

Scheme: High Street, Heathfield – Town centre improvement works

Start Date: 4 January 2010

Duration of Works: 17 weeks

Summary of Scheme

This is the final phase of the town centre improvement works covering the section of Heathfield High Street from the junction with Station Road to the exit of New Parade.

This work will include:

- Relocating the existing pedestrian crossing closer to the junction with Station Road (opposite NatWest Bank). We will also upgrade this crossing to a Puffin crossing.
- Laying a new road surface along the High Street.
- Laying new paving on the southern side of the High Street from Station Road up to Wall of Fame
- The introduction of a loading bay, a disabled parking bay and customer parking in New Parade
- The introduction of a mini roundabout at the junction with Station Road
- The introduction of bollards on the southern side of the high street (outside the banks and Library) to deter pavement parking

How will we do this work?

There will be a road closure at New Parade for the duration of the works, to allow us to store materials and equipment. Access to New Parade for loading and unloading purposes will be maintained during the works with prior arrangement with the site supervisor (contact details below).

We will complete the works in four different phases.

Phase 1- Kerbing and footway works to Southern side. This will take approximately seven weeks.

This will include replacing the existing kerbs, digging up the existing footway and laying new paving slabs. During this phase, we will also make drainage improvements and install the new bollards at the southern side of the High Street. We will also remove the existing pedestrian crossing.

During this work, we will use two-way traffic lights in the High Street. We will also restrict parking on the eastern side of Station Road, outside Tesco Express, to prevent congestion.

Phase 2 – Kerbing and footway works to New Parade. This will take approximately 5 weeks.

This will also include replacing the existing kerbs, digging up the existing footway and laying new paving slabs.

It will not be necessary to have the traffic lights in operation in the High Street during this phase. New Parade will remain closed.

Phase 3 – New pedestrian crossing and the pavement to the north side of the High Street. This will take approximately 5 weeks.

This will include the installation of the new puffin crossing nearer to the junction with Station Road. This will also include replacing the existing kerbs, digging up the existing footway and laying new paving slabs

During this work, we will use two-way traffic lights in the High Street and three-way traffic lights whilst working close to the junction with Station Road. Again, we will also restrict parking on the eastern side of Station Road, outside Tesco Express.

Phase 4 – The final phase will include resurfacing the High Street from the junction with Cherwell Road to the exit of New Parade. We are planning to conduct these works over two consecutive Sundays towards the end of the construction phases. This phase will also include the road markings for the new mini roundabout at the junction with Station Road.

To carry out the surfacing we will close the High Street to through traffic. We will also close the junctions with Station Road and Cherwell Road. Local diversion routes will be signed and maintained.

Notice for residents and businesses

Access for residents and businesses will be maintained during the works however, access may be limited at times during working hours (7:30 – 17:00). Should you have any access requirements please contact the site supervisor.

Pedestrian access will be maintained during the works however; from time to time it may be necessary to divert pedestrians around the works using barriers and temporary walkways.

Parking will be restricted at New Parade for the whole durations of the works.

Access for loading and unloading in New Parade will be possible during the works by prior arrangement with the site supervisor (contact details below).

Contact us

The Works Supervisor for this scheme is Anthony Kwong who should be contacted concerning the access to premises, health and safety or the site environment.

The Engineer for the scheme is Christine Kwok who should be contacted for general enquiries relating to the scheme design.

To speak to either Anthony or Christine please contact the Customer Access Team on 0345 60 80 193 who will arrange for them to contact you.