

Tindal Square and Market Road Project Update



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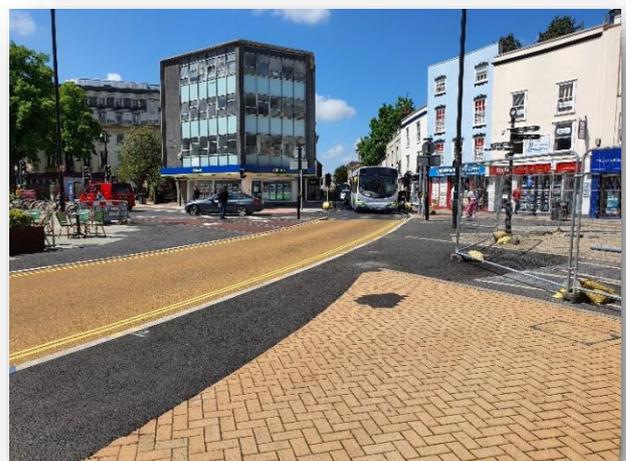
Project Manager – Rob Venables/Phil Cowland

Latest Achievements:

Market Road

The Market Road project works are now substantially complete; with the following accomplished:

- Market Road has reopened to vehicular traffic.
- Construction of the contra flow cycle route has been completed.
- Resurfacing works have been undertaken, however due to an issue with the red asphalt supply, the last section outside the library will be completed within the next two weeks. Please note our parking enforcement teams will be enforcing any parking violations in the area.
- The work for the permanent traffic controls has been substantially completed, however due to an issue with the sourcing of an intricate part of the system the temporary traffic light system will be in place until this has been fitted. Additionally, the traffic signal columns will be painted black in line with requirements for highways infrastructure within Conservation Areas.



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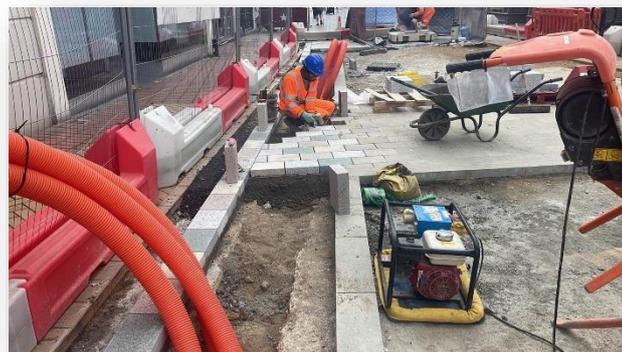
Next steps:

Latest Achievements:

Tindal Square

The following has been accomplished since the last update:

- Paving of the High Street has continued, with the central picture frame in the southern area now completed along with the south-western and south-eastern edges to buildings.
- Ducting has been installed for new CCTV in the area to connect the proposed cameras to the electricity supply.
- Trial hole investigations have been conducted for the proposed area in phase 2 of the scheme outside Tindal Square (between Shire Hall and Duke Street), this is to ensure the tree pits will not clash with any existing utility services in the area.
- Completed the backfilling of the hole created for the installation of the storm water drainage tank.



- Began excavations for the tree pits on the High Street however underlying utilities have been discovered, investigations will now take place to ensure these are not affected.
- Constructed another underground drainage access chamber and connected this into the storm water drainage tank, which completes three out of the eight drainage access chambers required.

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Next steps:

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Over the next three weeks the team will:

- Continue to backfill the surrounding area around the storm water drainage tank with concrete to prepare the area for re-paving.
- Continue the re-paving of the High Street in the central area between Crown Passage and Five Guys. Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout with safe walking routes.
- Continue to excavate the areas for proposed trees to prepare the area for the tree pits to be installed on the High Street.
- Decommission the existing electronic bollard system at the north end of the High Street.
- Continue to investigate the underlying utilities found during trial hole excavations in the area, to ensure these are not affected by the tree pits for the proposed trees in the future.
- The Judge Tindal Statue will be repaired and cleaned; this will begin for two weeks from the 8th June.



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Public Realm Improvements; why are they noisy?

