Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee

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SITE LOCATION.

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- **COUNTY** - Strong alignment with the Local Industrial Strategy
- **COUNTY** - Links being established with the Gloucestershire Cyber Tech Business Group to develop the role of the Forum in unlocking the regions full potential.
- **CITY** - No 1 regeneration priority in the City Council's Regeneration and Economic Development Strategy 2016-2021.
- **CITY** - Strong alignment with Gloucester City Council Digital Strategy.
- **REGIONAL** - The Forum will help Gloucestershire lead the way for the Western Gateway by adding to the key digital and cyber business opportunities.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

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WORCESTER

M5

M40

SAS STIRLING LINES

HEREFORD

MALVERN

GOLDEN VALLEY

GCHQ

Gloucestershire Airport - Staverton

CHELTENHAM

The Forum

CITY OF GLOUCESTER

OXFORD

CIRENCESTER

M5

M4

RIVER SEVERN

SWINDON

M4

M4

MOD HQ

BRISTOL

HARTHAM PARK

CHIPPENHAM

CORSHAM

NEWBURY

Cyber Resilience Alliance.

The Cyber Resilience Alliance region has identified by:

- Worcestershire LEP
- G First LEP
- Swindon & Wiltshire LEP
- The Marches LEP

Consisting of some of the UK's brightest minds and cutting-edge technology addressing cyber security challenges every day.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT.

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- 1,175 new job opportunities created aimed at the higher value added digital sector.
- £38.9m additional GVA.
- Work with Golden Valley and other County initiatives to increase the digital tech sector 5 year growth projections from +34% to +50%

ECONOMIC IMPACT

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The Forge
26,000 sq ft
Incubator & Innovation Hub

THE CLUB
at 51.8 degrees

Restaurant & Bar
5,250 sq ft (1st Floor)
340 Person Capacity

Apartments
43 x No 1, 2 & 3 beds

Conference Centre
3 Meeting Rooms (150 Seats)

H2

H2 Gym
8,000 sq ft (Ground Floor) Gym
& E-Mobility Cycle Park

THE GATE
Hotel

Hotel
131 Rooms Private
Courtyard

Office
7 Floors
107,000 sq ft

Car Park
404 Spaces
10% with electric charge points

Retail
3,443 sq ft

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HIGH QUALITY DESIGN.

CGI of Office

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CGI of Apartments

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CGI of Hotel and Public Realm

