

Improving our Market Place



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We are very pleased to confirm that construction to refurbish the Market Place will now begin week commencing 31st July.

As you know the work will transform the heart of Wokingham into a continental-style space of café tables, market stalls, attractive trees and stylish paving designed for all.

The town centre is still very much open for business and our contractor Balfour Beatty will be working closely with all of you to ensure access is maintained at all times.

We will work with you during the construction keeping you informed about what is happening and when. We know there will be disruption but the new Market Place will be a fantastic space for both businesses and residents; a place where people can relax and where community events and entertainment can easily take place.



Working with Balfour Beatty

Balfour Beatty is delighted to have been awarded this project for the Improvements works at the Market Place through the Scape National Civil Engineering and Infrastructure Framework, by Wokingham Borough and Wokingham Town Councils.

Balfour Beatty has extensive experience in delivering projects of this calibre, with social infrastructure and public spaces one of its core areas of expertise, having recently completed works to the local Carnival town centre car park in Wokingham and the ongoing refurbishment of Swaffham War Memorial in Norfolk.

As part of the works, Balfour Beatty will strive not only to provide exceptional service for Wokingham but attract new investment to the area through the improved infrastructure and nearby facilities. On completion, the scheme will create



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a newly renovated space, levelled to be more inclusive and offering greater flexibility for public, community events.

Jon Winter, Managing Director for Balfour Beatty's Regional construction business in the South, said: "We're delighted to have been awarded another contract by Wokingham Borough Council through the Scape Civil Engineering and Infrastructure Framework. The initial phase of works, which follows from the recent completion of the Carnival multi-storey car park in the town centre, will support the council's ongoing regeneration scheme and significantly improve local amenities for both residents and businesses alike."

Planning, Preparation and Phasing

During our pre-construction works a great deal of planning has taken place on how to build the project in the safest and most efficient manner whilst causing minimal disruption to the general public and local businesses. This will be achieved through careful phasing.

Utility works will begin with the closure of Denmark Street from 31st July through to late September.

Once Denmark Street is complete and reopened the utility work on Market Place/Broad Street/Rose Street junction will follow.

The main construction works will begin after the utilities are finished.

Early notification will be given as traffic enters the town and we will update you via this newsletter and on both Councils' websites and social media.

Market makes a move

The market will be open for business throughout the construction and will be just a step away in The Plaza area outside Argos and Brown Bag.

All our regular traders have new pitches and will be pleased to welcome both regular and new customers. Do continue to support our traders in the next few months.

We look forward to working together to deliver our new Market Place.



Want to keep up to date?

The following will be regularly updated:

Wokingham Town Council website

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Wokingham Borough Council website

www.wokingham.gov.uk

Wokingham Information Centre & Notice Boards at the Town Hall

Wokingham Town Council social media:

/wokinghamtowncouncil @wokingham_TC

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