

Construction of new Primark unit at Marketgate is now complete

Primark is set to open in Autumn 2016

The opening of Lancaster's new Primark moved a step closer last month with the handover of the new store to the retailer following substantial construction and reconfiguration works by Roubaix Group, the owner of Marketgate shopping centre.

Chris Beckerman, Managing Director of Roubaix Group, said: "We are delighted to have completed construction work on the new Primark store. The opening of Primark is a key milestone in our investment and improvement plans at Marketgate. Our focus has always been on improving the centre so that it can attract and retain a vibrant mix of retailers and facilities, with big brands like the new Primark alongside independent shops.

"I'd like to thank shoppers at Marketgate and all of our neighbours for their patience and understanding while we have been doing this vital work."

Primark commenced fit out in early April with works due to complete in early August. The store is set to open its doors in Autumn 2016.

When it opens, the 45,000 sq ft Primark will be the largest store in Marketgate and the biggest anchor in Lancaster. Primark is expected to help drive increasing footfall into Marketgate and enhance Lancaster city centre's overall shopping mix.

Alan Brennan, Relationship Director, Bank of Scotland Commercial Banking's real estate team said: "Marketgate is an important part of the city's retail offering that, with the help of our funding, Roubaix Group is strengthening through new investment. The arrival of Primark is testament to its ability to draw major brands to Lancaster."

A Primark spokesperson said, "We look forward to opening a new Primark store in Lancaster in Autumn 2016 and offering amazing fashion at amazing prices for all the family."

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