

## **Media Release**

Initially appointed as cost manager for the high profile city centre scheme, Gleeds has subsequently been appointed as employers agent, as well as being drafted in by developer Queensberry to project manage the pre-contract stage and provide support through the build phase to ensure its flagship tenant, Everyman Cinemas, is able to take up residence by the autumn.

The complex programme of works includes extensive remodeling of the interior to extend and open up the available space, as well as a comprehensive overhaul of the associated services to accommodate the new floorplan. The scheme also involves breaking through the external façade to create balconied areas and terraces in a bid to enliven the surrounding streetscape and improve the visitor experience.

Once complete, the fully renovated Metquarter will offer a mix of luxury retail outlets as well as a host of premium restaurants and bars. Meanwhile, the new Everyman Cinema will boast four screens with sofa-style seating, as well as its own stylish bar and a screening lounge which will be available for private hire and events.

Sara Boonham, head of retail developments at Gleeds, said; "It's been a long road to get to this point but we are delighted to see work getting underway on the ground, with changes now happening at a considerable pace. Queensberry has a vision to completely revitalise and reposition Metquarter as the premium leisure and retail destination in Liverpool's city centre and we are delighted to be able to bring our experience to the fore and make that vision a reality".

**Notes for editors**