



KEEPING HAILSHAM MOVING

15 JUNE 2016

As part of our commitment to ensuring that Hailsham remains a thriving, vibrant and attractive market town, we are making a number of improvements to the towns' centre.

These improvements will support the economic vitality of the town, improve traffic flow and create an improved environment for pedestrians, the mobility impaired and cyclists.

What are the proposed improvements?

Based on feedback received from previous consultations, the proposed improvements include:

- The introduction of additional loading and disabled parking bays
- Improved road layouts – including changing Vicarage Road to southbound traffic only
- New pedestrian crossings on High Street, Vicarage Lane, Vicarage Road and George Street

In addition to the above we will also be widening the pavements and reducing the traffic speed in order to create a safe, pedestrian-friendly town centre.

'This scheme will reduce congestion, improve traffic flow and ensure we can cope with the increased vehicle numbers'

- Cllr Bill Bentley

In order to accommodate the introduction of the new loading and disabled parking bays, the number of general parking spaces on George Street and High Street will be reduced.

However, significant free off-road parking will be made available with improved signage showing its location.

When is this happening?

Starting with a 6-week mobilisation period, the proposed improvements will be carried out in a series of phases in order to limit the impact of the construction.

The first phase which started on Monday, 23rd May 2016 involved additional ground investigations, surveys and pre-construction planning to allow the works to start on site 1st July 2016.

Temporary traffic management and construction of a new central island will commence on the north end of the High Street. This will be carried out in five phases over an 11-week period and will include the relocation of the BT chamber.

During this time, full vehicular and pedestrian access to both Vicarage Lane and High Street will be maintained via on-site traffic management.

From the 18th July onward, construction will progress down along the High Street in lengths of approximately 100m to 150m.

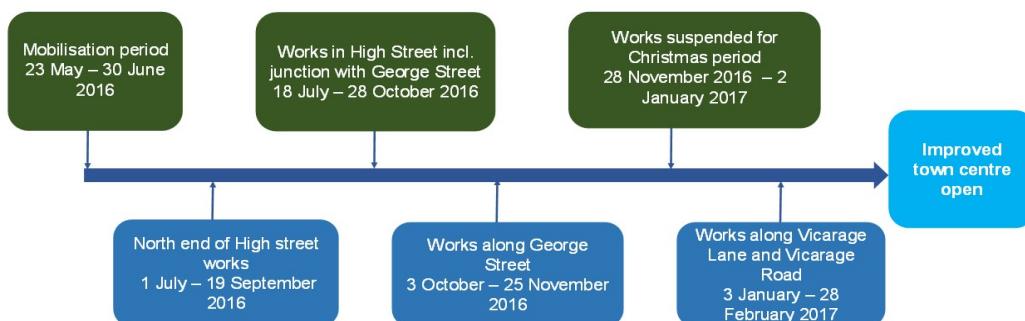
Full pedestrian access will be maintained throughout with only vehicular traffic being suspended. Vehicular access around Hailsham will be maintained via Vicarage Lane, George Street and North Street which will all remain open during this time.

Pre-arranged access for deliveries and refuse collection will be from the southern end of the High Street and will be controlled through the site by a traffic marshal.

Subject to any unforeseen ground conditions, the proposed works, including the works along George Street which will be carried out using a combination of narrow lanes and short road closures, will be completed before Christmas.

This leaves the town centre fully operational and open for business over the Christmas period.

After Christmas, work on Vicarage Lane and Vicarage Road will continue under a series of localised road closures with vehicular traffic managed in and out at both ends. Full access to business, Emergency Services and properties will be maintained



Why are the improvements required?

The improvements are being implemented to enhance Hailsham town centre and the growing number of visitors it attracts.

As the desirability of Hailsham continues, the number of cars on the road are likely to increase and work needs to be done now to reduce the impact of this growth in the future.

As a result of the improvements:

- Local residents and visitors will benefit from a better quality environment including enhanced facilities for pedestrians, people with impaired mobility and cyclists.
- The local economy in Hailsham will be boosted by more passing trade for businesses without the sense of community we currently enjoy being lost.
- The outcome will be an improvement to the public space in the town centre with the day-to-day lives of the Hailsham residents and businesses at its heart



Artist's Impression: View looking up High Street outside Corn Exchange Public House

'The project gives us an exciting opportunity to improve the appearance of the town centre so that it remains an attractive place in which to live, work and shop, with all the benefits to the economy that brings'

- Cllr Bill Bentley

How do I get in touch and keep updated on the works?

Details of the scheme will be readily available on the East Sussex Highways website with regular updates on our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Face-to-face events are planned and will continue at regular intervals throughout the project. There is also the option to sign up for a regular project newsletter.

A full time public liaison officer, Chris Richards, will be on site for the duration of the scheme and will act as the first point of contact for anyone who has any concerns, queries or questions. You can contact Chris on [07342 998727](tel:07342998727).

You can also contact the Customer Contact Centre on [0345 60 80 193](tel:03456080193).