



Official start of construction of Post Utrecht

By slamming down a wall and revealing an impression, this afternoon Utrecht alderman Jeroen Kreijkamp and directors Dick Gort of a.s.r. Vastgoed, Bart Meijer of MRP Development and Ton van Vlimmeren of the Utrecht Library gave the official go-ahead for the construction of Post Utrecht. The former post office at the Neude in Utrecht city-centre will be converted into a multi-functional complex that will accommodate the new Central Library, shops, a food market, cafés and restaurants and a bicycle shed. The construction work will be carried out by Burgland Bouw contractors.

The preparatory construction work in the monumental building already started in the summer of 2017. Since January 2018 the work on the exterior is visible as well. Construction fences have been put up around the building, and the old garage-annex-transformer-house has been demolished, making room for new construction on the interior premises situated at the Oude Gracht, and a new façade. Before construction will start on the inner courtyard, an archaeological survey will be conducted. In order for the work to proceed safely, a safety zone has been created around the premises. All work will be carried out within this safety zone, with every effort being made to keep any nuisance to a minimum.

MRP Development has, in consultation with a.s.r. Vastgoed, asked the architects firm Rijnboutt to make a design that puts the focus on shopping, eating, drinking and meeting. Fimek Estate advises a.s.r. Vastgoed as far as the structural engineering work is concerned. Post Utrecht will eventually offer space to 5,500 m² of shops, 9,000 m² of library, including cafés and restaurants, and an auditorium, and a 1,000 m² bicycle shed.

The finishing of the Library, a design by ZECC Architects, will be realised by Jurriëns B.V. contractors.

If everything goes according to plan, Post Utrecht will be completed in stages from the beginning of 2019, when the tenants can open their doors to the public.

The website www.postutrecht.com contains all the relevant information which allows you to closely follow the construction.