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Corn Exchange – Heritage Statement for temporary serving pavilions to Exchange Square

The 2013 "*Heritage Statement: Significance and Impact"* by Stephen Levrant Heritage Architecture Ltd., appraised the historical and architectural significance of the Grade II Listed Corn Exchange building and assessed the impact of the proposed refurbishment of the building on this significance.

Major refurbishment work is due to begin on the Grade II Listed Corn Exchange in mid-2014. Vacant possession of the building, to allow the construction works, will result in the building being closed for approximately one year.

Whilst the Corn Exchange building is closed, construction works will also be taking place within Exchange Square to the public realm and to the highway, in connection with the Second City Crossing by Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM).

The proposal to provide temporary trading accommodation within the square for two of the existing operators has led to the development of proposals for two temporary, high quality, bespoke pavilions that will be located to the front of the building on Hanging Ditch.

The pavilions will retain a commercial presence on the square, whilst the building is closed, maintaining a sense of activity and vitality.

It is considered that whilst the construction phase will result in localised, temporary, minor adverse impacts on the setting of the Grade II Listed Building, the presence of the pavilions will have a minor beneficial impact in mitigating the cessation of activity within the building as well as providing a preview of the design quality of the refurbishment. It is also considered that the overall character and appearance of the Cathedral Conservation Area will not be impacted by the construction phase.