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# Shifnal Town Centre Public Realm & Traffic Improvements

### Description of the Scheme

The works comprise of constructing new kerb lines in conservation kerbs, widening 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 to be re paved in high quality materials and the carriageways are to be reconstructed including raised tables with coloured junction areas.

Parking bays will be created to allow on street parking.

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

### Planned Completion

The date for completion of the project will be Autumn 2022

Works were suspended from 24/11/2021 and all areas made safe for the Christmas works embargo’ and switching on of the Christmas lights which took place on 26/11/2021.

Works will re-commence on site on 4/1/2022

### Progress to date

Works on the project commenced on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 with setting up of offices, welfare, and a storage area on Aston Street Car Park where McPhillips are based for the duration of the project.

We are able to take deliveries of construction materials at this location and safely off load without the need for larger vehicles to access the town.



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Site works commenced on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at the north end of town on the east footway of Bradford Street.

To facilitate the works, Bradford Street was reduced to one way traffic to provide a safe working environment for the workforce and allow walkways and access to shop frontages to be set up for the general public.



After an initial trial, the one way system was reversed in order to improve traffic flows at the Aston Street/Victoria Road junction and it also allowed better access to the parking area off Bradford Street.



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Old kerbs and pavers were excavated and taken to a transfer station where they will be recycled for re-use.

New silver grey conservation kerbs have been laid and the old paving has been replaced with silver grey “Modal” paving.

Surface water gullies have also been upgraded through this section.

Works commenced at Dunstanville Court and has continued down the east footway to just before Aston Street where works have stopped for the Christmas embargo period\*



Works have also commenced on Market Place at the south end of the scheme on the west footway where kerbs have been replaced up to Church Street.

The existing footway drainage channel has been removed through this location and a “Drexus” drainage channel installed which will offer increased capacity to deal with rainwater over this area of footway.



The new drain has been connected to the existing drainage system. Works in this location have been made safe with tarmac as a temporary measure to allow footways to be re-opened to full width and allow unhindered access to the shop fronts during the Christmas embargo period\*

*\*The Embargoes are intended to prevent works (other than emergencies) that might impact on pedestrian and traffic flows*



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## Roads initially affected

- Bradford Street
- Market Place
- Bradford Street is temporarily reduced to one way traffic and allows vehicles to better access the parking area.
- These roads will have limited parking and revised pedestrian access but no road closures at present. Access to properties will not be prevented and there are dedicated operatives to advise and assist pedestrians during all phases of the proposed works.

## Planned works

Work commencing from w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

- Re introduce one way system on Bradford Street
- Set up 3 way temporary traffic lights on Aston Street / Market Place / Victoria Road which will include for a pedestrian crossing facility when the works require.
- Removal of Market Place central splitter island
- Preparation and paving of footways on west footway of Market Place
- Preparation and paving, laying kerbs, placing paving from Bradford Street east footway into Market Place east footway

## Traffic Management

- Pedestrian walkways will be provided through work areas with access to shops and businesses being made available
- Pedestrian / Traffic Marshalls will be in attendance at all times during normal working hours.
- Temporary traffic lights and traffic orders will be in place as required.
- Existing on street parking will remain for as long as physically possible prior to changing phases at “Cheapside”
- Traffic operatives will be available to assist any off-loading to properties or refuse collections within the works.

## Pedestrian Management

- There has been a need for localised footway closures along Bradford Street, Aston Street and Market Place although pedestrians have been able to use the opposite footway or temporary walkways provided to premises.



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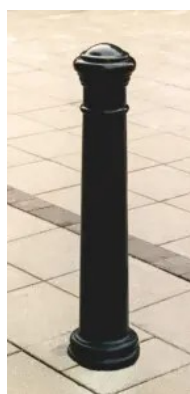
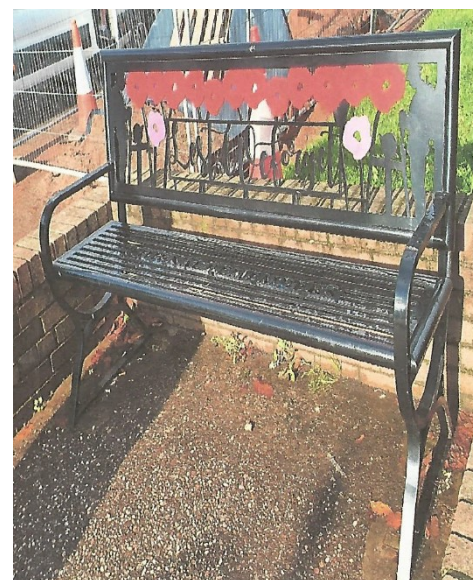
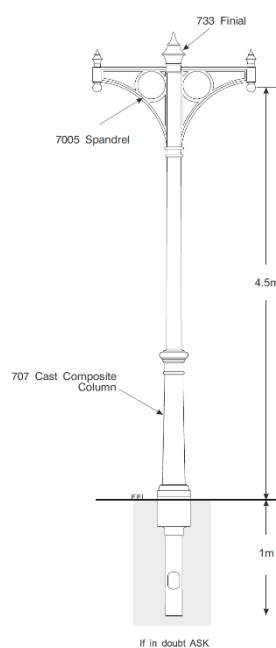
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## Street furniture

The Project Team have been in discussions with the Town Council Working Group who were keen to seek alternative designs for street furniture so that the market town heritage of Shifnal was better identified as part of the scheme.

The preferred choices have been presented and all have agreed that the changes can be incorporated. Some images of the furniture are pictured here and include benches, planters, bollards, cycle racks and hanging basket posts.



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## What you can expect during the works

Whilst works of this nature are disruptive, every effort will be 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 will continue 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 with works of this nature, some of the operations are noisy but this will be minimised as much as possible and dust suppression measures will be used when cutting paving slabs and kerbs etc.

The work areas will continue to be clearly defined and barriered off, pedestrian crossing points and walkways will be clear and accessible and access to premises will be maintained so businesses can continue to trade effectively and residents can access their homes.

## 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 current social distancing advice as it applies and as issued by the Government.



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**The Project team would like to wish you and your families all the very best for the festive season and every happiness for 2022. Stay safe and keep well.**

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