

Tindal Square and Market Road Project Update



Transforming Tindal Square:
Public Realm Improvements

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10th June 2022

Contractor Details:

Tindal Square – Dyer & Butler

Market Road – Marlborough Ltd

Project Manager – Rob Venables/Phil Cowland

Latest Achievements:

Market Road

The Market Road project works are now substantially complete; with the following accomplished:

- The red asphalt section outside the library has been completed.
- You may notice some minor works in the Duke Street and Market Road areas, our contractor is installing and amending signage in the area resulting from a quality review.
- The issue regarding the permanent traffic lights is unchanged, we are still sourcing the intricate part of the traffic system and we aim to complete this within the next month. Please make sure to take care when using the temporary traffic light system when in the area.



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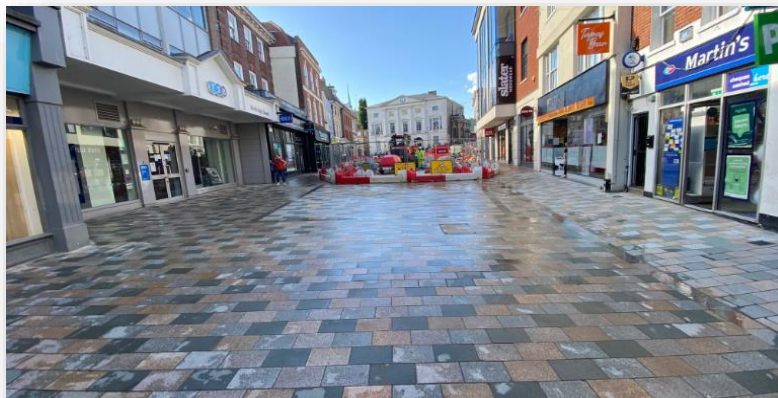
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Tindal Square

The following has been accomplished since the last update:

- Works have begun to restore and clean the Judge Tindal Statue at the top of the square.
- The surrounding area around the storm water drainage tank has been backfilled in preparation for re-paving.
- Paving of phase 1a (the southern part of the site area covering from TSB to Martins and El Chigre 2) is complete and is open to the public with site fencing removed from this area.



- The electronic raising bollards in the northern part of the High Street have been removed.
- Alterations to the position of the tree pits have been made due to clashes with underlying utilities.
- We have installed the initial drainage layer (made from permeable stone) ready for the tree cells to go within the tree pit.

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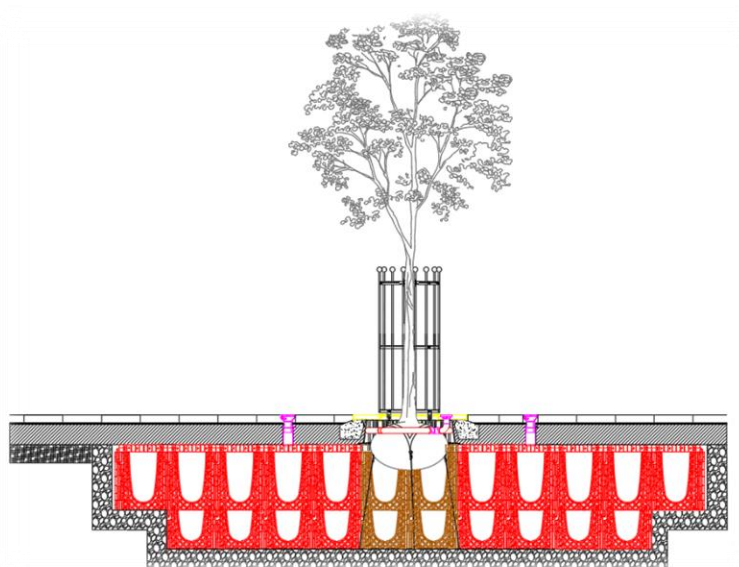
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Over the next two weeks:

- Restoration and cleaning of the Judge Tindal Statue will be completed.
- Installation of the tree root drainage system (shown in the diagram below) will carry on, with the excavated holes filled once these are completed.
- The re-paving of the High Street in the central area between Crown Passage and Five Guys will continue. Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout with safe walking routes.
- Decommission the electronics relating to the previous bollard system at the north end of the High Street.
- Excavate the areas for the underground drainage access chambers in the northern part of the High Street (outside HSBC) and connect these into the storm water drainage tank.
- Continue to investigate the underlying utilities found during trial hole excavations in the area, to ensure these are not affected by the tree pits for the proposed trees in the future.

Please note the post-box outside Natwest on the High Street is out of use due to the works. The nearest alternative post-box is within WH Smiths



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Judge Tindal; who is he and why is he important?

One of the most important features of Tindal Square is the statue of Judge Tindal which was installed in 1850 and has remained in the square since to commemorate Sir Nicholas Conyngham Tindal.

Judge Tindal was born in Moulsham Street (where a Blue Plaque identifies where he was born) in 1776 and educated at King Edward VI Grammar School before studying at Trinity College in Cambridge.

In 1810 he became a barrister (also known as being called to the bar) at Lincoln's Inn with one of his most well known cases being the successful defence of the Queen, Caroline of Brunswick, in her trial for adultery against King George IV. He also spent time as a Member of Parliament, Member for Cambridge University and serving as the Solicitor General from 1826-1829.

In 1829 Sir Nicholas became a Judge (also known as being called to the bench) and the name Judge Tindal stems from this period. He played a major role in reforming how criminal law was applied in cases. During his time as a Judge he introduced the special verdict of "not guilty by reason of insanity" and the defence of "provocation" within murder trials; both of these defences are still used in criminal law today.

Following his death in 1846 the statue was placed in the area to commemorate Judge Tindal, along with a plaque in Chelmsford Cathedral. As the Shire Hall served as a court house until 2012 the area has been known as Tindal Square due to his link to the area.



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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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