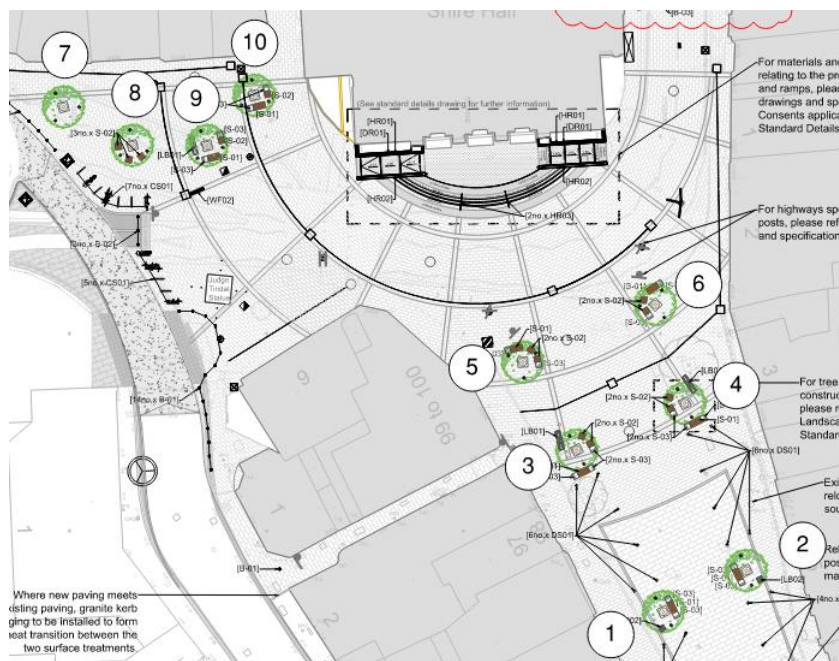


An aerial photograph of the University of Cambridge campus. The central feature is the large, white, classical building of the Senate House, which has a prominent pediment and many windows. It is surrounded by green lawns and other historic buildings. The image shows the dense urban environment of the university, with narrow streets and traditional architecture.

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- Continued to install the tree pits for trees three and four (as labelled in diagram below). This area is still being excavated ready for the tree pit crate to be installed.
- Completed the paving for the central frame and business entrances near to Crown Passage.
- Tree pits one and two have been successfully installed, filled with top soil and backfilled.
- Installed the underground drainage access chamber in the Shire Hall area and connected this to the drainage system.
- Disconnected the existing electrical supplies of lighting and removed the security bollards.
- Begun the installation of utility chambers for lighting and power supplies in the ground of the High Street.



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Next steps:

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Over the next two weeks we will:

- Continue to install the tree pit crates for trees three and four, these will also be filled with top soil and backfilled.
- Complete the re-paving outside 4-5 High Street (Natwest) and between Crown Passage and 94 High Street (Specsavers)
- Continuing the investigation into the underlying utilities found during trial hole excavations for the tree pits as these affect where the tree sits.
- Complete the installation of the underground access chamber in the Shire Hall area with backfilling the surrounding area with concrete.
- Continue the installation of utility chambers for lighting and power supplies in the ground of the High Street.



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Shire Passage & Crown Passage; why are they so important to Tindal Square?

As work begins to install the new pavement to the passageways Crown Passage and Shire Passage which connect the High Street to Tindal Street, we take a look at how important these are to the area and how they were formed. First, we have to look at the history of Tindal Street and Middle Row to understand why these passageways are important to the city.

The highway we now know as the High Street was originally a wide market place split into two parts with temporary market stalls, which subsequently became timber framed buildings in the middle, hence the Middle Row created from the 1380's. When first created, Tindal Street was known as Back Lane and included a watercourse which ran down the street, which originally was pure water that came from Burgess Well. Over time this water source, which was situated to the east of the buildings, became polluted when used as a waste gutter by occupants of Middle Row. By the late 15th century this practise had become common, with orders made to the public to stop washing their garments in the street at the point where the water reached the surface.

In 1808 a large fire spread along the timber framed homes in Middle Row (a tomb for some of the victims of this fire can be found within the Cathedral grounds to the north of Tindal Square), which resulted in the buildings being rebuilt with brick and stone. Following this the highway became known as Back Street or Conduit Street, before being renamed to Tindal Street in 1850.

Shire Passage was created as a footway to lead from the White Hart Inn on Back Street to The Cross in Market Place (now known as Tindal Square outside the front of Shire Hall). Whereas Crown Passage was originally known as Shamble Lane, this lane was used as a place to kill beasts and butcher meat and had gutters running along them linking Middle Row to Back Lane.

The passages have played a pivotal role in the evolution of the Tindal Square area and now provide access to businesses and residential properties above the businesses of the High Street.



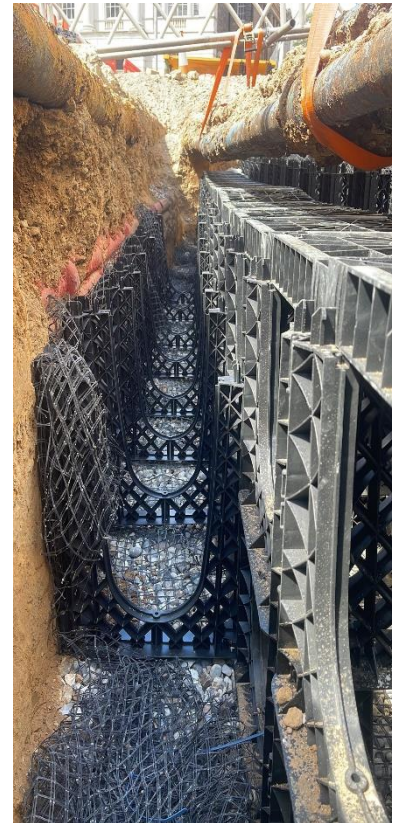
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Tindal Square – Safe walking routes

The diagram below shows the safe walking routes over the next fortnight whilst the works to the central and northwest parts of the work area are completed.



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