

# Tindal Square and Market Road

## Project Update



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**Tindal Square** – Dyer & Butler

**Market Road** – Marlborough Ltd

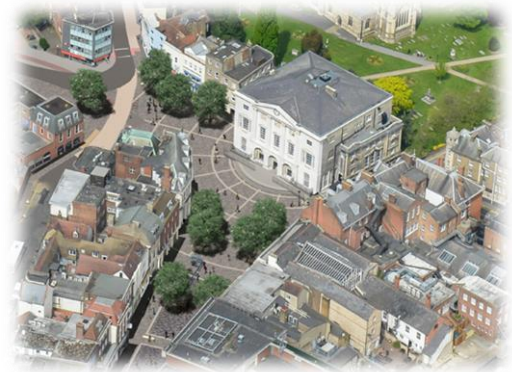
**Project Manager** – Rob Venables/Phil Cowland

### Latest Achievements:

#### **Market Road**

The following has been accomplished since the last update:

- The kerb line for the contraflow cycle route has now been installed, providing a dedicated lane for cyclists.
- The kerb line on the left-hand side of the highway surrounding the High Chelmer Service Yards has been extended to provide more space for the taxi rank and blue badge parking.
- Started to remove the block paved speed tables in preparation for asphalt speed tables to be installed.
- Installed tactile paving and hazard warning paving.
- Relocation of blue badge parking and taxi rank in preparation of Market Road re-opening on the 13<sup>th</sup> May.



For further information regarding the project please visit:

[www.essexhighways.org/tindal-square](http://www.essexhighways.org/tindal-square)

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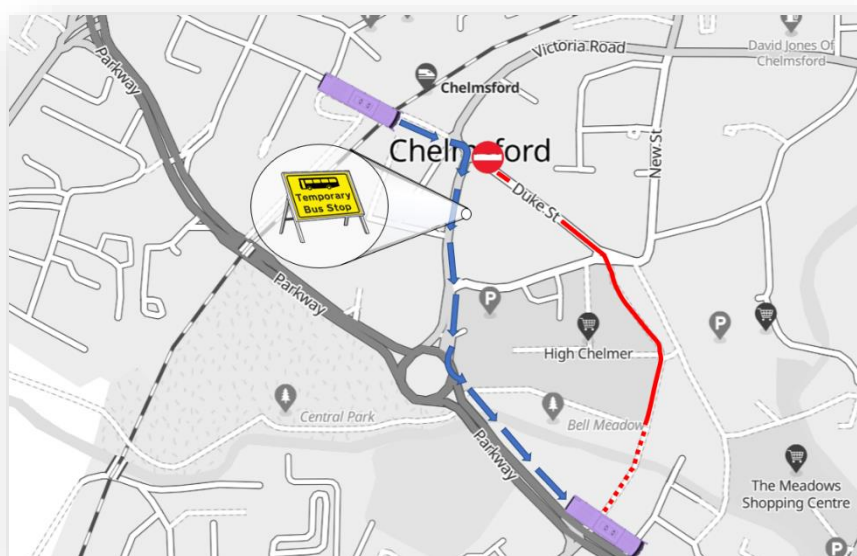
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### Next steps:

#### ***Market Road***

Over the next fortnight the team will:

- Install wiring for the traffic light systems.
- Continue installing the new kerb line for the service yards to provide larger areas for blue badge parking and the taxi rank.
- Conduct overnight works over five nights from the 9<sup>th</sup> May to complete surfacing and construction of speed tables. Duke Street and Tindal Street will be closed between 11:30pm and 5:00am.
- Market Road will remain closed to vehicular traffic, however pedestrian access and access to businesses will be maintained.
- **Please note that the re-surfacing of Duke Street will result in an earlier overnight closure on the 9<sup>th</sup> May only from 8:00pm.** Buses will be diverted via Victoria Road South with an additional bus stop outside County Hall.



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The following has been accomplished since the last update:

- Installed permeable membrane and attached this to the storm water drainage tank.
- Backfilled the hole needed for the storm water drainage tank now this has been installed.
- Continued laying paving in the south-western corner next to TSB.
- Removed the tree stump outside HSBC beside the Judge Tindal statue and installed temporary tarmac paving in place to allow for improved pedestrian access in the area.
- Marked the position of tree locations in the area whilst starting to excavate the area for the tree pits to be installed.
- Reinstated a temporary walkway using current yellow block paving around the site fencing.





