

Project News

Driving forward the Woking Integrated Transport Project

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Welcome to the October 2018 update of the highway project works in Woking Town Centre.

Station Plaza is progressing well. The meticulous laying of the new paving stones is on track to complete in late October. It is a priority to keep access open for pedestrians, cyclists and buses during the works, this had meant many changes to routes and temporary fencing. Thank you to all that use the plaza for their patience.

The main segment of outstanding work is along the front of the forthcoming retail units in Albion House. However, the plaza already boasts a quieter, more open and pedestrian friendly environment.

Recent weeks have seen the completion of a new pedestrian crossing on the corner of Chertsey Road and The Broadway by Budgens. The level of the road surface was raised to be flush with the main plaza. The ANPR camera was switched off whilst this work was progressing. The camera is now back on. Access through the plaza is only for buses and High Street business owners who qualify for access.



Other upcoming works will see the outer corner of Albion House removed at ground level by Church Path opposite the bank. There will also be wider access for pedestrians at the top of Church Path with a large concrete planter being removed. Three lamp columns and secure cycle hoops were installed during September.

Church Path and Chapel Street new paving

The new granite paving is well underway along Church Path. The team are working their way along the path and keeping it open as a thoroughfare for pedestrians. There will be a closure of the path at the top by the bank towards the end of October. The businesses will be open and accessible throughout the brief closure via Commercial Way. Pedestrians on the Station Plaza side will be directed via High Street and right into Chapel Street for access to Commercial Way.

Chapel Street is now fully open with its new paved area. Retractable bollards will be installed to help keep Chapel Street open and clear for pedestrians. Businesses in Chapel Street have been granted special access permissions. There is resurfacing work commencing this week to the small service road just off Chapel Street.

The mural along High Street depicting shopping in Woking one hundred years ago has been cleaned and recoated. The image details are now much clearer. The best location to observe the mural is from Chapel Street.

Sustainability

An important condition of the contract with the Council's construction partners, Farrans, is to source as much material and services as possible from local area suppliers and services. So far, all concrete, construction aggregate, hardware and earth removal services have been sourced within a 30 mile radius of Woking Town Centre.

Drinking water fountains will be installed during October at Station Plaza and Commercial Way. This is an additional measure to help people reduce their single-use, plastic bottle consumption.

Victoria Way along Basingstoke Canal

The new Town Quay bus stop is open! It's located on Victoria Way opposite the cinema and the theatre.

Access to the bus stop is on the canal side of Victoria Way by the WWF Living Planet Centre and Bedser Bridge. The following services can be hailed at the stop: 436, 446, 48, 456, 592 and 556. However, all buses that pass the stop on their journeys can serve the stop if requested by an on-board passenger.



The final pieces of work to come are changing this section of Victoria Way from 40mph down to 30mph, a set of new lamp columns will be installed from mid-October. Replanting of the central reservation is at a very early design stage with a plan to start planting spring 2019.

The life-size sculpture of HG Wells, sculpted by Wesley Harland in 2016, has taken up its permanent residence by Victoria Gate, between Victoria Way and Chobham Road.

Looking further ahead, Duke Street will become a pedestrianised area down to Locke Way from the junction with The Broadway.

Have your say on our proposals to change the road network south of Victoria Arch in Woking Town Centre by visiting www.woking.gov.uk/guildfordrdconsultation

For information on planned roadworks in Woking Town Centre that are part of the Integrated Transport Project, please visit www.woking.gov.uk/wokingitp. If you have any queries regarding the project, please email wokingitp@woking.gov.uk