Visitors, residents, and business owners will have noticed the High Street has become a bit noisier since the beginning of the improvement works, at this stage we thought it would be useful to explain why we are having to be noisy at times during our works.

To understand the reasons we first have to look at the history and evolution of the High Street, which was formed when a market charter was granted by King John in 1199. As the town developed the main thoroughfare of the High Street became a busy highway with many resurfacing works taking place over time. In 1991 the radical change of creating the pedestrian friendly High Street you see today took place, constructing paving on top of the existing highway. As a result underneath the existing paving are multiple layers of surfacing.

In order to install infrastructure such as the storm water drainage tank, this requires the concrete to be broken out with a machine which unfortunately is a significantly noisy operation

Unfortunately the existing ground underneath the current surface is not completely flat therefore in certain areas we will have to dig at different depths. The new block paving is thicker than the existing which means features such as road camber and ducts in concrete as well as phone box foundations all have to be removed in order to lay the new paving on top.

Whilst the majority of Chelmsford appears flat, the city is actually set within a shallow valley with its lowest point at the River Can, which affects the amount of concrete needing to be broken out. If you stand on the steps of Shire Hall and look south down the High Street you would be able to see the difference in levels.

We are aware of the inconvenience and noise disruption however we are doing everything possible to keep this to a minimum whilst these essential improvement works are being undertaken.



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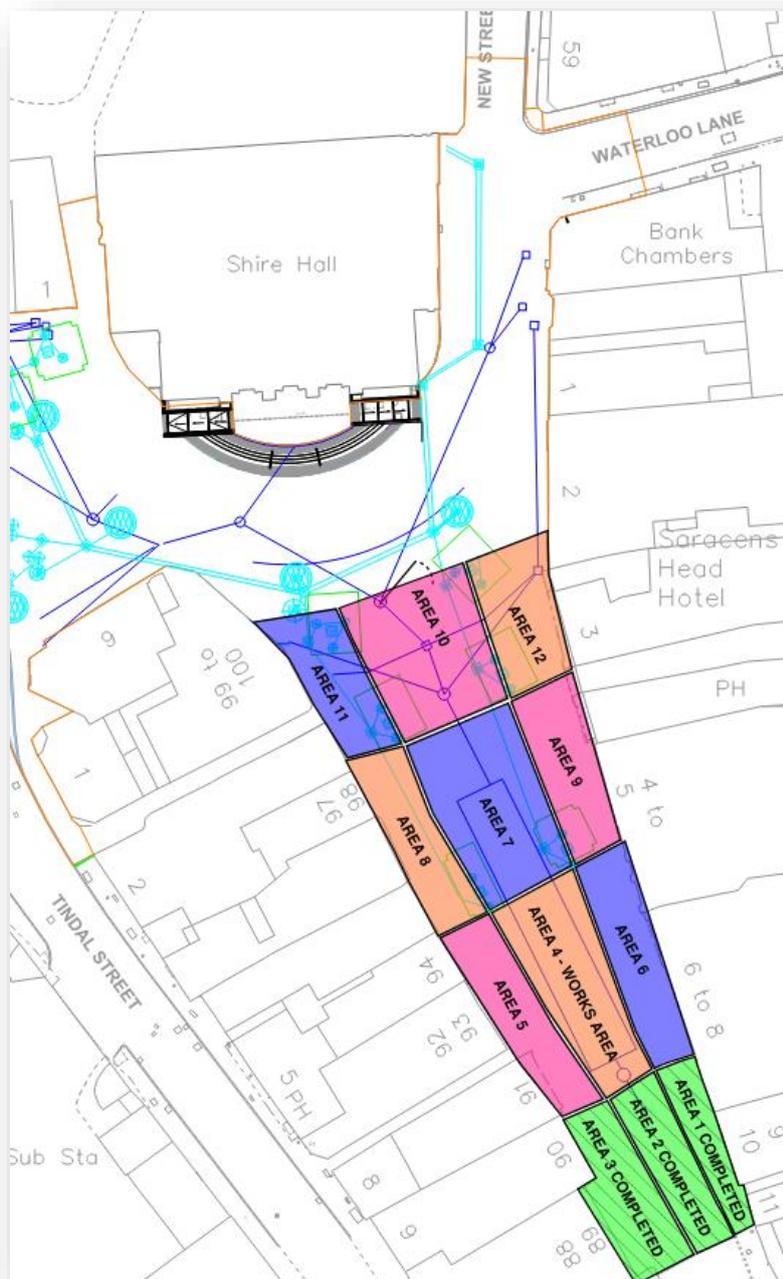
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Tindal Square – Paving Schedule

