

## BOOTLE STRAND WELCOME

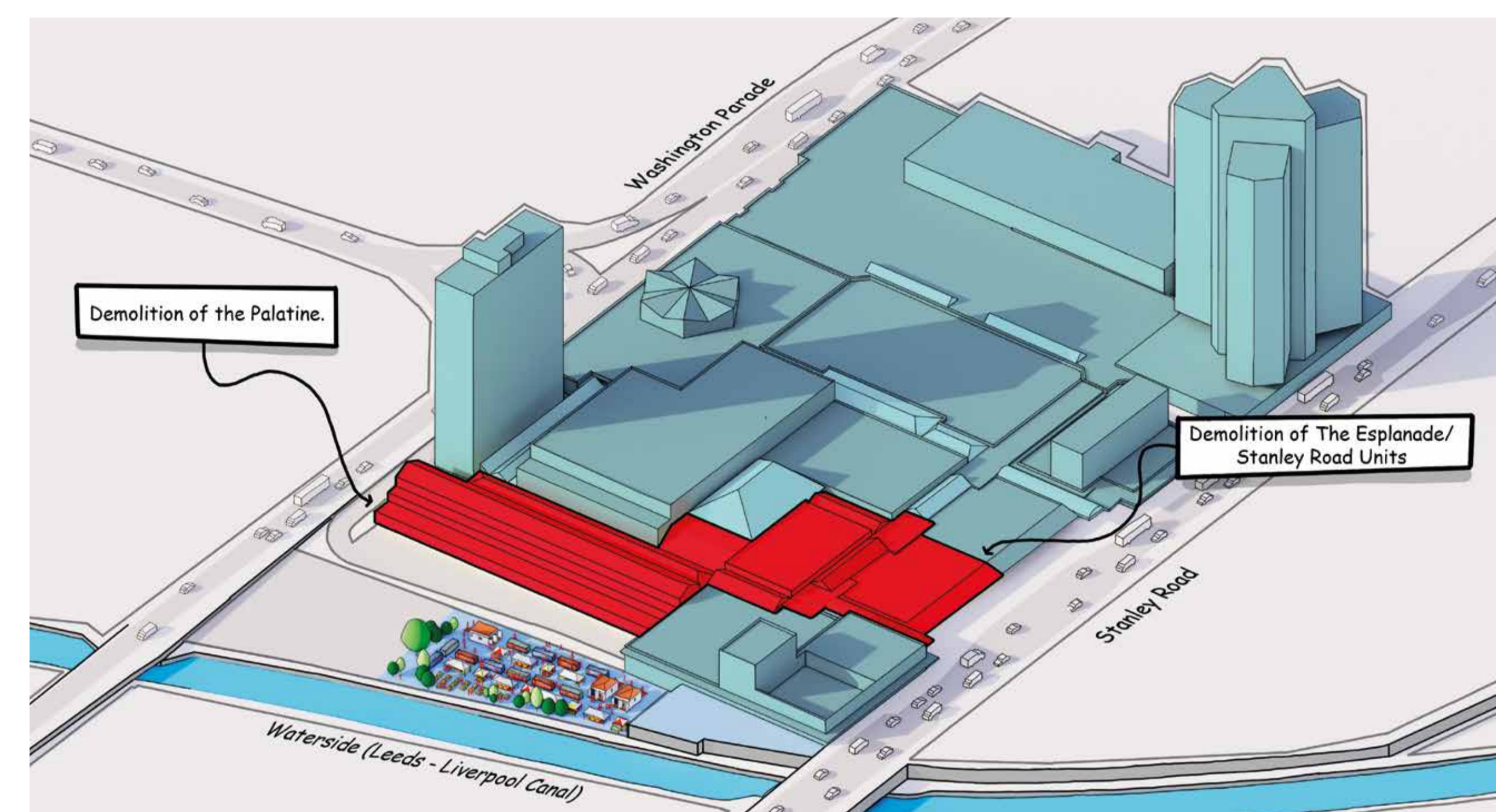
These slides provide key information about the upcoming demolition of part of the Strand shopping centre.

The demolition is the first step in Sefton Council's plans to revitalise this area of Bootle town centre. The first phase of regeneration includes creating a fully accessible new public square, adding attractive green spaces, and improving connections between the shopping centre, Salt and Tar, and the canal side. In addition, the former M&S building will be transformed into new individual units – suited to retail and/or food and beverage offers – and a key community space.

