

Salisbury Area Board Update for 15 June 2023

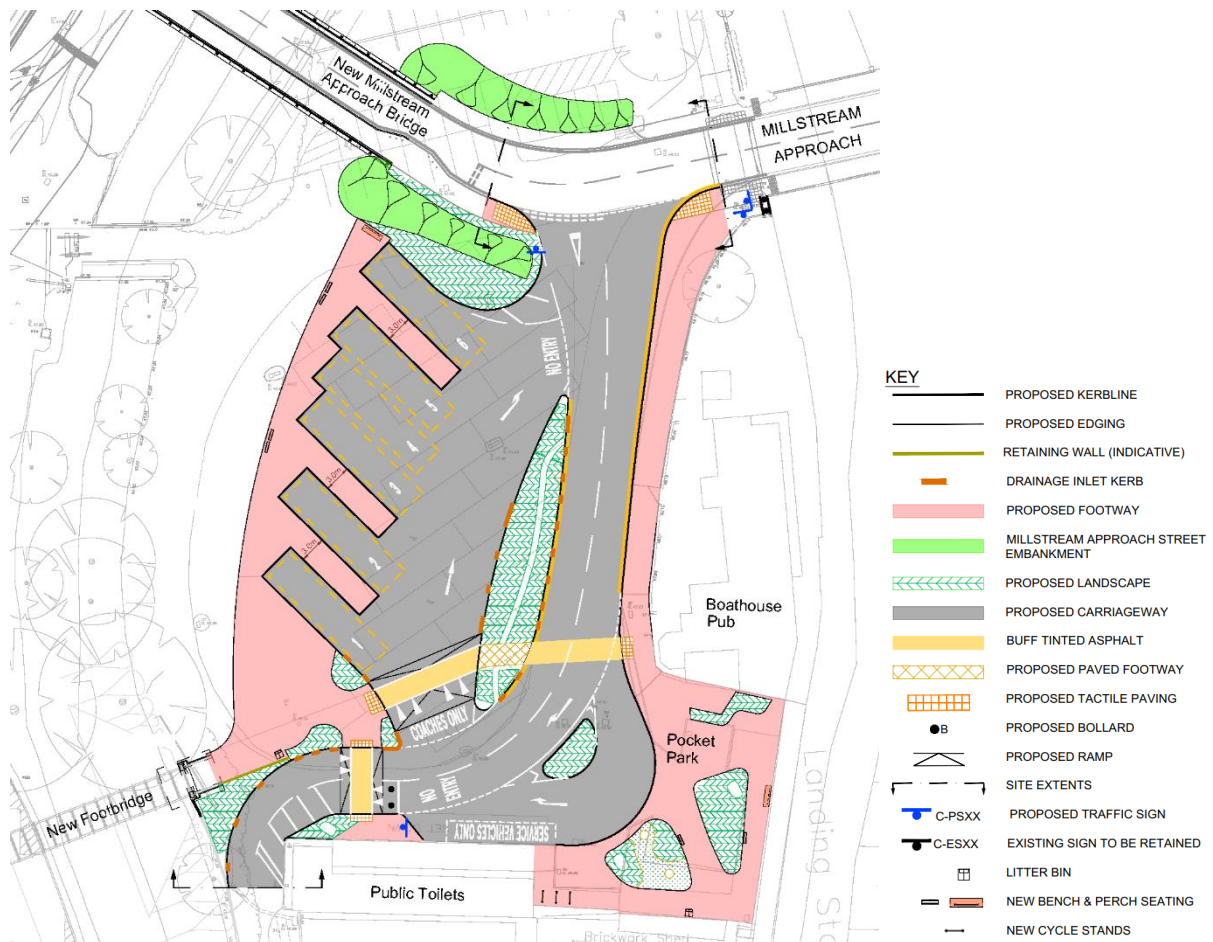
Salisbury River Park

Salisbury River Park is a collaboration with the Environment Agency, Wiltshire Council, Salisbury City Council and Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership. The project will reduce flood risk to over 350 homes and businesses in Salisbury, provide major ecological, amenity, walking and cycling benefits, as well as significantly improve biodiversity. The project will also make improvements to the coach park to make it a more attractive and safer for visitors arriving by coach.

As part of the design development, a wide range of stakeholders were consulted to understand the requirements for the coach park. Stakeholders consulted include Wiltshire councillors, Salisbury City Council, Visit Wiltshire, Salisbury BID, Salisbury Civic Society, Salisbury Cathedral, Experience Salisbury, COGS, Wheels of freedom, Salisbury Green Space Partnership, the Confederation of Passenger Transport and National Express. These stakeholder development meetings have helped to shape the overall design and ensure the space is fit for purpose for all users.

The drawing below shows the main aspects of the design. There will be six parking spaces provided for drop off/pick up only. Layover parking is then provided for a greater number of coaches on Central Car Park, in the area currently occupied by the site compound.

There will be a number of landscaping improvements including planting, especially with the creation of a new small pocket park to the south of the Boathouse Pub. There will be information boards and a welcome space, as well as some new public art. These will be the last works to be undertaken on this phase of the project and are due to start in early 2024.



Salisbury Junctions Improvements

Wiltshire Council are continuing to develop proposals to improve Exeter Street Roundabout and Harnham Gyratory. This is in addition to the recent improvements to the signals at Harnham Gyratory.

The improvements being considered include the following:

- Changes to lanes at Exeter Street Roundabout to reduce congestion.
- Additional south bound lane on New Bridge Road to reduce queues at Harnham Gyratory.
- Widening of the shared use path on New Bridge Road and Downton Road where possible.
- New bus shelter and footway on Downton Road.
- Optimisation of crossings at Harnham Gyratory.
- New pedestrian/cyclist priority crossing at Britford Lane.
- Upgrade of pedestrian crossings to Toucan crossings throughout.

The design phase will be completed by the end of the year and the council is working with National Highways to align with their developing proposals at College Roundabout and Southampton Road.

Salisbury Future High Streets Fund

Wiltshire Council was successful in securing £9.4 million of Central Government funding through the Future High Streets Fund to develop several projects in Salisbury City Centre. This scheme aims to improve the station forecourt, and the road network and public spaces along South Western Road and Fisherton Street.

We are now at the stage where the first scheme to come forward, Fisherton Gateway, is due to start on site in July 2023.

Ahead of these works, a 'Meet the Contractor' event will take place in July. Final details of this will be confirmed closer to the date. We appreciate the works will cause some disruption to local people and this event will provide an opportunity to find out more about the construction phase and to ask any questions you may have.

Wiltshire Council recently met with the Fisherton Traders who will be most impacted by the scheme. The presentation is attached for your information and provides an introduction to the contractor and useful information about the construction phase.

The Station Forecourt scheme is still in the design stage and construction is anticipated to commence later this year.