

Epsom Market Place Improvements

As part of ongoing support for local businesses and the community, a major revamp of the Epsom Market Place is underway to make it a much more attractive and vibrant place.

The current paving is reaching the end of its life and, rather than simply replace it, Epsom and Ewell Borough Council, in partnership with Surrey County Council (SCC), is taking the opportunity to provide a comprehensive upgrade to the area to transform its appearance and make the area much more of a destination for customers and visitors.

This represents a major investment in the town centre by the borough council, utilising funds collected from developers that can only be spent on infrastructure schemes like this, with additional funding from SCC and the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership. The work itself is being managed on a day to day basis by the county council and undertaken by their contractor.

The Market Place upgrade is building on the improvements already made to the road network around Epsom by the county council, which are already showing improvements to traffic flows.

What we are doing?

The improvements include the following:

- New paving
- New seating
- New power network and lighting
- New 'wayfinding' signs
- New trees and dedicated tree pits
- Installation of a new drinking fountain
- Relocation of the Evocation of Speed statue
- Creating a location for the proposed Emily Davison statue
- Renovation of the Richmond Cattle Trough and the time capsule stone



Artist impression of the completed scheme at the Market Place

Information for businesses and market traders

The works will take place through 2019 and into 2020, with a break for The Derby and in the lead up to Christmas. The Market area will remain open for business throughout the improvements and we will seek to ensure the smooth running of the market for traders and customers and the adjoining businesses during our activity. At certain times of the day temporary lane closures will be required in the High Street West to move machinery and cater for site deliveries and removals.

We will be creating a temporary walkway around the works area to ensure safe access to businesses and to the market, including for deliveries.

The majority of the works to replace the paving immediately outside the shop frontages will be undertaken at night, once the main paving in each phase is completed, this will ensure that access to businesses and residential premises is maintained at all times.

The Clock Tower will be protected by timber hoarding with temporary access arrangements for businesses \ traders using the Clock Tower be maintained at **all** times, appropriate lighting will also be installed.

Information notices explaining to the public what is happening and artwork of the finished renovation will be displayed.

Programme

In advance of the main works commencing **Monday 18th February 2019**, some works will begin week commencing Monday 11th February 2019 to relocate the existing site compound to the east of the pedestrian crossing and remove the existing planters outside the Assembly Rooms (Wetherspoons) to allow access for our machinery.

The Market Place improvement works will take place in three phases:

Phase 1 will continue the new paving on the south side of the High Street from the old taxi rank area to past the Clock Tower and is scheduled for completion in summer 2019. During this phase the market will be relocated to the western end of the Market Place with access via the existing entrance \ exit arrangements.

Phase 2 will continue the new paving on the other side of the Market Place by swapping arrangements so that the market will be re-located back to the area by the Clock Tower, but entrance and exit arrangements will be via the temporary 'dropdown kerbs' currently being installed to the west of the Clock Tower.

Phase 3 will include paving outside the Assembly Rooms and the relocation of the Evocation of Speed statue. Once all 3 phases are completed the temporary dropped kerbs will be reinstated with full height kerbs, and the new entry and exit arrangements established and any remaining works completed.

During each phase, everything will be removed from that area including the existing trees and hedges. New trees will be planted in their new dedicated tree pits from November 2019 which is the approved planting season for trees.

Noise

Whilst the existing paving is displaced and transported away, there may be some noisy and dusty operations but we will try to keep this to a minimum. Appropriate mitigation measures to contain these operations will be in place as and when appropriate, with the working area surrounded by hoarding and fencing for the duration of the works.

Who will carry out the works?

Surrey County Council main Highway's contractors Kier & sub-contractors CGR, will be carrying out these works. The site will be supervised by a qualified site supervisor, Steve Terry, and site foreman who can assist you with any day to day on-site issues that occur whilst the works takes place including dealing with deliveries or to facilitate access to your business or property and other similar issues. The supervisors will be based in the Site Compound and can be contacted via the Kier Hub 0330 333 2113 quoting Epsom Market Place.

How can I find out more?

Plans, programming phases and progress reports will be attached next to the site information boards to provide information on what is happening when. If you want to follow the progress of these works more information will be available at www.A24.Today and via twitter @EpsomLC.

Please keep this letter in a safe place so you can refer to it.

For more general enquiries about the works please contact us via the following:

Contact us

 www.surreycc.gov.uk/highways

 0300 200 1003 (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm)

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