

Newsletter Number 7 – March 2019

Welcome to our seventh newsletter from Dyer & Butler which aims to provide up to date information on the construction phase of the Valley Gardens Improvement Scheme. Further information on the scheme and future plans for the Valley Gardens area can be found at: <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/valleygardens>

Community Open Day

Firstly, thank you to everyone who visited us at our open day in St Peter's Church. We hope you found the event worthwhile we enjoyed hearing your views and understanding your needs better. Brighton & Hove City Council and Dyer & Butler appreciate your feedback. Once we have collated all the information we received on the day we will consider how we can incorporate this in to scheme activities and provide feedback to those who requested it.

Progress since last month

Footway works are progressing well with new kerb lines and paving continuing towards the southeast of our works site. This has extended the works site to the full length of Grand Parade and increased logistical issues where storage of materials for use on site and transportation of materials to the actual place of works are concerned. Physical distances between the main site office/compound and the southern end of the scheme are now at their greatest and these factors can increase general site traffic and add to traffic disruption, so we have taken action to mitigate this.

We have set up a slab cutting zone so time is not wasted walking back up to the main compound to cut slabs and also added staff welfare facilities alongside this area for the same reasons. The slab cutting zone is surrounded by sound impact reduction blankets to subdue slab cutting noise and also the spread of dust and debris from the cutting process. This compound helps us to maintain our working hours and reduces site transport movements, therefore supporting our efforts to minimise traffic disruption.

During the last month works have been undertaken on the critical junction of Marlborough Place leading to Church Street. Signed diversion routes have been installed for cars, cyclists and pedestrian traffic, some of which will need to remain in place for the duration of the scheme. We are endeavouring to minimise any disruption these diversions may be causing.

Pedestrian crossing points at this junction have been diverted to ensure public safety. This will also aid southbound traffic flows through the works by reducing the numbers of red lights motorists face. Following feedback from the North Laine business area, we have installed additional traffic signage stating that the area remains open for business to improve the understanding of traffic approaching the works area and following the signed diversions.

Planned works for this month

Footway works on the eastern side of Valley Gardens will continue



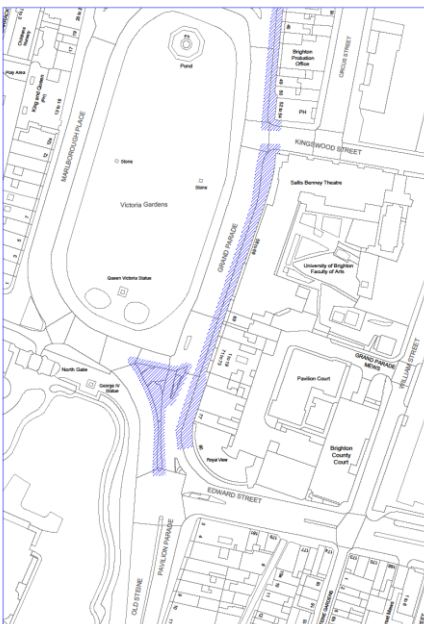
southbound and tie in to the junction of Edward Street.

Works will begin on the removal of the central islands in and around Marlborough Place which will ensure we can maintain northbound traffic flows on the Old Steine whilst the Valley Gardens Improvement Scheme continues. Existing shrubs and planting in the large centre island will be carefully removed for reuse by Brighton & Hove City Parks team wherever possible.

Once the permanent islands have been removed, a temporary island will be built out of road barriers signs and cones due to the traffic light control boxes which are positioned in the current large central island. This temporary island will be maintained until the area is redeveloped later in the scheme build.

You will start to see areas of the site being cordoned off to facilitate works on the gardens. Currently we are laying ducting and chambers for the new lighting to be installed. This needs to be placed prior to additional treatments such as striping the grass area and aeration which will enable us to improve the condition of the soil in preparation for planting. It is important that we cordon this off to ensure works are effective and use fencing to ensure protection of the existing trees. Works are being overseen by landscaping specialists.

Works location drawing



Phase 1F: Grand Parade East footway. Morley Street to Kingswood Street.

Phase 1G: Grand Parade East footway, Kingswood Street to Edward Street.

Phase 1H: Removal of central islands in and around Marlborough Place

Contact us

Please contact Tess Elliott, Communications Officer, if you have any queries concerning the works being carried out. We are always here to listen and resolve any issues as soon as possible.

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