

Tindal Square and Market Road Project Update



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Latest achievements:

Market Road

- Duke Street has reopened to vehicle traffic following the road closure.
- A widened pavement has been constructed on Duke Street to create safer pedestrian access in the area. A pedestrian crossing has been installed at the junction of Duke Street and Market Road to facilitate safer walking routes to and from Tindal Square.
- Works are continuing in Tindal Street to install wider pavements and allow for safer pedestrian walking routes in the area. Whilst the road remains closed to vehicle traffic, pedestrian access remains by designated walking routes.
- Diversions for buses and other vehicle traffic remain in place to minimise congestion.
- The next closure will be Market Road from the 4th April when Tindal Street will be reopened to traffic. Buses will use their usual route with bus stops on Tindal Street re-opened.



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Latest Achievements—Tindal Square

- **Tindal Square has permanently closed to vehicle traffic. This will create the new pedestrianised space. The area remains safe for people to access businesses and the High Street.**
- **Underground services**—When excavating the area for the new underground tank, utility cables were discovered that were not marked on survey maps. In a complex city centre this is not unusual. Investigations are now underway to ensure that the tank and utilities can both work safely and efficiently.
- **Storm water drainage**— The area for the underground tank is now being excavated ready to be installed under in the coming weeks. This will improve the flood defences in the area and benefit other parts of the city too.
- **Shire Hall**— You will soon notice some works near to the front of Shire Hall. This will be carried out by BT as they provide a new below ground access chamber.
- **Materials**— Over the coming weeks we will start to receive the stone paving materials for the High Street at the site compound in Waterloo Lane. The existing yellow pavers will be removed and once laid this new stone paving will transform the High Street.
- **Pedestrian access remains on the High Street via signposted designated walking routes. Whilst the majority of works will be taking place during the week some works will be carried out on Saturday 26th March.**



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Stormwater Drainage Tanks—What are they and why we use them?

Stormwater drainage tanks (also known as attenuation tanks) are designed to collect and provide storage for excess surface water resulting from heavy rain or storm events. These tanks sit under the ground's surface and release the water at a controlled rate into a water course that will direct the water to a river or reservoir.

The tank is being installed in order to improve the current underground drainage system so that it complies with modern standards.

The tanks are made of geo-cellular crates which link together to form a tank and are made watertight by impermeable geomembranes to prevent water seeping into the ground underneath. These tanks are needed in various places throughout the UK, normally built up towns and cities, to create new forms of sustainable urban drainage systems (otherwise known as SuDS).

The images below show a stormwater drainage tank that was recently installed in Southwold.



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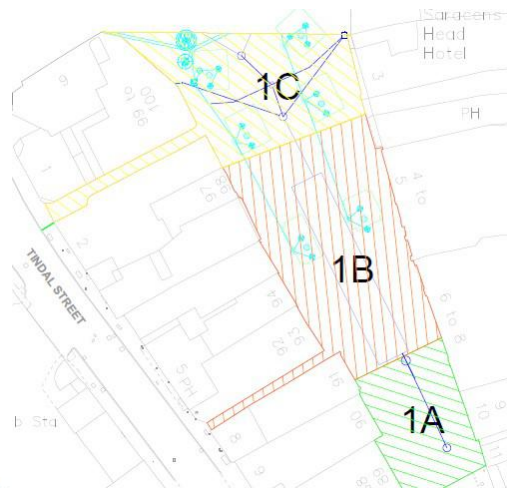


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Planned Upcoming Works:

Activity	Date
Tindal Street—Widening of crossing and extension of paving area adjacent to Cote Brasserie, installation of new drainage and speed ramp, removal of pedestrian guard rails to create open space	March/April
Storm water tank, tree cells, electrical works in Ph1B (Please see drawing for reference)	March / April / May
Market Road—installation of contraflow cycle route, controlled pedestrian crossing and two speed ramps, relocation of Blue Badge parking. Extension of kerb line to allow more space for the existing taxi rank	April/May
Drainage, tree cells, electrical works in Ph1C (Please see drawing for reference)	June / July / August
Paving works starting with Ph1A and moving north into phases 1B and 1C	May / June / July
Statutory undertakers diversion works and paving to the west side of Shire Hall / Tindal St plus Shire Hall ramps and steps	May / June / July
Drainage, electrical works, final surfacing works, and paving to the east side of Shire Hall	Aug / Sept
Handover, sign off and site compound demobilisation	October