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### Next steps:

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Over the next fortnight the team will:

- Continue to backfill the surrounding area around the storm water drainage tank with concrete to prepare the area for re-paving.
- Continue the re-paving of the High Street in the south-eastern area outside El Chigre 2 and Martins. Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout with safe walking routes.
- Continue to excavate the areas for proposed trees to prepare the area for the tree pits to be installed on the High Street.
- Install an underground chamber to collect water which then disperses into the stormwater drainage system (outside The Garrison).
- Commence trial hole excavations outside 1-5 Tindal Square to ensure that the proposed trees do not affect any utilities in the area. This will commence once the Market Road works have finished.



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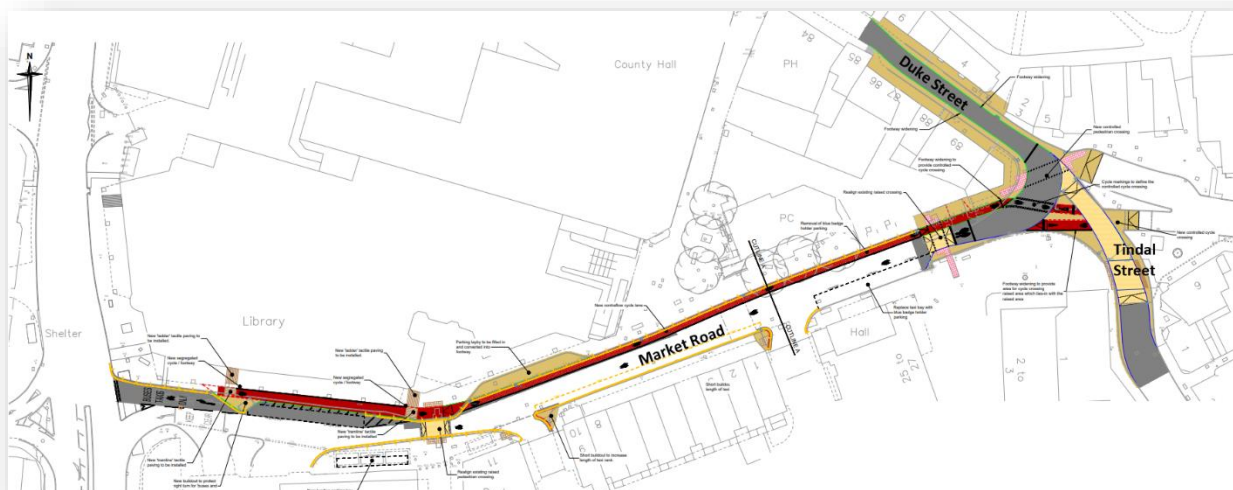
### ***The Market Road Contra Flow Cycle route – how this came to be***

In 2017, Essex County Council secured £15 million for investment into new sustainable transport infrastructure. Following a public consultation, several schemes were developed and designed, of which the Market Road scheme was one. Broomfield Road, New Street, Chelmer Valley Way and Chelmer Village Way (among many more) have already been completed, making Market Road one of the last to be delivered, but this decision was made as it is a crucial piece of infrastructure for two reasons.

- It delivers the much needed east to west route ‘missing link’ between the Railway Station / Bus Station and the Leisure Centre (and had to follow on from the cycleway / parallel crossing in Victoria Road South).
- It is the ‘enabling scheme’ that allows Tindal Square to progress.

Because of the intrinsic link with the Tindal Square scheme, it was decided to run both schemes together to make sure they worked in harmony.

A contra flow allows cyclists to ride in a safe and protected way against the prevailing flow traffic. The contra flow cycle route is the first of its kind for Chelmsford however other cities such as Bristol, Chichester and Oxford already use these to provide the infrastructure for sustainable transport.



To see this drawing in more detail, please visit [www.essexhighways.org/tindal-square](http://www.essexhighways.org/tindal-square)

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### *Tindal Square – Safe walking routes*

The diagram below shows the safe walking routes over the next fortnight whilst the south-eastern part of the work area (outside Martins and El Chigre 2) is being completed.

