

The Market Square

The Construction Phases

Phase 1 - Market square Public Realm & Fog Misting feature - 28 weeks

This extends over the full construction period and includes all works within the square. The first part of this phase will be clearance of the site.

Our colleagues Affinity Water will then carry out works to upgrade the existing water main at this location. This work will ensure the infrastructure is robust enough to accommodate the installation of the bespoke water feature, which will be the centre piece of this part of the square.

Construction of the foundations for the steelwork spirals, the new plant room and for the precast concrete units which surround the raised platform, will then take place.

Additional ducting works and utility supplies will be needed for the unique misting feature enhanced lighting. Followed by the laying of reclaimed paving.



Phase 2 – West Side King Street Pedestrian Area & Tree Planting - 10 Weeks

The new pedestrian & tree planting area on the west side of King Street south of Market Square is programmed to start in conjunction with Phase 1.

A new bus facility in Castle and Church Street (Phase 1A) to provide greater flexibility for the bus and coach operators. The main site clearance activities involve the demolition of raised planters & pedestrian railing removal and after excavation, enabling works are again required for Affinity Water to replace the redundant main.

Six new trees are to be planted within this area requiring significant excavation operations. Finishing works include lighting, signing, street furniture and soft landscaping including installation of the trees.

Phase 3 – West Side Cannon Street Pedestrian Area - 7 Weeks

The pedestrian area on the west side of Cannon Street will start following completion of the Phase 2 works. The scope and sequence of work is similar to Phase 2 except there are no significant utility works or tree installations required.