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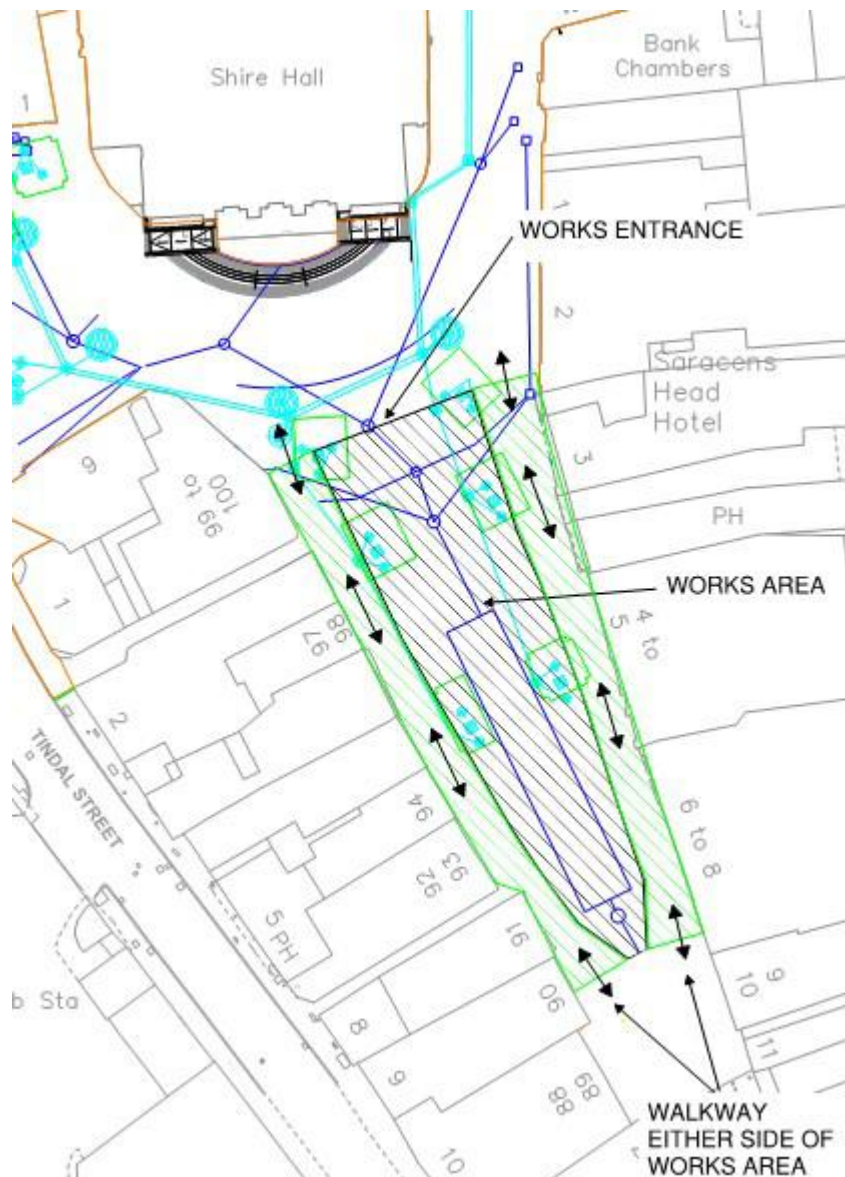


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Public safety—Safe walking routes:

Please use the designated walking routes below when accessing the High Street. All businesses remain open as usual.



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Closure of Market Road:

In order to install the contraflow cycle route as part of the project, Market Road will be closed to vehicle traffic from the 4th April until the 6th May 2022.

- **Closure**—From the junction of Duke Street/Tindal Street down to the exit at Victoria Road South. No access to Market Road via Threadneedle Street.
- **Access for Market Road**— Access to be maintained for delivery vehicles and business access only from Victoria Road South with the use of 3 way traffic signals. A signed diversion will be in place to direct all vehicles.
- **Buses**— Buses will return to using Duke Street, Tindal Street and New London Road bus stops as before. All buses will continue to use the Market bus stops as usual.
- **Blue Badge Parking**— Parking bays will be closed with no access to them due to road closure.
- **Taxi's**— Relocated temporarily to Tindal Street, to the side of Boots.
- **Public Restrooms**— To remain open as normal. The Changing Place (child/adult assisted toileting facility, it is unique key controlled and open 24/7 as is the Radar key controlled accessible toilet) will also remain open and accessible at all times during the works
- **Shop Mobility**— Access to be maintained from Threadneedle Street and signed accordingly.
- **Pedestrian access remains on Market Road via signposted designated walking routes.**

