

WEST HALIFAX IMPROVED STREETS FOR PEOPLE NEWS

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The West Halifax ‘Improved Streets for People’ project has progressed since the public engagement sessions at the start of 2023. Within the ‘Model Village’ area around Hanson Lane and Gibbet Street the following amendments have been made to address the concerns received from these engagement sessions:

- We have reviewed the design for the Memorial Garden area, revamping the area to create space for multiple uses. The access to Heywood Place from Hanson Lane via Grosvenor Terrace will be closed to provide an expanded Memorial Garden and more parking. Access to Heywood Place from Hanson Lane will still be possible from Cavendish, Cromwell, and Milton Terraces.
- We have developed measures to prevent pavement parking, trying to minimise the use of bollards to reduce street clutter in the scheme area whilst also protecting pedestrians and vulnerable users.



- We will install as many formal parking spaces on Gladstone Road as possible, these being complimented by planting, limited and appropriate use of seating and the introduction of a new high-quality surface. Inward car access will be one-way via Heywood Place with exiting via the West Hill Street side. As such there will be no direct through route access to / from Hanson Lane and Gibbet Street via Gladstone Road.

- We have developed the proposals for street furniture introducing bins, seating, planting and trees, The seating provision has been developed to meet the needs of the community who need places to rest when walking in the area, with the seating situated in locations which are overlooked by the community to limit any risk from anti-social behaviour.



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- Cavendish Terrace and Cromwell Terrace will remain as they are currently, being the points of vehicular access from Gibbet Street into West Hill Street.
- Cromwell Terrace and Milton Terrace will remain as they are currently, being the points of vehicular access from Hanson Lane into Heywood Place.
- We will improve the road and footway surfacing along Albert Street, Hanson Lane and Gibbet Street.
- We will introduce new level pedestrian crossing points across all access roads.
- We aim to provide additional street trees in the area to make local streets have a high quality 'sense of place'. The types of trees will be appropriate low maintenance species.
- Our updated proposals retain the marked parking bays on one side of West Hill Street and Heywood Place, to identify suitable parking spaces and allow emergency services, bin lorries and other service vehicles access with a clear route within the area.
- Gibbet Street and Hanson Lane are to become one-way roads for short sections. On Gibbet Street this will be from Francis Street to Albert Street and from Albert Street to Lightowler Road on Hanson Lane. All options to retain the two-way arrangements have been thoroughly examined. On Gibbet Street there was not the available width to provide both a safe two-way route and improve the pedestrian spaces in the area. The one-way design provides a safe and high-quality footway environment on both sides of Gibbet Street as well as a significant increase in the provision of parking. On Hanson Lane, the one-way arrangement provides a much safer highway environment and deals with the frequent road traffic conflicts that occur with the current two-way arrangement. We are committed to continually monitor any traffic impacts on surrounding streets and are committed to ensuring that changes do not result in unacceptable levels of traffic on other residential streets.
- These changes would mean that bus operators are able to run bus services on part of Queens Road high street, from Hanson Lane to Gibbet Street, for the first time in many years. This would provide better access to local services such as the pharmacies and help support Queens Road as a local centre.



What next?

Following approval from West Yorkshire Combined Authority we are hoping to commence construction in Autumn 2024, but we will be in touch again closer to the time.

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