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CGI View from Office

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CGI Internal of Office

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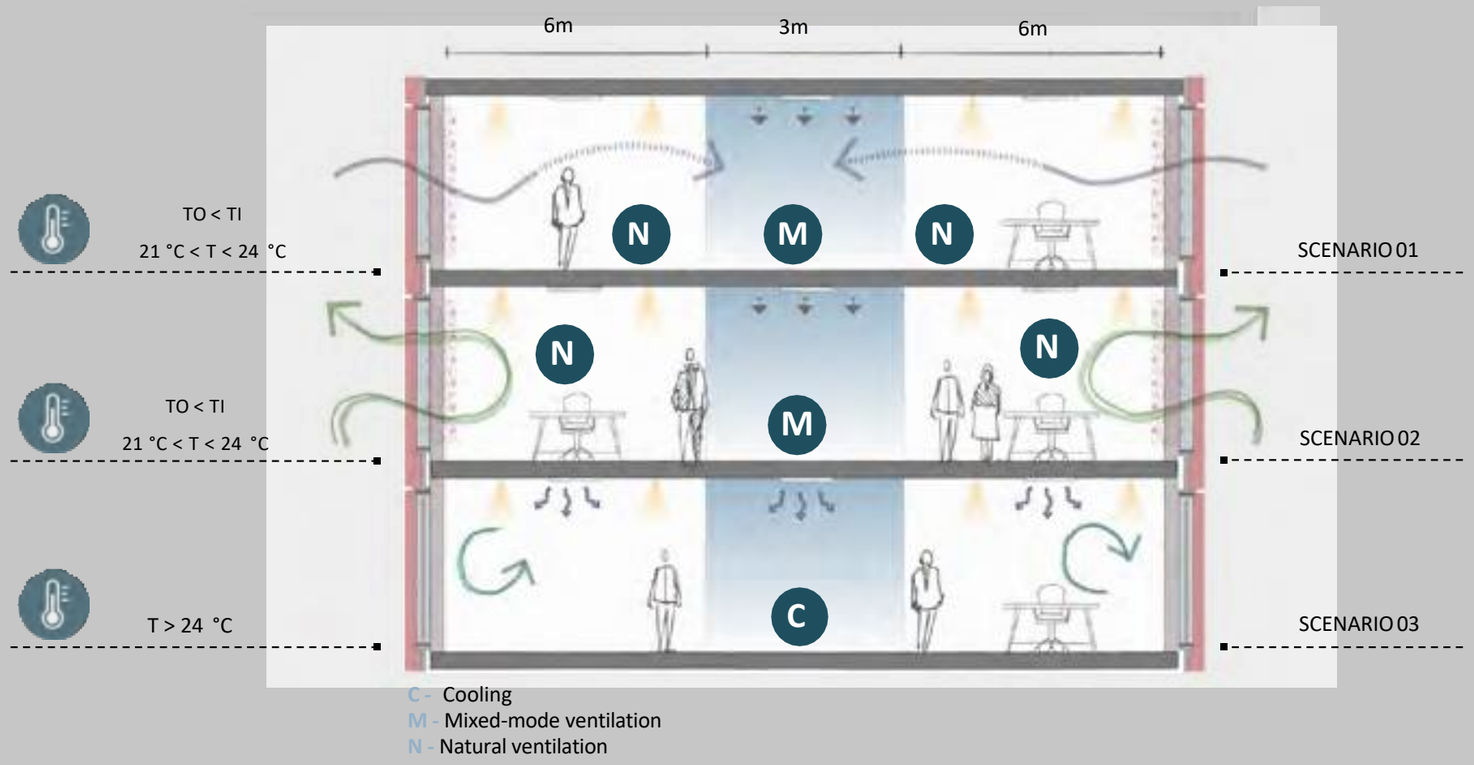
CGI Bridge Connecting Car Park & Hotel with Office



- BREEAM ‘Excellent’ Rating for Office.
- Net Zero Carbon in Operation enabled (UK Green Building Council).
- Naturally ventilated Offices (seasonal).
- Largest green wall in South-West UK.
- Extensive Sustainable Urban Drainage and rainwater capture for landscape.
- Smart Building Technologies to limit energy in use.

SUSTAINABILITY.

