

Portland Road



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Dear Portland Road Community

We are contacting you to give you an update on the exciting multi-million pound Portland Road regeneration scheme, which will transform the way you use the street, along with residents and shoppers.

Worthing Borough Council has appointed local contractor Landbuild Ltd to bring the project to life. Our newly-finalised plans highlight key features which will make the street a vibrant destination, where pedestrians are the priority.

The scheme has been developed following consultations with local businesses, and along with visitors to Portland Road, you will benefit from safe and well-lit public spaces, attractive and comfortable seating, space for continental-style dining and events, beautiful tree planting, soft landscaping and free public wifi.



Timescales/Access

Work will commence by April 1. Completion is expected in Spring 2022 with the chance of early completion by the end of this year. The scheme will be implemented in phases, and it's important for you to know that along with any customers, you will have access to your premises at all times. The site manager for Landbuild Ltd will introduce themselves to you and council officers will be available to answer any questions or queries.

Design

The scheme has been designed by WSP and Project Centre. The space between Montague Street and Chandos Road will be pedestrianised and street furniture, including plenty of seating and cycle racks, will be added. Everything is being made with high-quality materials. There will be enough space for people to practise social distancing as well as a clear way for those who are visually impaired or have mobility issues to move around. The new space will be suitable for people to enjoy from day to night - from when cafes open until bars close.



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Investment

The project is being funded by West Sussex County Council and the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership, and managed by Worthing Borough Council. This is the first scheme to be delivered as part of the Council's Growth Deal, which sets out plans to rejuvenate eight public realm spaces from the train station to the seafront, in Worthing, over the next five to ten years.

Connectivity

The aim is to aid pedestrianisation and make it easier for people to connect with the rest of Worthing's town centre. We are also bringing in digital infrastructure with the new Citizen Wifi network, using ultrafast internet access.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What will be new for Portland Road?

A. The design for Portland Road creates a smart new pedestrian area for Worthing which better fits its identity as both a daytime and evening town centre destination. In addition to clean granite paving the design embraces spaces for resting in an environment with additional trees, bespoke lighting, soft planting, Citizen Wifi connectivity and contemporary seating and street furniture.

Q. Why has Portland Road been identified for improvement?

A. As well as being a proven thoroughfare from Worthing Railway station to the town centre and seafront the highway and pavements were in need of updating to reflect the popular retail and leisure offer. Portland Road is the first phase in a series of Growth Deal projects identified by Worthing Borough Council and West Sussex County Council.

Q. Will Portland Road be pedestrianised as part of the Proposals?

A. Portland Road will become a Pedestrianised Zone between the hours of 10am and 10pm (PROVISIONAL) except for exceptional access. This will allow for a safer and more pedestrian friendly environment with potential for spill out areas for the various shops and businesses.

Q. When will the work start?

A. The main construction works are anticipated to start in April 2021 although there may be some localised advanced works carried out to divert and protect existing services.

Q. When will the work be finished?

It is anticipated that the works will be completed by Spring of 2022 but there may be the potential for the construction to be completed within the year.

Q. What times will the building contractors be working?

A. Generally the Construction works will be carried during the week between 8am - 6pm, however some works may be carried out outside these hours to complete certain works in front of shops and properties to maintain access. This will be communicated in advance.

Q. Will the road be closed during the build period?

A. Portland Road will be closed to through traffic for the majority of the construction works and signed diversions will be in place via Chandos Road.

Q. What access will there be for deliveries during the build?

A. Delivery access will be maintained to all properties during the construction works and the Contractor will liaise with businesses where these loading areas will be located as the works progress.



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Q. How is the project being funded?

A. The Portland Road project being is funded by West Sussex County Council and the Coast to Capital LEP.

Q. Who is managing the project?

A. Worthing Borough Council is leading the project and construction, working closely with designers and project managers Project Centre. The project team is working in partnership with colleagues in West Sussex County Council.

Q. Will the businesses still be open in Portland Road?

B. Yes - all businesses will remain open during the works with access maintained at all times. There will inevitably be some disruption whilst the works are being carried with alternative routes and temporary surfaces. During the works the main Contractor will provide regular updates and information to inform on the progress and upcoming works and alternative routes

Q. How can I find out more?

A. In due course a dedicated webpage will be made available on the Adur & Worthing Councils website. Regular updates will be made available through the duration of the project via Adur & Worthing Councils' social media.

