



## New Hall Lane work update Issue 4 – November 2016

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### Temporary work suspension

From Monday 14 November 2016 until Sunday 15 January 2017 construction work along New Hall Lane will be temporarily stopped. This is to reduce disruption to traffic and pedestrians travelling along this main route in to the city centre during the busy festive period.

We will still be continuing work on some of the side streets which adjoin New Hall Lane to ensure the project remains on track.

### What's happened so far!



#### New toucan crossing

The toucan crossing outside St Matthews School has been completed. The crossing is now much wider making it safer for large numbers of people to cross at the same time.

The width of the carriageway is also narrower so it is a shorter distance to cross too.

#### Width of the road

With the section between Derby Square and Delaware Street having been fully completed you can now see how wide the finished road will be.

There were concerns raised about the width of the road, however since it has been installed there have been no problems with traffic safely passing.

### Side street junctions

We are pleased to announce that all of the crossing points on the side streets have been completed. Work is still required to create the junction corners and this will be carried out in 2017.

### Pavements

Over the past few weeks we have been focussing on constructing the new pavement surfaces directly outside businesses and homes. We would like to thank everyone who has been included within this section of work for your patience and hope that you are as happy with the results as we are.



## Parking bays

In some locations the new parking bays are wholly or partly completed and you may have seen some signs erected near to these. The signs explain the timings that visitors and residents may park in these bays.

With the local business being made up mostly of small comparison goods and professional services it was deemed that long stay parking would not be necessary. The view was that businesses would benefit from a higher turnover of visitors (i.e. those just popping in for quick purchases) rather than longer stay visitors. Customers needing longer than 30 minutes parking can park on the side streets during the day time as space is generally readily available.

It was therefore viewed that the timings of 8am to 6pm would facilitate businesses during the day and allow residential parking outside of these timings.

The signs have been covered up as they currently do not apply. Once all the construction work has been completed the signs will be displayed and a consultation period will begin allowing us to monitor how suitable these parking times are. Full details of how to give feedback to us during this consultation period will be displayed on site once the signs are uncovered.



## Supporting local businesses

Business visits are continuing with the focus being on those affected by the works in turn. However if as a business owner or manager you have any queries please don't wait for a visit, get in touch and we will be happy to discuss any concerns and explain the work taking place.



We are constantly trying to find ways to improve how we can support local businesses throughout the works. Recently we started to offer each business their own "Business open as usual" sign to display in their window. We have found that this has a greater visual impact than having them on our barriers.

If you require one of the signs then please contact us using the email at the end of the bulletin and one can be dropped off with you.

If you are reading this as a customer of these local businesses then I urge you to continue using them and supporting them through this time. You may need to park a little further along New Hall Lane or on one of the side streets, however all business are open to trade as normal.



## Shop front improvement loan scheme

Friends of Fishwick and St Matthews are promoting a shop front improvement loan exclusively for New Hall Lane businesses in the shopping area between Acregate and Heaton Street. The loan is to be used for the repair or replacement of any part of the shop front including windows, doors, shutters, security and signage.

An interest free loan between £500 and £5000 is available with no fees and is repayable over 6-36 months. Any owner occupier, landlord or tenant over the age of 18 can apply for the loan.

If you would like more information or to apply for a loan then please contact Lancashire Community Finance on 01772 556877 or call in to their office at 4 Fleet Street, Preston, PR1 2UT.

## Parking

We understand that restricting parking does have an impact, however it is necessary so that we can safely bring equipment and materials in to the site or to maintain traffic flow along New Hall Lane, especially for emergency vehicles. Therefore we ask that all drivers please refrain from parking where the yellow "No Parking" cones are placed or where temporary signs indicate that there is a loading bay for local businesses.



The new pavements are constructed using robust granite flags, however they are not indestructible and so we urge drivers not to park on the paving flags as it may cause them to crack or sink, as well as obstruct pedestrians from safely walking along the pavement.

We always try to provide an area at each end of the construction area dedicated as a loading bay for local businesses where this can safely be accommodated. Parking is still available in other areas along New Hall Lane or on nearby side streets.

## What's happening in 2017?

### Pavements

We will be continuing the work to pavement surfaces directly outside businesses and homes, so if you haven't yet got new granite flags outside your doorway then it will be happening in the New Year.

Again we will provide temporary paths from doorways to a safe walkway set out along New Hall Lane. These will be installed as soon as possible after removal of the original surface. Vehicles will not be able to pull up or park directly outside these properties while the work is taking place. If you have any specific requirements please let us know.



### **Parking bays**

New kerb lines and paving will be installed to form the new parking bays. We are creating more dedicated legal parking spaces in the new scheme than previously available on New Hall Lane. Some of this work may require us to use temporary traffic lights to help traffic pass our work areas safely.

### **New junctions**

The main junctions with Skeffington Road/Scotforth Road and Acregate/Arnhem Road will be improved with safer crossing points for pedestrians. The road layout will be changing and so the work involves a whole new set of traffic lights being installed. This is major work and will result in disruption to normal traffic flow for a period of time. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



### **Tree planting**

A number of trees will be planted along the south side of New Hall Lane.

These will be ornamental pear trees which give a beautiful display of white flowers in spring and bright glossy green leaves afterwards.

### **Keep updated**

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