

# Project News

*Driving forward the Woking Integrated Transport Project*

February 2018

Welcome to the first project newsletter of 2018. Last year saw the majority of Woking Integrated Transport Project successfully delivered. The first half of this year will see the implementation of the new plaza on the north-side of the station and a new, much needed, bus stop and shelter next to Bedser Bridge by the WWF building, to provide easy access to Woking Town Centre.

## Albion Square Plaza

With the removal of Albion Square Canopy complete, the development of Albion Square into a wide, bright and attractive plaza can now get underway. The laying of new granite paving, along with the refurbishment of Woking One (former Albion House) will transform the area when completed in early summer.

The large concrete planters have already started to be demolished. This work requires considerable drilling to below surface level. The contractor, Farrans, have installed acoustic defender hoarding around the work site to muffle the volume of machinery. The planters are scheduled to be completely removed by mid-February.



Every effort will be made by the construction team to stay on schedule; however works that go beneath ground level can be complex and reveal unforeseen issues that may require additional work. We would like to extend our thanks for your patience during these works.

## Important change for pedestrians during plaza works

From mid-February the crossing outside the station entrance will be closed for the work. Access to the station will be at either end of the construction area. A new, temporary pedestrian crossing from the top of Church Path outside Nat West bank will be installed.



## High Street bus lane camera

As you may have seen, the High Street's new paving and resurfacing is now complete and the enforcement camera to restrict vehicle access to High Street, replacing the on-street marshal, went live at the end of January.

**The ANPR camera will operate daily between 7am and 9pm. Only authorised vehicles and buses can access High Street and Chapel Street.**

For more information on the camera and Penalty Charge Notice, please visit [www.woking.gov.uk/buslaneenforcement](http://www.woking.gov.uk/buslaneenforcement)

## **Victoria Way bus lane**

Works to adapt the Victoria Way north-bound carriageway, adjacent to the Basingstoke Canal, to incorporate a dedicated bus lane have begun. The lane will begin at the junction with Lockfield Drive and continue to the pedestrian crossing by the Bedser Bridge.

A new bus stop and shelter will be installed by the WWF headquarters building and a new alternative ramp for pedestrians from the footbridge to the new bus stop will be constructed. The angle of the ramp will be suitable for pushchair and wheelchair users.

Before the lane is closed to start the works, it is necessary to modify the central reservation on Victoria Way so that vehicles exiting right from the Peacock's car park are maintained at two lanes.

It is anticipated that works to create the new bus stop and shelter will be completed by May 2018. The project time for the new bus lane and stop is three months.

## **Victoria Square development**

The 100 metre crane was successfully installed over a weekend in January. The crane marks the start of the construction of the first tower and the central core structure. A full closure of Victoria Way will again be required in early February when the second crane will be delivered to the site. For more details about dates and diversion route, please visit [www.woking.gov.uk/wokingitp](http://www.woking.gov.uk/wokingitp)

## **Church Path**

Towards the end of February, work to lay new paving along Church Path will start. Farrans will work closely with the businesses along the path to keep disruption to a minimum.

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### **If you have a query, please contact:**

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