### Demolition plans

The development site for Phase One, funded by £20 million from UK Government, focuses on the southernmost section of the Strand shopping centre, incorporating the former M&S building, vacant housing and the glass-covered Mons Square.

In December 2023, a planning application was approved by the Council to demolish parts of the shopping centre. The drawing below highlights the key elements that are set to be demolished (in red). The former M&S building is to be retained.





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# SHAPED BY THE COMMUNITY

In September 2024, we held a three-week public consultation to introduce our long-term vision for the Strand shopping centre. We appreciate everyone who took part and shared their feedback. Several key themes emerged from the responses and we are currently working hard to address them.



## Creating a safe and welcoming space

We heard concerns about anti-social behaviour and drinking in the street. We are working closely with our partners to provide more health and wellbeing support, and also reviewing the security services within the Strand. We plan to increase security presence and add more security cameras, while enforcement measures will target ongoing anti-social behaviour and criminal activity.

To help address this further, we are planning to significantly improve the lighting across the site and open up the public spaces – ensuring a safer, more active and inviting destination.



## A new future for the former M&S building

We are continuing to explore options for the former M&S building, including the possibility of a health and social care hub. We're working with potential occupiers to ensure the space complements the community's needs. Additionally, some high-quality retail and food & drink units will be available facing directly onto the new Mons Square.



## An accessible destination for all

We understand how important it is that our town centre is accessible for people of all ages and needs. To ensure inclusivity, we've appointed a consultant who specialises in inclusive design. The design team is committed to meeting accessibility requirements, and further consultations with groups who have specific needs will help ensure everyone can easily access and enjoy the redeveloped Strand.

We will continue to share updates as the project moves forward!





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# DEMOLITION WORKS

VINCI Building has been appointed as the lead contractor for the demolition works, with enabling works starting next month. Below are some key details about the project.

### How long will the work take?

Demolition will begin in May 2025, with the core work expected to take around six months, aiming for completion by November 2025.

### What are the working hours?

Work will typically take place from 07:30 to 17:30, Monday to Friday. There may be occasional weekend working.

### How will noise and dust levels be managed?

While demolition can be noisy, we have completed a noise risk assessment to minimise impact. We will use plant and attachments that reduce noise, and pulveriser jaws will replace mechanical breakers where

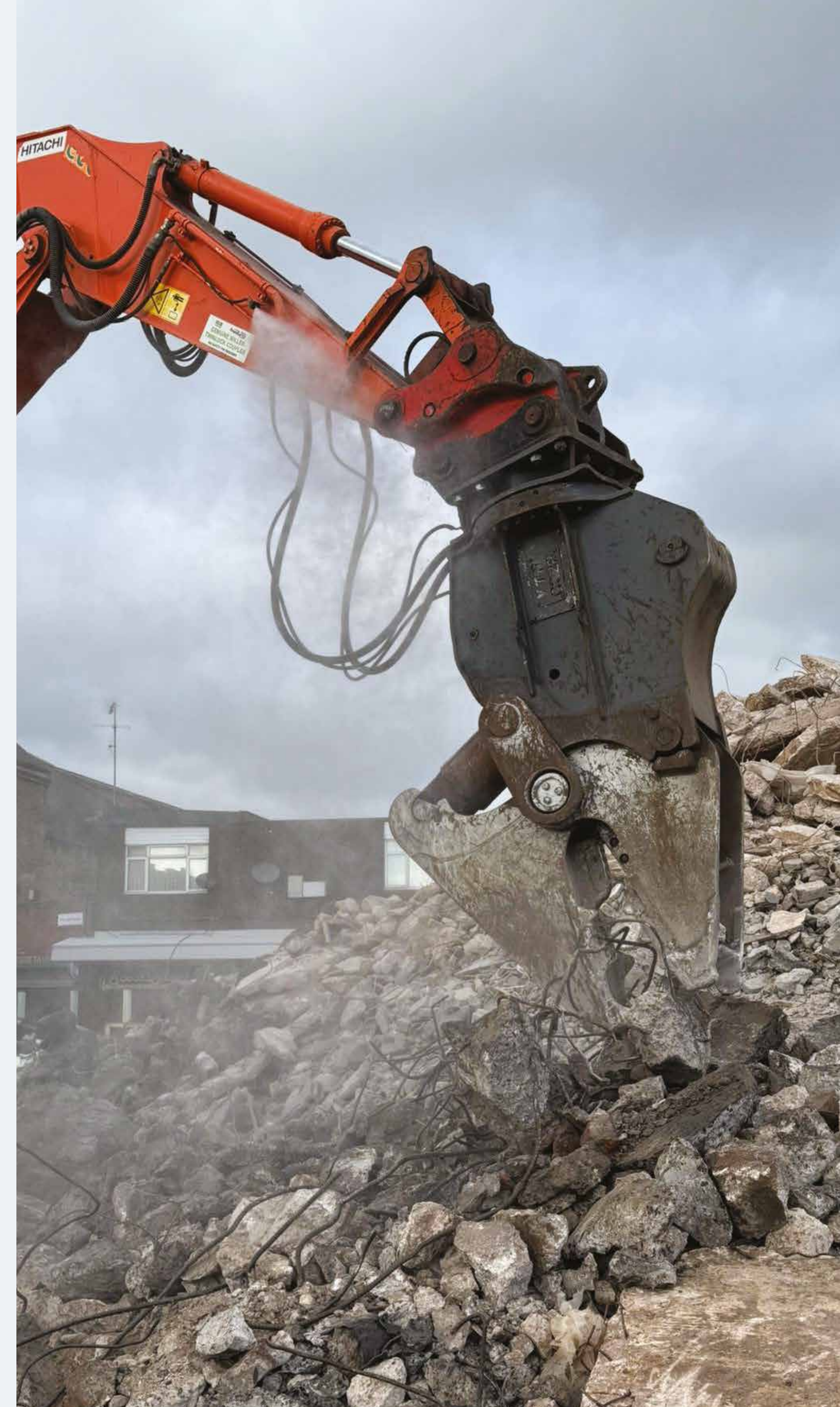
possible. Noise monitoring stations will be set up to track levels and manage any potential issues in real time.