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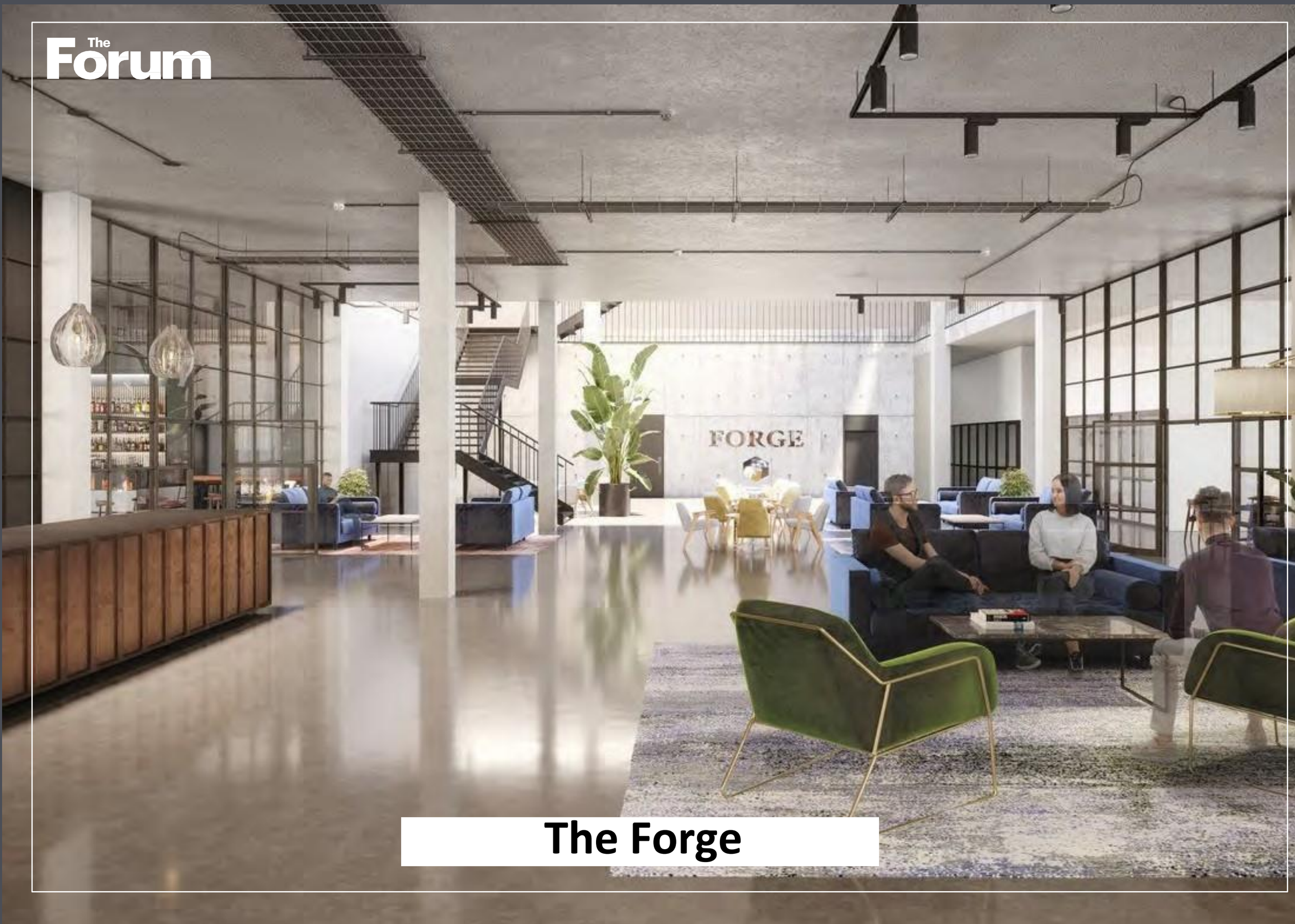

The Forge

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- Centre of digital excellence – providing a physical community space for digital skills training, creativity and enterprise.
- Acting as a local virtual data centre, providing access to HPC, AI, VR, 5G and IoT technologies.
- Allow Gloucester to develop its established digital and cyber security economy, becoming a national centre for cyber and digital groups.
- Promoting innovation and collaboration within the AgriTech, Aviation and Cyber security industries.
- Providing the local community with a dynamic new digitally enabled space for community use.
- Allow local authorities to better capture and utilise regional data to improve public service outcomes, particularly for health and social care.

