

# Tindal Square and Market Road Project Update



Transforming Tindal Square:  
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### Contractor Details:

Tindal Square – Dyer & Butler

Market Road – Marlborough Ltd

Project Manager – Rob Venables/Phil Cowland



### Latest Achievements:

#### Market Road

- Tindal Street has reopened to all traffic, with all bus services and bus stop service resumed.
- During the closure the footway has been widened with new kerbs installed to enable safer walking routes for pedestrians in the area. The tarmac in this area is temporary and the footway will be resurfaced within the Tindal Square works.
- A new drainage system has been installed to prevent flooding in the area.
- The highway at the entrance to Tindal Street has been narrowed (to allow for the widened pedestrian footway). This area now operates a one-way system from Duke Street to New London Road.
- A new raised pedestrian crossing has been constructed between Cote Brasserie and HSBC.



For further information regarding the project please visit:

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The team have been very busy over the past fortnight with the following tasks achieved:

- The excavation of the hole needed for the storm water drainage tank has been completed.
- The first delivery of tree pits (a protective box to help with root stability and moisture once the trees have been planted) has been received.
- The central southern area of the works has been prepared for the new paving to be installed.
- The site offices have now been connected to the main power source; providing a more sustainable source of power and ceasing the need for a generator to be used onsite for power.



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### Next steps:

#### *Tindal Square*

Over the next fortnight the construction team will:

- Install the storm water drainage tank and backfill the surrounding area.
- Begin the re-paving of the High Street in the central southern area.
- Start to excavate the areas for proposed trees to prepare the area for the tree pits to be installed on the High Street.
- Conduct investigations with trial holes outside 1-5 Tindal Square to ensure that the proposed trees do not affect any utilities in the area.



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### *Tindal Square – the new paving*

Residents and visitors to the city will soon start to notice the new paving being installed within the High Street as part of the public realm improvement works to Tindal Square.

When considering materials for the project we felt these needed to link in with other important areas of the City Centre such as Half Moon Square, Exchange Square and Station Square. The paving palette from Half Moon Square will be continued through Tindal Square. The natural stone paving for the High Street includes a Scottish granite paving, with the platform steps and ramp using an English Portland Stone which will be installed later in the development works this year.

The design of the paving was considered during the concept design stage of this project, focusing on how we could use this to complement and enhance the buildings around us. To address the multitude of routes around the main space, we designed a radial pattern projecting from Shire Hall towards Half Moon Square. Using a simple pattern marked in the paving defines the shape and scale of the space, with the radial pattern fanning out from Shire Hall echoing its stone arches and moving along the High Street redefining the old marketplace.



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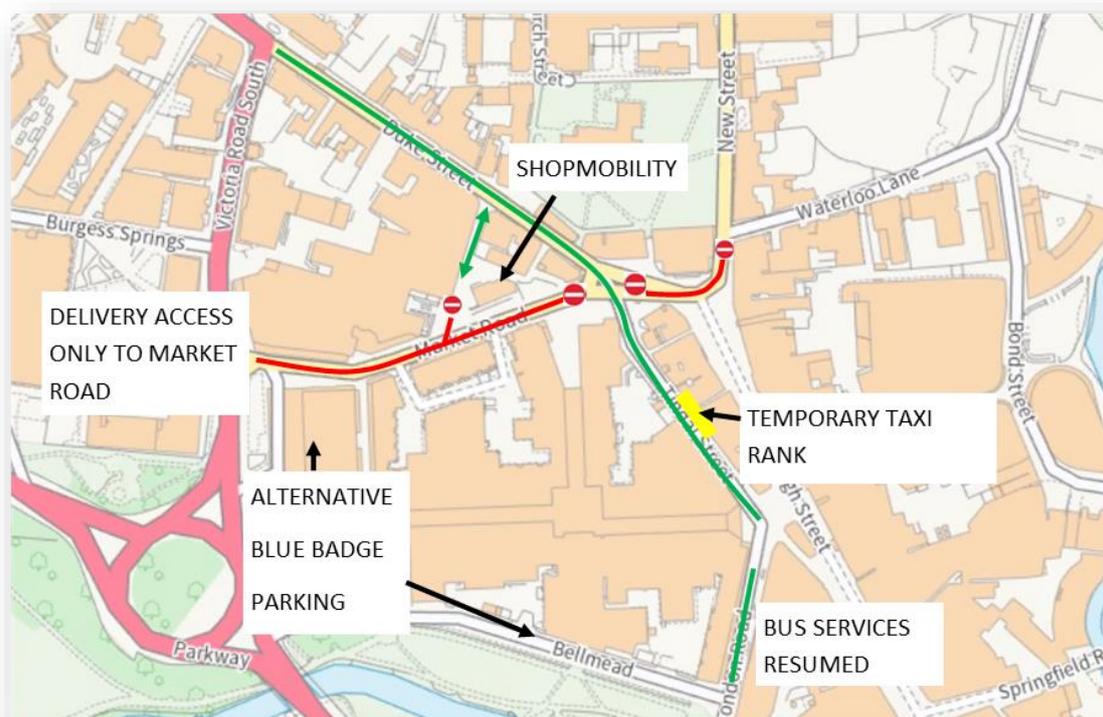
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### ***Closure of Market Road***

Market Road is now closed to vehicle traffic with temporary access maintained for delivery vehicles. Pedestrian access to businesses, Shopmobility and the Changing Place remains throughout the area. Please see the diagram for the location of the temporary taxi rank and alternative Blue Badge parking.



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