths, plenty of bicycle storage for cycling to work and promoting a healthier lifestyle, and is just a few minutes walk from bus, train and tram stops, including a new tram interchange at Blackpool North train station.

Holiday Inn and Marco Pierre White restaurant

A new hotel, restaurant and tramway extension opened in 2024.

The development features a 4* Holiday Inn and Marco Pierre White restaurant on the site of the old Wilko store and multi-storey car park.

A new £23.4m tram extension and tram stop also opened in June 2024. The existing tramway on the Promenade has been extended up Talbot Road through the site hotel site to a new North Station terminus. Surrounding the tram stop are retail units - some of which are [available for lease](#).



New office building

Work on a new 50,000 sqft office for Ministry of Defence (Defence Business Services) started in May 2025. Once complete in 2027 it will bring an additional 1,100 workers to the Talbot Gateway.

The land, on the site of the former Apollo 2000 store, sits within the boundary of the Talbot Gateway development around Blackpool North train station and will bring an



additional economic benefit to the town centre.



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