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Reclaiming
Public Space in
Providence
Place
Gardens and
Ann Street

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Local area improvements Work to start in July

Work will be commencing this summer on the permanent improvements to Ann Street and Providence Place Gardens.

Over the next few months the area will be enhanced in the following ways:

- The removal of the railings and the introduction of terraced steps along the western edge of Providence Place Gardens (the small park opposite St Bartholomew's Church)
- The removal of street parking on Ann Street and Providence Place (adjacent to the park) and its relocation to streets nearby
- A 'shared surface' for pedestrians and vehicles on Ann Street and alongside the park on Providence Place (similar to the approach used in New Road)

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- A restriction on HGV movements through the area
- New lighting, including illumination of the park trees after dark
- New trees along Ann Street
- New seating on Ann Street and in the park
- Other changes including public art to improve the overall environment

All of the above improvements were successfully tested to one extent or another during a two week pilot project in October 2012 (part of the INTERREG IVB Lively Cities project). Over the last three years the project has been guided by a series of ongoing consultation exercises with the local community.

Work is due to start in July and end in November. When completed, anyone who lives in, works in or uses the area should benefit from the changes.

Road and construction works

There will be some inevitable disruption arising from the necessary road and construction works associated with the improvements. Many of the potential issues arising from highway and construction works were highlighted at a meeting of local stakeholders on 18 June 2014. The council will be working closely with its contractor Edburton to minimise problems for people in the area.

New residents' and disabled on-street parking bays will be provided prior to the loss of the existing bays on Providence Place and Ann Street. The location of the new bays, agreed following public consultation earlier this year, will be on New England Street, one block to the west of the existing location. Disabled spaces will be shifted to Elder Place and Oxford Street.

The council will write to local people before works commence to provide further information, including names and phone numbers of council and Edburton staff that can be contacted to resolve any potential issues that emerge over the course of the works.

Find out more

Regular updates of scheduled works will be posted on the following web pages:

www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/livelycities

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