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Transport for Attleborough – revised timetable for works on Church Street, Queens Road and Queen’s Square

Work is continuing on the third phase of the £4.5m Transport for Attleborough project, which is set to improve all forms of transport and support planned growth in the town.

This phase of work which got underway in February this year will improve pedestrian facilities on Church Street by widening the pavements. Plans include new paving, road surfacing and a lower 20 mph speed limit on Exchange Street and Church Street.

The proposals for Queen’s Square will make the area better for pedestrians as the work will see changes to the access to Queen’s Square car park so that drivers will no longer need to drive across the square to access the car park. The proposed new combined entrance and exit road will be to the east of the square (the current exit only route). This means the nearby traffic island, which is currently split into two, would be made into one larger island by the removal of the turning lane (leading to Queens Square and the car park) that runs across it. Plans showing these changes can be found by going to www.norfolk.gov.uk/tfa

Due to COVID19 and the impact it has had on the progress of these works, we have had to revise the road closure dates for this part of the work that was previously planned to have been completed by the summer. Despite the revised timetable, the whole Transport for Attleborough project is still set to be complete this financial year.

To ensure the safety of road users and our contractors a number of temporary changes to parking and temporary road closures will be required while work is underway. Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout:

- **Exchange Street / Queen’s Square – 3 August 2020 to 14 August 2020:** A road closure at the northern end of Exchange Street which will prevent vehicles travelling onto Queen’s Square. This is required for the completion of the war memorial island. This closure will be in place 24 hours a day.
- **Queen’s Square – 8 August 2020 to 9 August 2020:** There will be a closure of Queen’s Square so the road can be resurfaced. Vehicle access to properties will be very restricted for the duration of this work. This closure will be in place for the whole weekend, 24 hours a day.
- **Exchange Street / Church Street / Queen’s Road - 7am on 15 August 2020 to 6am on 17 August 2020:** There will a closure of Exchange street and Church Street for their entire length. Queen’s Road will be closed between the War memorial and approx 40m North. This is required for resurfacing of these roads. All adjoining roads and accesses will be closed as well during this time. A revocation of the one-way order on Church Street will be in place for vehicles needing access to properties in the eastern half of Church Street.
- **Besthorpe Road – 7am on 15 August 2020 to 6am on 17 August 2020:** A closure of Besthorpe Road from its junction with Surrogate street for a length of 40m. This is for surfacing works on the road. This closure will be enforced for the whole duration specified.



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For further details on these restrictions and other items of traffic management that will be in place during the works please visit <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/tfa>.

The work which will be carried out by Norfolk County Council's Community and Environmental Services Department and its contractors, is expected to cost approximately £ 850,000 to complete.

Norfolk County Council thanks people for their patience while these improvement works are carried out.

For Further information can be found visiting - www.norfolk.gov.uk/tfa

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Background information

Phase 1 – In 2018 the first phase of the Transport for Attleborough project saw Surrogate Street widened and converted to two-way, and the realignment of the Church Street and Connaught Road junctions. This work was to reduce congestion and improve pedestrian safety in Attleborough town centre and reduce the number of right turning vehicles at Connaught Road and Exchange Street junction.

Traffic lights have also been installed at the Church Street junction to help prevent long queues of traffic within the town centre and to make it easier for pedestrians to cross the road. Other improvements to pedestrian facilities include three new zebra crossings and widening of pavements next to the church on Surrogate Street, and next to the shops on Church Street.

Phase 2 – In 2019 the second phase of the Transport for Attleborough project saw improvements of Queens Square car park to make better use of the available space, improvements of Queens Road to the Sports hall pavement, and improvements of High Street Exchange Street junction.

Phase 3 – Early in 2020 the third phase of the Transport for Attleborough project commenced which will see improved pedestrian facilities on Church Street by widening the pavements. In addition, the area of Queens Square will see changes to the access arrangement into Queens Square car park to minimise through traffic within Queens Square and make the area better for pedestrians.

Final phase - As part of this work improvements are planned to cycling facilities on London Road. With the necessary approval, work on the pedestrian and cycle improvements is likely to start in the autumn and is expected to be completed early 2021.



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