



Investing in your town: Shrewsbury Integrated Transport Package Public Realm Improvements

July 2021

Following on from the last newsletter in April, works have commenced and are well underway along Barker Street and St Austin's Street which is an area known as "The Tannery"

This work involves the removal of existing pre cast concrete kerbs and tarmac footways and replacing them with granite kerbs and Yorkstone paving, which will tie in with areas previously refurbished through the town centre.

Pavements to the frontage of the medical centre have been widened and the carriageway re aligned to slow traffic down on this junction.

Discussions are also being held to identify areas of the new paving which may benefit from additional benches / cycle racks to further enhance the area, and make it a more user friendly public space.



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These additional works have been made possible by securing Developer Contributions and a successful bid to the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership. Work will also be undertaken to resurface and replace the road markings along Barker Street to the signal junction at Hills Lane and through in to St Austin's Street to Claremont Bank.

We are completing the surfacing from 16th – 20th August, under day works, apart from one night of the 19th August to lay the final surface layer course.



There will be a one way closure on Barker Street and Bridge Street so traffic will still flow through town but will not be able to travel from the traffic lights at the bottom up into town, and there will be a local diversion route via Roushill, Mardol and Claremont Street. The traffic will managed and marshals will be available when we work on St Austin's Street to enable access into the GP surgery and the car park.

The public car park traffic will be managed on site with the help of marshals and access to the car parks will be via Hills Lane.



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Wayfinding



In addition, work has also been progressing on the installation of new “Wayfinding” totems and in excess of 26 are being installed in Shrewsbury to help ensure visitors discover everything the town centre has to offer.

The tall columns are similar to those in other major town and city destinations like York and Bath and were jointly conceived with the Shrewsbury Big Town Plan Partnership and Shrewsbury BiD

The final batch of totems are due for delivery during September so works are not quite complete yet, but the signs that have gone in so far have been very much welcomed and provide both an attractive and functional inclusion to the towns streetscape.



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Planned Completion and looking ahead

There have been many obstacles to overcome over the last 18 months such as the devastating flooding event back in 2020, and the Covid 19 pandemic that saw the works necessarily suspended earlier in the year.

Despite this, and with the ongoing support of businesses residents and visitors, we have been able to press ahead, incorporate modifications to the Mardol/Claremont Street junction in to the project, and deliver transformational improvements to the town centre.

The main works achieved substantial completion in April 2021, the Tannery paving works plus resurfacing are due to be complete by the end of August 2021, and the remaining Wayfinding signs will be completed during the autumn.

Pedestrian Management

The existing measures include:

- All areas are available for pedestrians.
- Where crossing points have been constructed / introduced a temporary tarmac ramp has been installed to remove the step off the kerb onto the carriageway.
- All major crossings are now complete or remain in use, including the new zebra crossing at Barker Street.

Additional information

McPhillips Ltd continue to liaise effectively with businesses, and have consulted with local shops and the Market Hall, which are now fully open following relaxation of government guidelines. There are also traffic marshals in attendance during normal working hours to assist with deliveries and elderly and disabled parking.

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, and please ensure that you continue to observe social distancing advice, by keeping at least 2m away from any person.

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