



Shifnal Town Centre Public Realm & Traffic Improvements

Description of the Scheme

The works comprise of constructing new kerb lines in conservation kerbs, widening some existing footways and laying new paving stones of Silver grey and 3 colour mix “Modal” products, updating drainage systems, realigning existing junctions and improving pedestrian crossing points.



Footways are being re paved in high quality materials and the carriageways are to be reconstructed including raised tables with coloured junction areas.

Parking bays are being created to allow on street parking.

Landscaping features consisting of planting beds, new trees, benches, bins, and tree pits are included.

A 20mph zone will be included with the raised junctions to manage traffic speeds.



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What you can expect during the works

Whilst works of this nature are disruptive, every effort is being made to ensure businesses can continue to trade and accesses will be maintained throughout. Pedestrian and traffic marshals will be available each day to assist with directions for deliveries and ensuring that people can go about their day to day business safely.

The Contractor's Site Agent continues to visit premises within the site area on a regular basis to ensure all is in order, identify any issues or specific requirements that we may need to address and to generally ensure we are looking after your needs as best as we can. There is also the option to drop by the site office and talk to the Site Agent directly although it is advisable to make an appointment as there will be construction machinery operating and it will also be easier to facilitate a visit if these can be diarised.

Obviously, some of the operations are noisy but this is being minimised as much as possible and dust suppression measures are used when cutting paving slabs and kerbs. The work areas continue to be clearly defined and barriered off, pedestrian crossing points and walkways are clear and accessible and access to premises is maintained so businesses can continue to trade effectively and residents can access their homes.

Where new kerb lines have been installed and there is a difference in level between the kerb and road surface, temporary asphalt ramps have been placed at certain crossing points to remove the trip hazards and these will be maintained until the main carriageways are resurfaced during October.

Planned Completion

The completion of the project has been identified in the revised Programme as November which will mean the town centre is clear of works on the lead up to Christmas. Unforeseen or unplanned events may impact on this.

Progress to date

As part of the design and intended outcomes for the Project, Shropshire Council were required to apply to the Department for Transport for permission to remove vehicular access/rights on the open space areas and the now redundant, echelon parking.

Several Objections were received which needed detailed analysis and response. Additional questions and queries were raised by the Objectors which were responded to, and the Council successfully achieved DfT approval of our proposals.



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This had an impact on the progress of works on site and combined with reinstating old cellars and replacing an old, damaged culvert, resulted in completion being forecast for November.

We are not expecting any further issues to impact on progress, but it should be noted that we can not be 100% certain until areas are excavated.

The echelon parking closed on the 15th of August with advance warning signage being placed some two weeks beforehand. This enables the contractor to press ahead with the clearance works and local volunteers were contacted so there was an opportunity to recover any of the existing planting.



Currently, work is focussing on clearing out what will be the open space areas, construction of new parking bays and clearance for the 4 new disabled bays outside Patons.

There are old cellars that will require backfilling plus further works on the culvert, but it is expected that works will continue at pace to achieve the November completion.



Looking ahead

New Christmas light posts and hanging baskets have been ordered along with the Town Council's preferred choice of street furniture. As these are delivered, installation will take place in line with the construction progress on site and there are also a number of new benches that the Town Council have commissioned that are intended to reflect the heritage of Shifnal.

In addition, following a visit to site by the Cabinet Member, Councillor Dean Carroll, the footpath that runs between Aston Street car park and Bradford Street is to be replaced with new drainage and an asphalt surface as part of the project.



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Contact will be made directly with residents and businesses when accesses to the car parks on the west side of Bradford Street are to be reconstructed so there is sufficient advance notice and detail on how the works will be undertaken.

Traffic Management

Pedestrian walkways are provided through work areas with access to shops and businesses being made available

Pedestrian / Traffic Marshals are in attendance at all times during normal working hours.

Temporary traffic lights and traffic orders will be in place as required although currently, Bradford Street is operating one way to facilitate the works along Cheapside/Bradford Street.

Traffic operatives will be available to assist any off-loading to properties or refuse collections within the works.

How you can help us

Please respect our workers space and safety by driving carefully and slowly through the roadworks. Everyone is entitled to a safe workplace.

Our men and women work next to moving traffic and risk injury every day.

Please only approach our site personnel if there is an absolute need to do so do not cross through the barriers or enter a working area.

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