

# Tindal Square and Market Road: Public Realm Improvements

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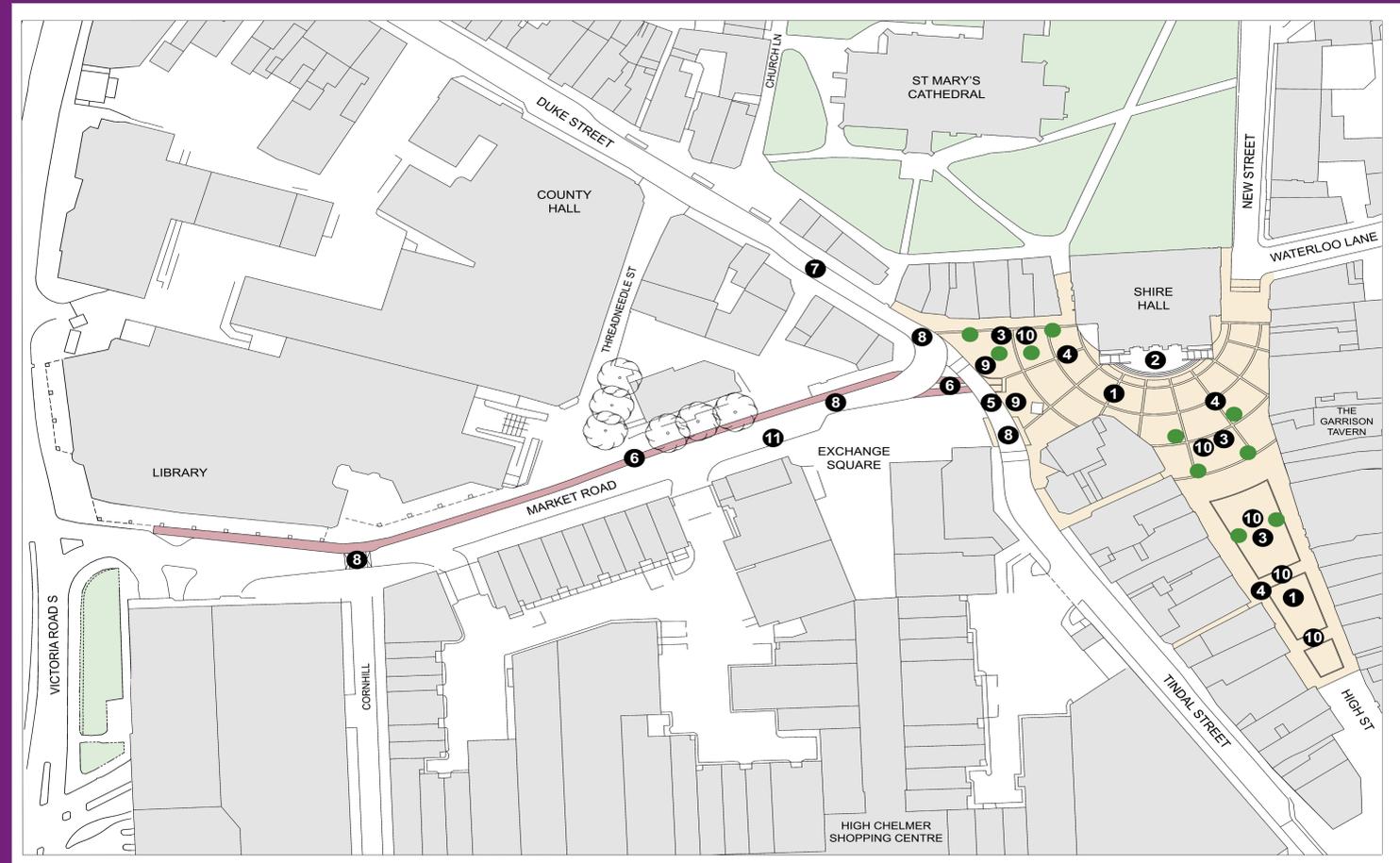
Work begins soon on the creation of a new public space at the top of the High Street to the front of Shire Hall, known as Tindal Square.

The scheme offers an excellent opportunity to create a new and inclusive public square at the head of the High Street which will offer significant benefits to residents, visitors and the local economy. This scheme will also improve Tindal Square by removing through-traffic and creating a prioritised pedestrian space, whilst also maintaining an uninterrupted east-west cycle link.

This is actually two projects being delivered as a partnership between Essex County Council and Chelmsford City Council. The second project, called the Market Road scheme, will improve cycling from Victoria Road South through Tindal Square and to New Street.

Access to the High Street will be maintained at all times. The scheme will also change how traffic flows through the city centre, including reversing access arrangements for the High Street, with vehicles entering from Baddow Road and exiting via New Street. A 7.5 tonne weight limit is also being introduced to protect bridges and pedestrianised surfaces.

The works will begin in January 2022 and are scheduled to last for 10 months. Please bear with us as we deliver this exciting improvement to the city centre. We understand that these are complicated projects that must be carried out within a busy, historic and fully functioning city. There will be some disruption, and some changes will be needed to servicing arrangements and bus services. The latest information will be available on our website. For more information please visit: [www.essexhighways.org/tindal-square](http://www.essexhighways.org/tindal-square)



- 1 New paving for Tindal Square**  
 Permanent closure of the road in front of Shire Hall to through-traffic, and new natural paving materials, including feature paving patterns.
- 2 Improved access into Shire Hall**  
 Creation of new ramp and stepped access into the front entrance of Shire Hall, ensuring future accessible use of the building.
- 3 New tree planting**  
 New trees planted with uplighters to help frame views, provide shade, and soften the hard landscaping within the public realm.
- 4 Improved lighting**  
 Improved lighting provision across the public realm scheme area to promote safety and encourage comfortable use of all routes.
- 5 Gateway area**  
 Provision of a physical gateway feature and reducing the road space to limit vehicles and calm speeds, helping to connect Tindal Square and Exchange Square public spaces.
- 6 Dedicated cycle route**  
 Creation of a new dedicated cycle route/ contraflow system along Market Road, with dedicated traffic signals allowing users to safely link with Tindal Square.
- 7 Widened pedestrian pavements**  
 Narrowing of Duke Street carriageway to allow the creation of wider, safer pedestrian pavements on both sides of the road.
- 8 Improved pedestrian crossing points**  
 Relocated and redesigned pedestrian/ cyclist crossing points to allow safe movement throughout the area at key locations.
- 9 Cycle parking**  
 Bike racks will be upgraded and provided at the Duke Street gateway area.
- 10 New public seating**  
 Improved seating will be installed for resting points across the public realm area.
- 11 Relocated parking**  
 Dedicated disabled parking bays.