To control dust, we have conducted a thorough dust assessment. Our modern equipment feature dust suppression tools, and misting cannons will run continuously during the demolition process to minimise dust.

### Will the work impact wildlife?

Surveys show that the site has low ecological value, with no significant wildlife habitats or trees for bat roosting. Pre-demolition checks for nesting birds and bat roosts will be carried out by an experienced ecologist.

In the months leading up to demolition, we will be undertaking a deep hygienic clean of the vacant buildings to remove anything that may attract vermin to the site. We have also employed specialists in an effort to reduce the local rat population.











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# SUSTAINABLE AND SOCIALLY-RESPONSIBLE DEMOLITION

As part of our commitment to sustainability and social value, the Council are working closely with VINCI Building to ensure this demolition project is carried out with responsibility and care for both the environment and the local community.

## Recycling and waste reduction

The demolition works will produce various waste materials – including concrete, brick, block, timber, glass, metals, plastics and textiles. We are committed to recycling and reusing materials where possible. Materials that are not suitable for direct reuse will be processed through Energy to Waste systems (turning non-recyclable waste into usable energy), ensuring that they are not sent to landfill.

Hard materials such as concrete, bricks and blocks will be retained on-site and crushed to create a recycled granular stone material. This material will then be used in the subsequent phases of construction, contributing to

reducing the need for new resources and lowering the carbon footprint of the project.

## Community benefits

This demolition project will offer opportunities for local businesses to engage, and potentially work, with us. VINCI are already attending a number of ‘Meet the Buyer’ events and will work closely with Sefton Council and Sefton@Work to advertise any available job roles, ensuring that local talent is given priority.

We are also passionate about supporting the next generation of construction professionals through school site visits and work experience placements. By doing so, we aim to provide opportunities that inspire and prepare young people for a future in the construction industry.

*Please get in touch with VINCI if you have any specific ideas about how we can support the community throughout the demolition project.*





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# HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

Once demolition begins, a new round of public engagement will start later this year. Although planning approval has been secured, the project team is still eager to hear feedback from the public, businesses and local residents, as they continue to fine-tune the plans. Focus areas will include the outdoor public spaces, accessibility, town centre events programme, and community space ideas for the former M&S building.

For more information about the Strand regeneration, please contact the project team or visit:

[www.sefton.gov.uk/BootleStrand](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/BootleStrand)

- Call us on **0345 140 0845**
- Email us on [strandfuture@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:strandfuture@sefton.gov.uk)



### Reporting demolition issues

This demolition project is registered with the Considerate Constructors Scheme, a voluntary code of practice. By participating, contractors commit to respecting the community, caring for the environment, and valuing their workforce. As such, there will be signage on the site hoardings displaying the Site Manager's name and contact details.

If you encounter any issues during the demolition process, please contact:

- Rachel Greenwood MCIQB at VINCI
- Call on **0300 600 3800**

