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Hello and welcome to your weekly Westside World news digest. Each Friday, Westside BID brings you the top stories from in and around Broad Street, Brindleyplace, Five Ways, Centenary Square, Broadway Plaza and surrounding areas...



Bands making some noise on Broad Street

### Velvet's live music roaring ahead on Broad Street despite road closures

but all of Westside's bars, restaurants and hospitality venues are still open as normal.  
And if there's one place where you can truly escape the sound of drilling and grinding it's inside Velvet Music Rooms. Broad Street's independent home of big screen sport for the Rugby World Cup as well as live bands.

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The roadworks on Broad Street

### VIDEO: The workers move back in

Broad Street has been closed to most traffic for the coming week to enable major repairs to be carried out at half a dozen pedestrian crossing points on the Metro tram line.

On Sunday night, when all of the affected areas were being excavated at once, the repetitive drilling echoed around the street. You can hear how it sounded in our video which intersperses rebuilding work with views of trams running along the street on Friday 8 September before repairs began.

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### Brum's still open for business!

The chair of Westside Business Improvement District (BID) has reassured businesses, investors and the general public that Birmingham and Westside remain open for business, despite the city council's financial challenges.

Gerald Manton, chairman of Westside BID, was speaking in the wake of the Section 114 notice announced by Birmingham City Council, which effectively means the authority itself faces potential bankruptcy.

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### New Brindleyplace owners named

The massive Brindleyplace site on Westside has been sold in a landmark £125 million deal – with plans to turn it into "some of the best office and leisure space in the UK".

The 14.9 acre site will now receive "significant" capital investment to decarbonise the buildings for a greener future. UK property investor Praxis, alongside private credit specialist investment firm Veld Capital, has bought the Brindleyplace development from HSBC Alternative Investments.

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Lego fans race against clock in bid to win dream Westside jobs

### Lego fans in race for dream jobs

Eighteen contestants faced a three-hour race against time to try to prove they have what it takes to cement their place as a Lego Master Builder in the heart of Westside.

They drew battle on Sunday evening (10 Sept) inside Birmingham's LEGOLAND® Discovery Centre, all hands diving into vast buckets of bricks in a bid to realise their imaginations.

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