

Alton Station Forecourt NEWSLETTER

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Alton station forecourt improvements steam ahead

Improvement work to enhance Alton's train station forecourt is nearing completion and is on track for April.

The jointly funded £1M scheme will see the well-used parking and drop-off area at Station Road in Alton transformed into a fresh, attractive and accessible gateway to the town, with easier access for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists.

The pavement, which runs from Anstey Road junction along Station Road will also benefit from resurfacing work along with improved drainage, hydroplanting and new parking control measures.



ESSENTIAL ROUTINE MAINTENANCE BROUGHT FORWARD

At the beginning of March, contractors for station car park owners Network Rail, will start additional planned works to the car park tarmac ahead of Walkers Construction undertaking the final surfacing works. This routine work has been brought forward to fit-in with the overall forecourt improvement scheme.

Having two contractors on site isn't practical, so Walkers are stepping back for around six weeks before returning to complete the project.

Network Rail's contractors will meet with surrounding residents and businesses to explain what is happening.

PROGRESS SO FAR

Work commenced on-site in mid August 2022

- Footway from Paper Mill Lane to Station main entrance reopened
- Pavements and car parking area around Station Cafe and Waitrose completed
- Removing of damaged sycamores and new planting has begun

Next steps:

- Main car park to be repaired and resurfaced
- Progress options for Station Road design
- Planters and bollards to stop vehicles blocking the pavement



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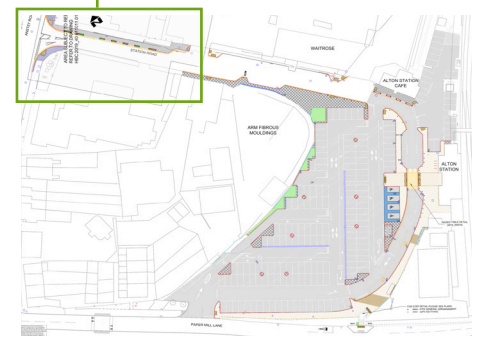
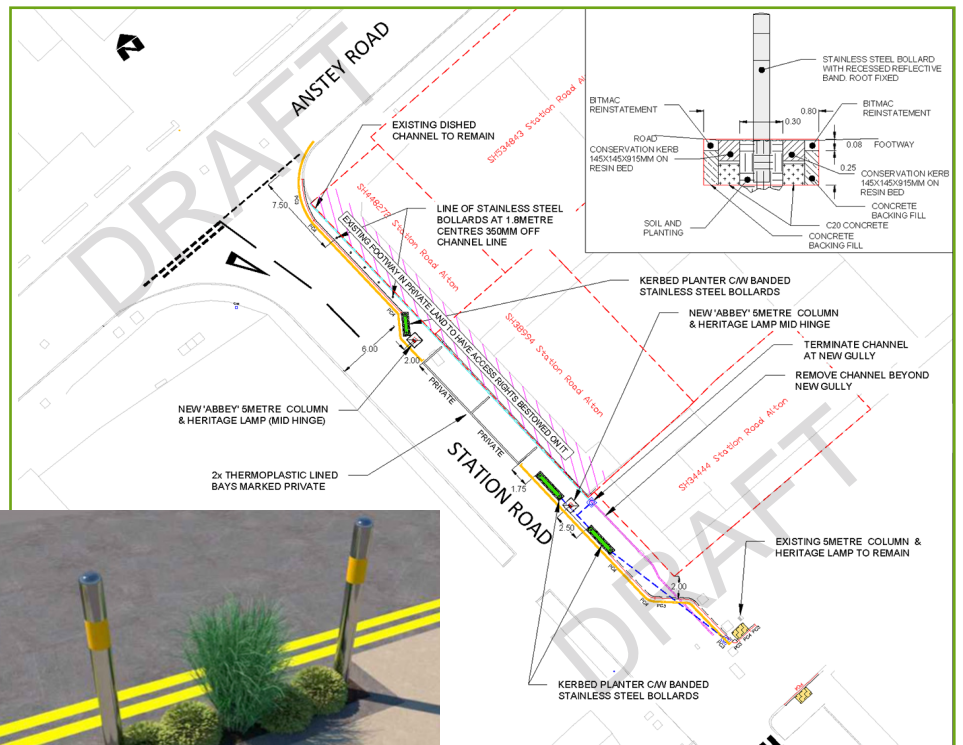


OUR AIM

The Alton Station Forecourt project is about making it safer and easier for people to get to and from the station, using inclusive design, improving people's experience and engagement with the town.

Pavement enhancements with pedestrian safety in mind

The inclusion of planters and bollards will prevent vehicles from parking on the pavement, obstructing pedestrian movement.



COUNCILLORS' VIEW

Cllr Rob Mocatta, EHDC's portfolio holder for Climate Change and Placemaking, said:

"I am really excited to see how the work is progressing and I cannot wait to see the project completed.

This is an important area for local people. These improvements will make a huge difference to anyone visiting the station, making it easier and safer to access, and providing passengers with a better overall experience."

Find out more about the project at www.easthants.gov.uk/alton-place-making