

MTC Full Council 24.11.20

Report No 1 High Street Update

1. The revised scheme as previously advised is now in the process of a phased implementation.
2. Since the last report to Full Council on this matter a final scheme incorporating the Council's feedback was confirmed by Wiltshire Council, along with a funding stream and a procurement route that enabled them to progress the new arrangements in the High Street, Market Cross, Oxford Street, and Abbey Row.
3. The scheme is to be implemented by Wiltshire Council Highways in three phases;
 - I. To instate 30-minute parking in some sections of the High Street as stated in the attached plan, including a disabled parking bay, x1-hour parking at Market Cross, x2 new parking bays along with a x 1-hour parking restriction in all bays at Abbey Row.
 - II. To remove the existing orange bollards and cones, and then install new flexible black and silver self-righting pole cones in sections of the High Street and part of Oxford Street. Along with this step, movable green cones will also be installed to demark the delivery bays. (please refer to scheme map)
 - III. To install planters in some of the pedestrianised sections of the High Street to help mitigate some feedback concerns at the overall visual impact of the cones.
4. The first phase is scheduled for implementation on the 18th November.
5. At the time of writing this report, the dates for the installation of the new pole cones, and subsequently the planters, has still yet to be confirmed by Wiltshire Council Highways; whilst they still have a target finish date of the end of November. The Highways Officer leading on this scheme has confirmed the relevant contractors have been commissioned, and the completion date for the 2nd and 3rd phase depends on contractor availability (and weather).
6. The final scheme is now costed at £20790, with a cost to Malmesbury Town Council of £1960 towards the planting within the planters that are to be positioned on the High Street. There may be an additional cost towards the final cost of the planters of £532; pending a response by Wiltshire Council if their funding stream can absorb this.

7. Additionally, the allocation of the Council's x5 free parking days in Cross Hayes car park in December (as requested by the Christmas working group) has been confirmed by Wiltshire Council in support of the retailers and shoppers in the run up to Christmas.

8. Responsibility for the monitoring, upkeep and maintenance of the planters falls to Malmesbury Town Council (except where roads fixings are concerned). All other aspects of this scheme will be supported and upheld by Wiltshire Council Local Highways and Parking (enforcement).

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