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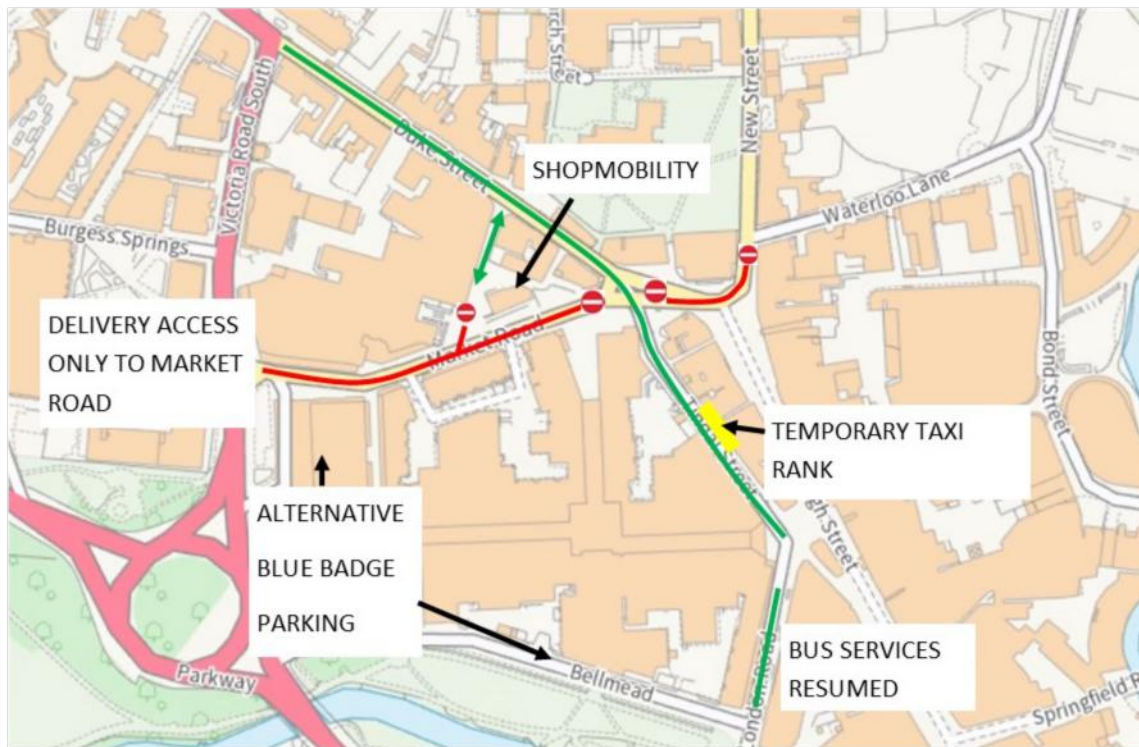


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Closure of Market Road:

Please see below the diagram highlighting the temporary location of the taxi rank, access to Shopmobility as well as alternative Blue Badge parking.



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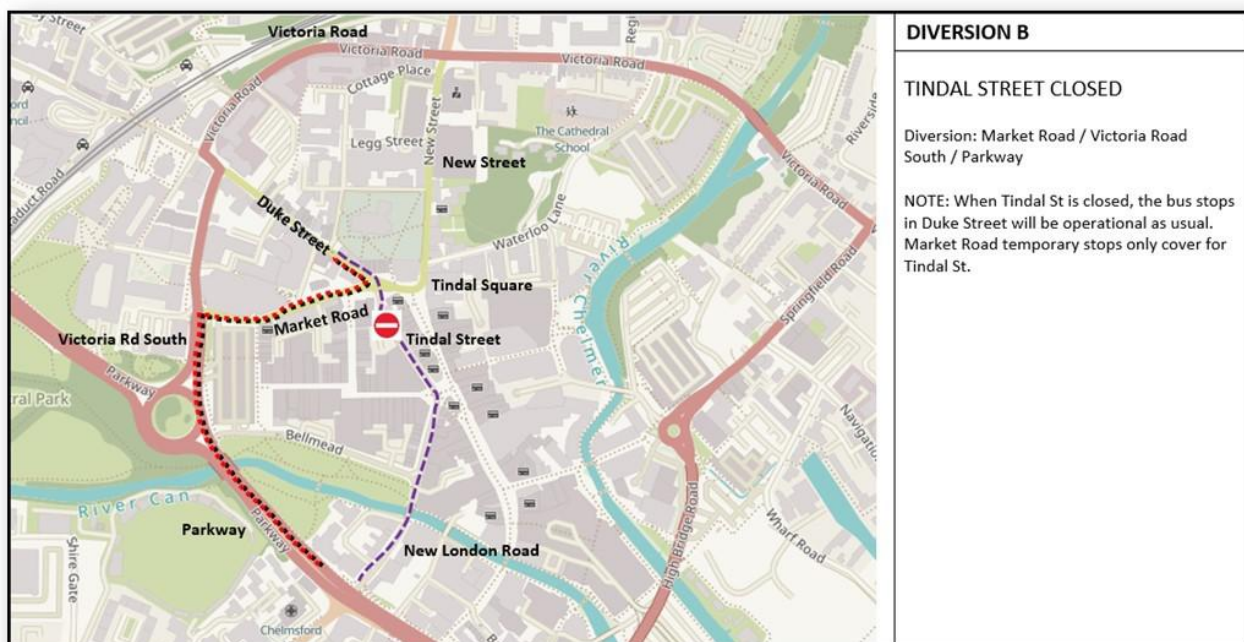
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Traffic Management:

Duke Street has now reopened to vehicle traffic and bus services resumed to the bus stops.

Tindal Street and Tindal Square are now closed to vehicle traffic for works to continue. Buses will continue to service Market Road, but will still not be able to use Tindal St / New London Road so will maintain the diversion through Market Road using the temporary bus stops allocated.

This route will be in place until the 4th April.



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Public Safety—Tindal Square

Whilst Tindal Square has closed to vehicle traffic this area is still access regularly by works vehicles. Please use caution when walking in the area and use the designated crossing points.

WHO'S BEHIND YOU?

Guide dogs, young people and neuro-diverse individuals have a natural tendency to follow the person in front. If you walk in the road they may follow.

PLEASE DO NOT WALK IN THE ROAD

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