

Transforming Nuneaton – A444 Wheat Street Junction Improvement: Progress Update June

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Overview

The works for the A444 Wheat Street Junction Improvement scheme continue.

We are pleased to report that over the past four weeks; the following works have commenced and continue to be undertaken:

- Services diversionary works, for example electricity, water and telecommunications.
- Installation of drainage infrastructure on northern and southern Vicarage Street, including the rain garden drainage system.
- Temporary works to facilitate the reconstruction of Justice Walk and Wheat Street (west of Vicarage Street).
- Excavation for reconstruction of Justice Walk, Wheat Street (west of Vicarage Street) and southern Vicarage Street.
- Pavement foundation reconstruction on Justice Walk, Wheat Street (east and west of Vicarage Street) and a section of southern Vicarage Street.

Warwickshire County Council continue to work collaboratively with the demolition team working on Justice Walk, ensuring minimal disruptions in Nuneaton.

Warwickshire County Council and MJ Church continue to jointly extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to all residents, businesses and visitors for their patience and co-operation as these works progress.

Proposed General Arrangement for Works

Figure 1 indicates the general areas that are referred to throughout this report, with reference to the location of completed works.

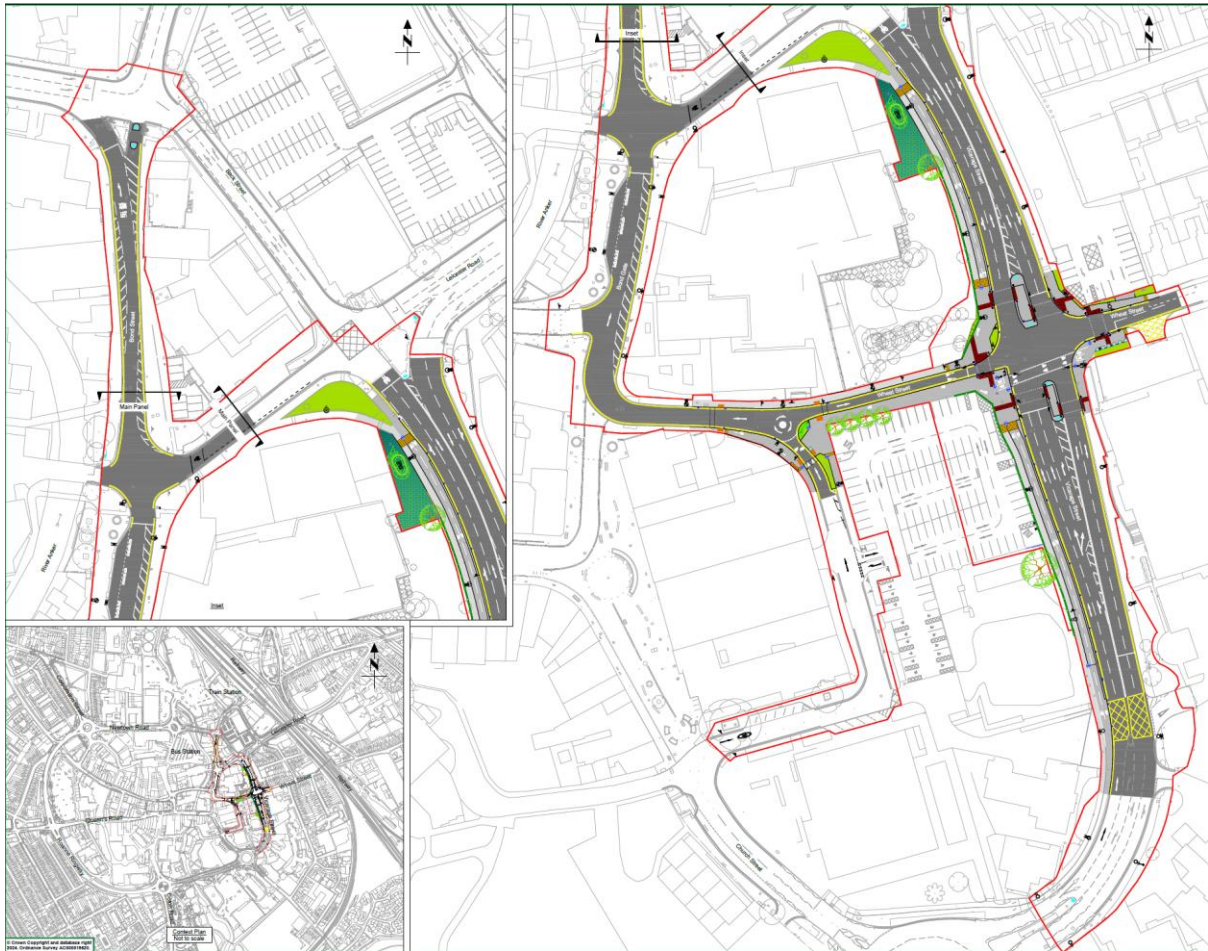


Figure 1: Proposed General Arrangement for Works

Progress to Date

Traffic Management

Traffic management measures remain in place around the site.

Footway closures are still in place on the western footway of Vicarage Street, and Wheat Street (east and west of Vicarage Street). Alternative pedestrian routes have been provided where it has been necessary to close footways. These measures ensure safety of pedestrians by providing them with clearly signed and connected routes.

The protective barrier system also remains in place along Vicarage Street ensuring that the existing number of running lanes is maintained here.

We consciously aim to maintain traffic flow on the A444 throughout the works to reduce the impacts of congestion within Nuneaton. Given these provisions, the off-peak and weekend lane closures on Vicarage Street are only being utilised when necessary.

At present, Wheat Street, to the east and west of Vicarage Street, is closed to vehicles and these closures are expected to remain in place until Winter 2026. Pedestrian diversions are also being maintained as required.

To support the reconstruction of Justice Walk and Wheat Street (west of Vicarage Street), a lane closure has been implemented on Justice Walk however this should not impact movement of vehicles in this area. A footpath closure has also been implemented on Justice Walk (western footpath) however an alternative route has also been provided.

From 7th August, there will be weekend road closures along Justice Walk, particularly at its junction with Wheat Street. These closures will be in place from Friday nights until Monday mornings.

Vicarage Street

Excavation on southwest Vicarage Street continues for the new alignment.



Excavation and construction of the new road foundations have also taken place on Vicarage Street.



Drainage infrastructure continues to be installed on northwest Vicarage Street.



Wheat Street (East of Vicarage Street)

Road foundation reconstruction has also commenced in Wheat Street (east of Vicarage Street).



Drainage infrastructure is also being installed in this area.



Wheat Street (West of Vicarage Street)

Road foundation reconstruction has commenced on Wheat Street (west of Vicarage Street).



Justice Walk / Bond Gate

Temporary works have been completed to maintain vehicle movement and public access around the working areas on Justice Walk, which facilitates the reconstruction of the road in this area.



Excavation of the existing road and reconstruction of the foundation has also commenced in this area.



Sitewide

Statutory undertaker diversionary works have largely been completed, with outstanding work scheduled later in the works programme.

Upcoming Works

Over the coming month of August 2026, the following works are expected to take place.

- Continued installation of drainage infrastructure
- Continued reconstruction works on Justice Walk
- Commencement of kerb installation sitewide
- Commencement of traffic signal work