Please see the diagram below which highlights the sections and order of repaving the High Street



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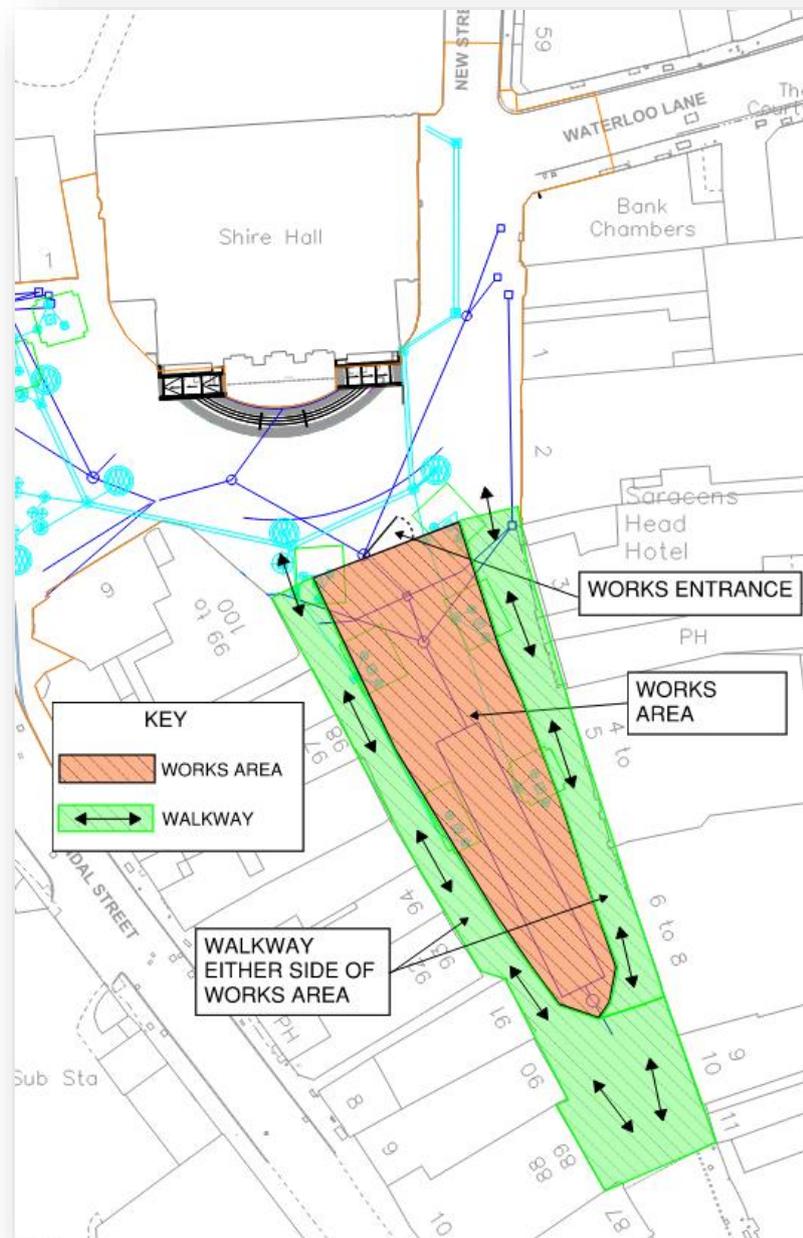
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Tindal Square – Safe walking routes

The diagram below shows the safe walking routes over the next fortnight whilst the central part of the work area is being completed.



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A little break

Due to the upcoming public holidays the next bulletin update will be available on the 10th of June.



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