

# Western Road Improvements Project Update

**September 2021**

Our planned improvements to Western Road are designed to make the street a more attractive place to shop and spend time in, as well as make it easier for people travelling through.

This newsletter provides an update on the project and where you can find further information.

## Planned changes

Since the consultation earlier this year, we have developed more detailed plans for Western Road which were approved by the council's Environment, Transport and Sustainability Committee in July.

You can see the plans at <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/onejourneybetter/western-road>.

These include:

- Simplification of the road layout with a central strip provided to help with pedestrian crossing. Other crossings would also be provided
- Extension to pavement either side of the crossing between Imperial Arcade and Churchill Square. This is designed to make it easier to cross between buses
- Removal of Clarence Square bus stops. This is because they are very close to Churchill Square and it will help provide additional pavement space
- Relocation of westbound Waitrose bus stop to near the junction with Sillwood Road
- Redesign of the Dyke Road junction with Western Road. This would remove the traffic lights and make Dyke Road a priority ('give way') junction but with traffic light crossings being retained on Western Road for pedestrians. This change will reduce waiting time for pedestrians at the Clock Tower and speed up bus journeys through the area. The bus only restriction would be relocated from Churchill Square to the Clock Tower with access to Queen Square instead being provided via Dyke Road
- Additional cycle parking, seating and tree planting
- A new loading bay on the north side of Western Road to the west of Hampton Place



## What will happen next?

We are advertising a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) which covers changes to the bus lane, vehicle access and loading associated with the changes at the junction with Dyke Road. You can find further details and comment on the TRO at <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/current-traffic-regulation-orders>

The TRO consultation will be open between **24 September and 15 October 2021**.

Subject to the above, it is expected that construction will start in early 2022. We will be in touch with businesses and residents further regarding this and will work with you to minimise any disruption.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a meeting with a member of staff, please contact [transport.projects@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:transport.projects@brighton-hove.gov.uk)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How long will the work take?

The construction plan is being developed and will be communicated to businesses and residents in due course. The duration will depend on a number of factors, such as whether traffic is re-routed. The intention will be to complete the work in sections to minimise disruption at any one time during the programme.

### How have you funded these changes?

The projects will be funded by the Department for Transport after the council successfully applied for funding through the Active Travel Fund and Highway Maintenance Challenge Fund.

### How do you make sure the changes are inclusive?

We carry out Equality Impact Assessments (EqIAs) on all new schemes in the city. This is to make sure changes are inclusive to as many people as possible by identifying and reducing negative impacts.

### What monitoring are you carrying out?

We use traffic and cycle counters or video surveys to record the movements of pedestrians, traffic and cycles.