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Wokingham Market Place Improvements
Disability Groups Workshop
7th September 2015

Feedback

What Works Well
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traffic lights – give confidence/stress free experience• Shop access – on whole this is good• Wide pavement• Designated parking OK• Dull metal bollards very positive
What Does Not Work
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Angles of slopes etc need careful thought eg Bookends has incorporated slope inside premises boundaries offering ease of access• Dry cleaners & butchers Denmark Street problematical• Red brick paving – very slippery even when weather fine √√• Café furniture• Current surface and usage does not enable the easy following of any building lines for visually impaired• Bollards – positioning• Road in Market Place not good with kerbs etc• Crossing by triangle not good experience• Grey on parts of surface• Chamfered kerbs• Loose block work• Parking – unofficial• On some of street pavements missing drain covers for guttering run-off• Insufficient dropped kerbs – distance between too far eg Specsavers to Argos• Gradient/age of dropped kerbs mean ineffective – Millets Peach Street particularly poor• Insufficient guidance routes• Cobbled areas difficult for all• Size of trees & canopies too big and produces too much shade/dark areas• Rose Street – parking too near the crossing at Broad Street end• Narrow pavements Denmark Street• Traditional black fingerpost signs not helpful for visually impaired (lack of contrast)• Bollarded & gravel area from former tree
Future Suggestions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any bollards could have contrasting colour considered (yellow)



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- Any café furniture should be confined within barriers, commonly used outside cafes etc, with a tap row
- Consider moving benches
- Minimum kerb height – 6cm
- Need to consider scooter users (seat at back of vehicle and do not usually pull right up to kerb which creates very different sight line)
- Need to control speed#
- Signage
 - Very clear
 - Good directional
 - Contrasting colour
- Guidance pavements/tactile to include route to crossings/into cafes/Town Hall
- Market Place very big open space if does not have some support re directions/textured markings etc
- Crossings must be identified clearly – contrasting colours
- Consider additional crossings Boots, Denmark Street (Pelican?)
- Invite strangers to offer feedback (Sovereign Group Housing?)
- Consider wood for bins and benches not shiny/stainless steel