

PRESS RELEASE

Town Centre Regeneration Project

Cirencester is Open for Residents, Business and Visitors

Work is commencing on 22nd February in the town centre and access will be maintained to shops and businesses during the works – the centre of Cirencester is still open to local residents, businesses and visitors.

Further press releases and information will be provided throughout the scheme and a letter will be hand delivered by contractor Milbrooke, in the coming days, to residents and businesses living within the area of the works.

Key Information:

(1) Public Transport

A key aspect of future planning for the town is to establish a public transport hub in South Way and therefore this is where the public will be able to get buses and taxis. The Town Council is arranging for regulated taxi provision at this location and buses will drop off/pick up/rest at this location.

Buses will no longer stop and rest in front of the Parish Church; but instead will drop off/pick up in West Market Place and at Bingham House before proceeding to South Way. This arrangement will take effect in the near future, please contact your local bus operator for information about specific routes.

In due course buses will no longer stop outside the Corn Hall; further details on this will be published in due course.

If you rely on local taxis please either liaise direct with your taxi driver for picking up and dropping off; there will be taxi ranks in the Waterloo near the library and in South Way both within close proximity to the Market Place and Cricklade Street.

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(2) Phasing of the Works

Work will commence in Dyer Street in February and will be completed in phases as follows:

- Phase 1 Dyer Street
- Phase 2 Castle Street
- Phase 3 Gosditch Street
- Phase 4 West Market Place
- Phase 5 Market Place (Parish church side)
- Phase 6 Market Place (Corn Hall side)
- Phase 7 Market Place (central area)

As a guide to the timescales please note that Phase 5 is not due to commence until around August and the scheme is due to be completed in November.

Scheme Commitment:

We understand how important it is to maintain as much access as possible to the town centre and to maintain as normal trading and visitor conditions as possible and therefore the contractor, Milbrooke, has committed to the following:

- to only work in front of 4 shops/businesses at any one time.
- to maintain access to all shops/businesses during opening/working hours.
- to create pedestrian walkways along the sides of all roads in any/all current work areas.
- 18 parking bays will always be maintained.
- to facilitate the street markets and other important events.
- to ensure that any weekend work is limited to 9am to 6pm, and only if required.
- to provide a site office/public interface for the duration of the works.
- to have an on-site secured storage area in the Market Place, to minimise contractor/lorry movements.

If you have any specific questions about the works please e-mail welcome@cirencester.gov.uk or pop in to the Local Information Centre at Bingham House; our staff and volunteers will do their utmost to assist you and if we don't have the answer to hand we will get back to you as soon as we can.

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