

# CITY CENTRE PUBLIC REALM PHASE 2 SCHEME & SNOW HILL PHASE 3A NEWHALL STREET TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME



**HAVE YOUR SAY:**

Consultation closes on **Sunday 9 April 2023**



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# SNOW HILL PUBLIC REALM PHASE 3A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Working alongside City Centre Public realm is Snow Hill Public realm traffic management. This phase of the **Snow Hill Public Realm project** is part of a wider programme aimed at improving connectivity for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users in the area around Snow Hill Station.

It focuses on the reinstatement of two-way traffic on Newhall Street between the junctions with Edmund Street and Colmore Row as well as the reversal of the direction of flow of one-way traffic on a section of Waterloo Street and Temple Row West.

## Traffic management – proposed changes:

- Newhall Street between Edmund Street & Colmore Row, and Bennetts Hill between Waterloo Street & Colmore Row to become two-way sections of road
- Changes to the traffic signals at the junction of Colmore Row with Bennetts Hill & Newhall Street
- Reversal of the one-way flow of traffic on Waterloo Street between Bennetts Hill and Temple Row West
- Reversal of the one-way flow of traffic on Temple Row West between Colmore Row and Waterloo Street
- Loading and disabled parking bays relocated to accommodate the changes on Bennetts Hill and Newhall Street
- Removal of a number of general parking bays and taxi bays from Newhall Street and Waterloo Street



## Contraflow cycle lane and additional cycle movement proposals:

- Two-way traffic flow on the sections of Bennetts Hill and Newhall Street will enable cyclists to travel northbound (towards Jewellery Quarter) and southbound (towards New Street)
- Reversing the one-way traffic flow direction on Waterloo Street (between Bennetts Hill and Temple Row West) will enable cyclists to travel eastbound (towards St Philip's Cathedral) with general traffic flow
- A contraflow cycle lane on Waterloo Street will allow cyclists to travel westbound (towards Victoria Square)
- Changes to one-way traffic flow on Temple Row West will enable cyclists to travel northbound (towards Colmore Row) with general traffic flow
- Introduction of a southbound (towards New Street) contraflow cycle lane on Temple Row West between Colmore Row and Waterloo Street



# CITY CENTRE PUBLIC REALM PHASE 2

**High-quality public spaces will be created to enhance the city's environment and connectivity. At peak times access and loading will be restricted within the city centre to make it easier, more welcoming and safer for pedestrians and more accessible to those with mobility issues.**

The works programme will also include permanent and less intrusive hostile vehicle security measures (HVM) as part of a comprehensive safety and security strategy for the city centre.

These improvements will create a lasting legacy by providing a safe, attractive and welcoming pedestrianised environment for all users to enjoy.

## **Public realm improvement proposals include:**

- New high-quality paving materials throughout the scheme area
- Continuous level pedestrian route between New Street Station and the retail & business centres
- Wider footways, where possible, to provide easier and safer routes for pedestrians
- Amended traffic regulation orders (the legal documents required to make changes to the status of the road) to support pedestrian and cycle friendly environments, whilst also managing service vehicle access to residents and businesses
- Replacement of the temporary Hostile Vehicle Mitigation (HVM) measures with permanent, less intrusive measures
- Improved and enhanced street lighting, making the area feel safer
- Improved wayfinding (route information)
- Upgraded street furniture (for example: cycle stands, pedestrian seating, cycle maintenance stand)



*Proposed view of Temple Street looking north towards Cathedral Square*

## Vehicle access restriction proposals include:

- Extended pedestrian zone and loading restriction times (11am to 11pm) seven days a week to provide a safer and more secure environment for pedestrians during times of busy footfall
- Changes to the current taxi and disabled parking bays to accommodate the reallocation of space to pedestrians
- Improved loading facilities for local businesses outside the restricted hours (11am to 11pm) to offset the daytime restrictions
- Maintained vehicle access to off-street, private accesses at all times through operation of the HVM bollards
- Reversal of the existing one-way vehicle access arrangement (Temple Street > New Street > Lower Bennetts Hill), to Bennetts Hill > New Street > Temple Street



# OUR VISION

Birmingham City Council, alongside Central and Colmore Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), are consulting on plans to enhance public spaces and connectivity in the city centre to create an attractive, welcoming and safer environment to attract more visitors to Birmingham city centre which will assist economic growth.



*Proposed view of Victoria Square looking towards Waterloo Street*

This consultation includes two schemes: **City Centre Public Realm** Phase 2 and **Snow Hill Public Realm** Phase 3A (Newhall Street traffic management).

It is envisaged that the schemes will be taken forward together to keep disruption to a minimum and maintain access where possible.

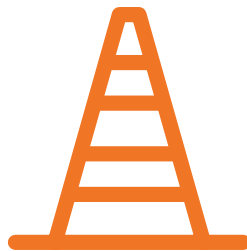
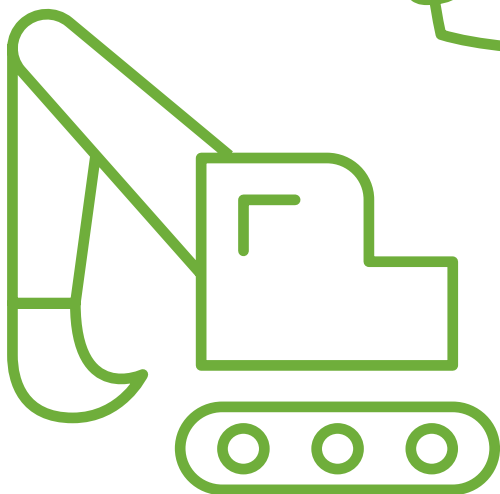
# CONSTRUCTION

Construction work on Phase 1 of the City Centre Public Realm scheme (consulted on in February 2020) recommenced in Victoria Square in January 2023, with expected completion by winter 2024. Further information on Phase 1 can be found at: <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/citycentrepublicrealm>

Construction of both the City Centre Public Realm Phase 2 scheme and the Snow hill Phase 3A Traffic Management scheme is expected to begin in 2024.

We will do all that we can to minimise the disruption, including:

- Adopting a phased approach to the construction works
- Co-ordinating with other locals works
- Maintaining access to businesses where at all possible (short term unavoidable interruptions to access would be undertaken outside normal trading hours)



# HAVE YOUR SAY

We want to know what you think about our proposals.

You can view full details of the consultation, detailed plans of the proposed scheme and respond to an online questionnaire at

[www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/economy/ccshpublicrealm](http://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/economy/ccshpublicrealm)

## EVENTS

We will be holding a drop-in event, where you can see the plans and talk to the project team - no booking needed.

There will also be an online Teams Live event where the projects team will present the plans - please register at [ccshpublicrealm.eventbrite.co.uk](https://ccshpublicrealm.eventbrite.co.uk)

Venue	Location	Date	Time
103 Colmore Row	Colmore Row, B3 3AG	Wed 22 March	12 noon to 2pm & 4pm to 6pm
Teams Live event	Online	Thurs 16 March	5.30pm to 6.30pm

The simplest way to respond to this consultation is via the website, but if you are unable to access the internet, you can pick up a paper questionnaire at:

Venue	Location	Opening hours
Library of Birmingham	Centenary Square, B1 2ND	Mon and Tue: 11am to 7pm Wed to Sat: 11am to 5pm

If you require more information, have any questions or would like paper copies of the plans and questionnaire posted to you, please contact us at [transportprojects@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:transportprojects@birmingham.gov.uk).

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