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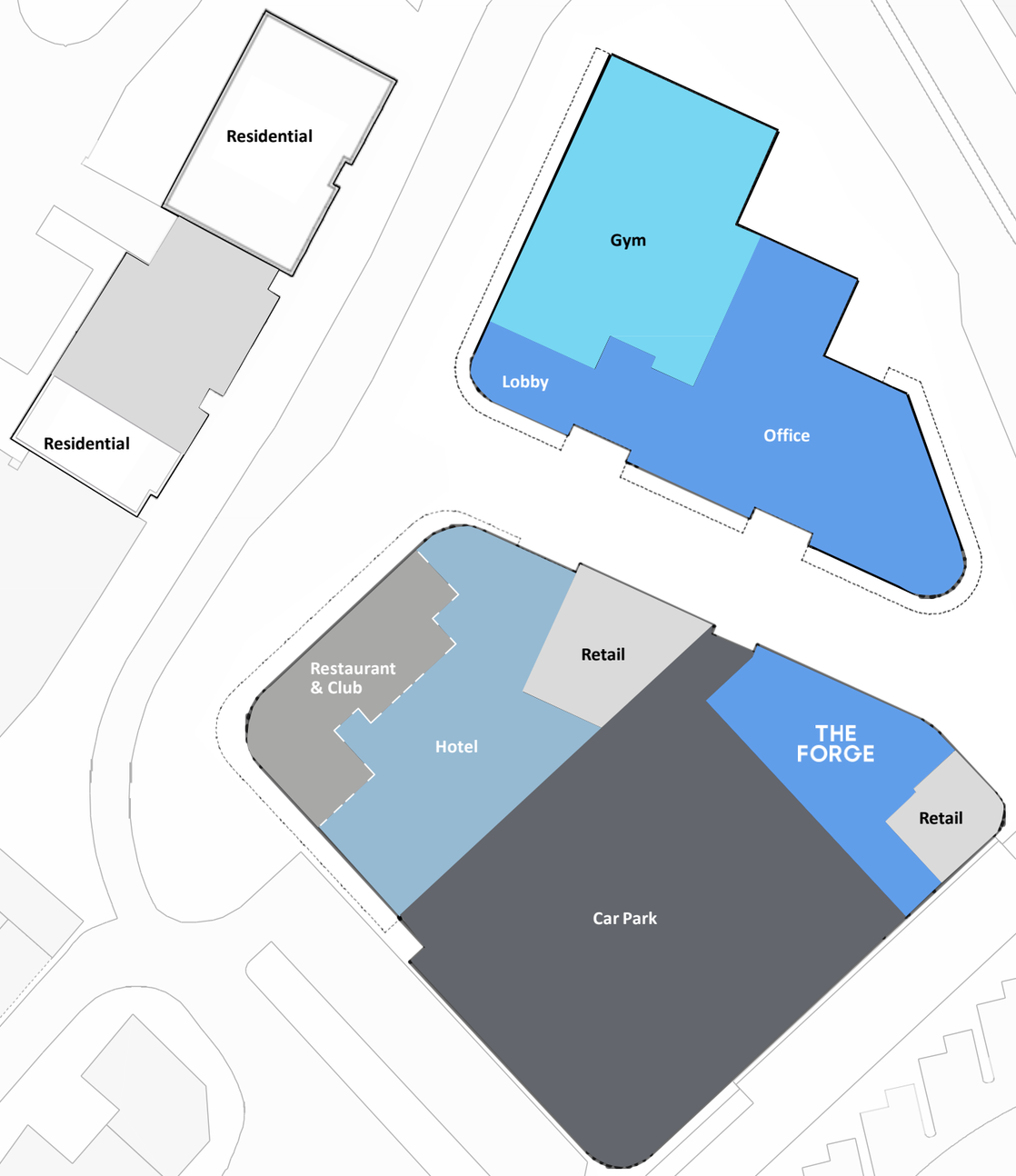

- Education and learning spaces
- Collaborative co-work space
- Sports performance labs
- Digital labs
- Edge computing facilities
- Roof top members club
- Access to a secure data cloud
- Creative studios
- Cycle parking
- Podcast studios
- Public café
- Meeting spaces
- Networks
- Dark fibre enabled offices

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Planning Submitted
May 2020

Works Commence on Site
February 2021

Completion of Works
February 2022

PHASE 1.

Planning Determined
December 2020

Planning Submitted
November 2020

Works Commence on Site
August 2021

Completion of Works
December 2023

PHASE 2.

Planning Determined
March 2021

PROGRAMME.

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- The Forum will play a vital role in the LIS digital offer of the county, complimenting the Cyber Valley and other LEP funded digital infrastructure projects.
- The Forum will ready the City to spring into action as soon as the current COVID crisis comes to an end providing 915 construction jobs.
- The Forum will secure up to 1175 new higher value jobs for the city in bespoke future proof flexible accommodation.
- The Forum will attract the first new 4- star 116 bed hotel to the City.
- The Forum in tandem with the Forge will create a campus at Kings Quarter which will act as a catalyst to build a sustainable digital economy for the City and the region.

SUMMARY.