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Dear all,

This letter provides an update on progress on Keynsham's High Street Heritage Action Zone (HS HAZ): Temple Street Improvement Works.

Following a consultation led by Bath & North East Somerset Council (autumn 2021), public feedback informed changes to the original design which now retains more car parking spaces whilst also providing more greening and cycle parking. This letter recaps these changes whilst updating residents, businesses and landlords on the next steps.

Project Summary

Weather permitting, during the week starting 9 January 2023, Temple Street Improvement Works are due to start with the setup of the site and delivery of materials. The scheme will be delivered by the Council's highways contractor Volker and is being grant funded by Historic England. The scheme comprises:

- Installation of planters, cycle parking, seating and parklets on the east side of Temple Street.
- Laying of new natural stone realigned pavements improved disabled bays and preparation for a future pedestrian crossing to the west side of the street.
- In addition, drainage repair works will take place and new improved streetlighting will be installed.

What will be provided?

Following public consultation feedback, changes have been made to the detailed designs to incorporate local views and feedback. Feedback in some areas was split, for example there were wishes for more greening, seating and improved pedestrian accessibility from many, whereas others felt retaining car parking should be prioritised. We have updated the design to balance these mixed views.

East Side of Temple Street:

Car parking will be retained in the main, approximately two large car bays will be altered on the west side of the street, to introduce additional seating and greening to the area. This element of the scheme is a temporary pilot project and can be relocated in future. Illustrations of the parklets can be seen online via the project website.

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West Side of Temple Street:

Car parking will be retained in the main, approximately 8.4 meters of carparking will be altered on the west side of the street, to improve accessibility of the area. This is so we can:

- Increasing the size of disabled bays to meet modern standards.
Overtime cars have got larger, therefore the disabled bays (outside 30 – 34 Temple Street) need to be increased in size to meet new modern standards.
- Carry out preparation ground works for a new pedestrian crossing.
Creating a small build out on the corner of Carpenters Lane, in preparation for the new pedestrian crossing that will be installed as part of a further phase once funding is secured.

What will be delivered & when?

The site set up is anticipated to start on week commencing 9 January 2023 and programme will run until May 2023.

Works to the East side of Temple Street will take approx. 2 days.

Works to the West side of Temple Street will be phased and undertaken over approx. 5-month period to minimise disruption to businesses, with all businesses being able to remain open at all times. A draft estimated phasing plan of works will be available later today from <https://www.hikeynsham.co.uk/event/temple-street-public-realm-improvement-project/>. This will be updated on a regular basis as the project progresses.

As always with highway works undertaken during winter, weather conditions and ground conditions including low temperatures will need to be taken into account. This includes minimum temperature levels for paving materials and bonds to set.

Alongside the re-paving works, drainage and street lighting improvements will also be being made. These will happen concurrently with different contractor teams working together.

Two weekly updates will be provided to Councillors, residents and businesses on scheme progress. Regular updates will also be available on the project website.

To support local businesses in Keynsham Town Centre, in early 2023, a new Keynsham Town Centre Business Directory will be launched alongside a marketing campaign to promote the Keynsham high street offer. This element of the project is also supported by the High Street Heritage Action Zone Partnership is made up of Keynsham Town Council, B&NES Council and Historic England.

Anyone with questions or comments about Keynsham HSHAZ can email KeynshamHSHAZ@Bathnes.gov.uk or write to **Keynsham HS HAZ Project Team at the Keynsham Town Council Office, 15-17 Temple Street, Keynsham, BS31 1HA.**

Many thanks and best wishes,

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About High Streets Heritage Action Zones

The High Streets Heritage Action Zones is a £95 million government-funded programme led by Historic England, designed to secure lasting improvements and help breathe new life into our historic high streets for the communities and businesses that use them. Historic England is working with local people and partners to unlock the rich heritage on these high streets, through repair and improvement works as well as arts and cultural programmes, making them more attractive to residents, businesses, tourists and investors.

<https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/heritage-action-zones/regenerating-historic-high-streets/>

Keynsham HS HAZ Further Information

Keynsham is one of more than 60 high streets across the country that were successful in receiving funding from Historic England. It was awarded £1.1million as part of Historic England's High Streets Heritage Action Zone (HS HAZ) Programme with additional match funding from Keynsham Town Council and Bath and North East Somerset Council (B&NES). This four-year programme (completion date March 2024) has been match funded by Keynsham Town Council (£40,000) and Bath and North East Somerset (B&NES) who have contributed £100,000 from the Community Levy Infrastructure.

HS HAZ is a partnership programme between B&NES, Keynsham Town Council and Historic England. HS HAZ is a heritage led renewal programme, making Keynsham High Street a place where people want to live, work and play. It will enable us to harness Keynsham's historic environment to generate economic growth and improve quality of life in the town centre.

This will be achieved through four key programme strands: public realm improvements, shop front improvements, community engagement and cultural programmes.

More information about the Temple Street Improvement Project and consultation process (including further research, additional residents and business consultation) and design changes as a result can be found at hikeynsham.co.uk/event/temple-street-public-realm-improvement-project/ Information can also be access via Keynsham Library or Keynsham Town Council.