

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 good progress has been made across the scheme over the past four weeks. The following key activities have commenced and continue to be undertaken:

- Road surfacing of Justice Walk
- Installation of road and footway asphalt base material on Wheat Street (west of Vicarage Street) and southern Vicarage Street
- Completion of drainage infrastructure installation
- Commencement of footway work in Wheat Street (east of Vicarage Street)
- Commencement of traffic signal equipment installation

Warwickshire County Council and MJ Church 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.

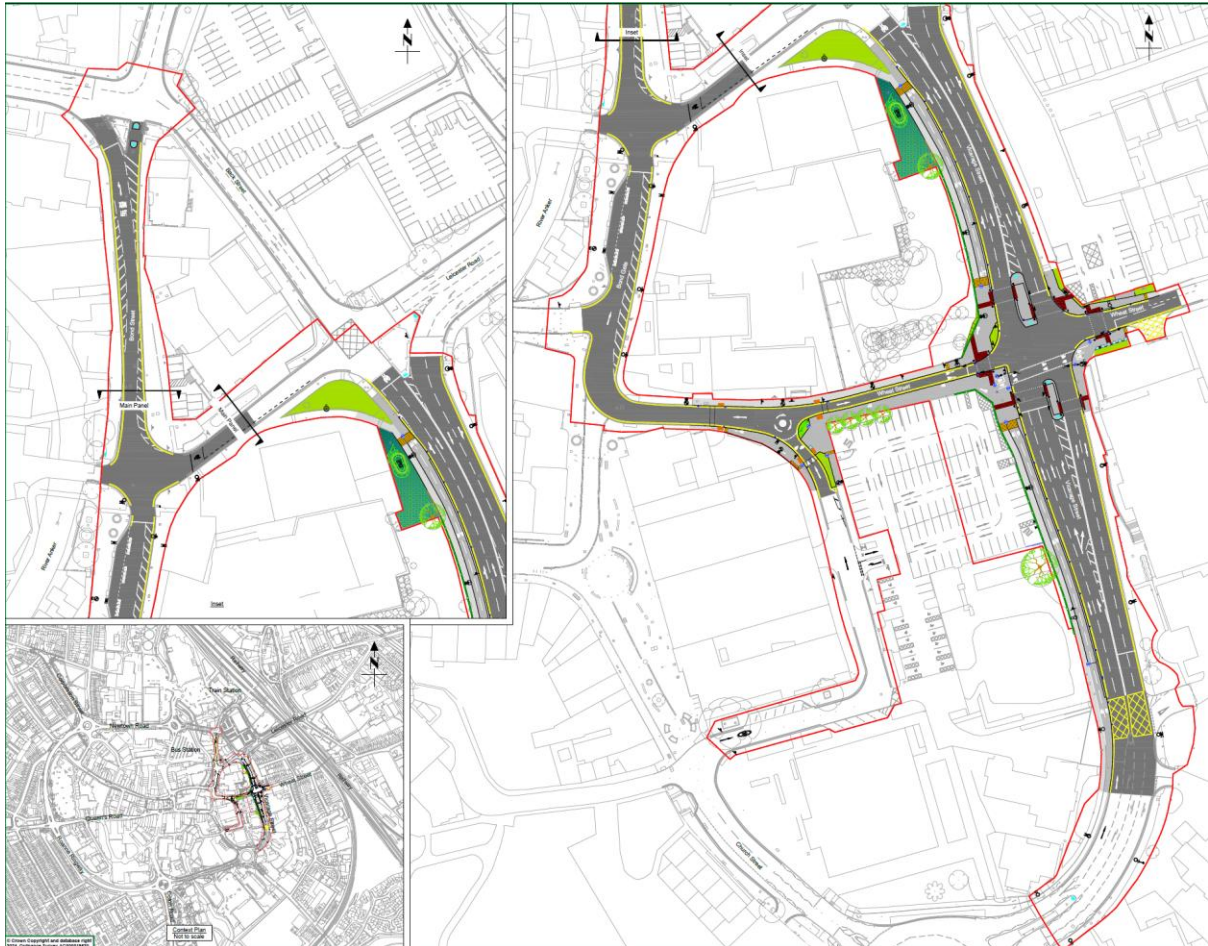


Figure 1: Proposed General Arrangement for Works

Progress to Date

Traffic Management

Traffic management measures remain in place around the site.

Vicarage Street

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. On Vicarage Street, a 24/7 southbound lane closure has been introduced to assist with works on eastern Vicarage Street. The observed impacts of this change on traffic flow are negligible.

Wheat Street (east and west of Vicarage Street)

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.

Justice Walk

To support the works on 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 and the area remains accessible for the public to use. A footpath closure has also been implemented on Justice Walk (western footpath) however an alternative route has also been provided on the other side of the road.

The series of weekend road closures along Justice Walk, particularly at its junction with Wheat Street have now successfully concluded.

Vicarage Street

Ahead of the final surfacing works, base and binder course have been laid on southern Vicarage Street for the carriageway widening.



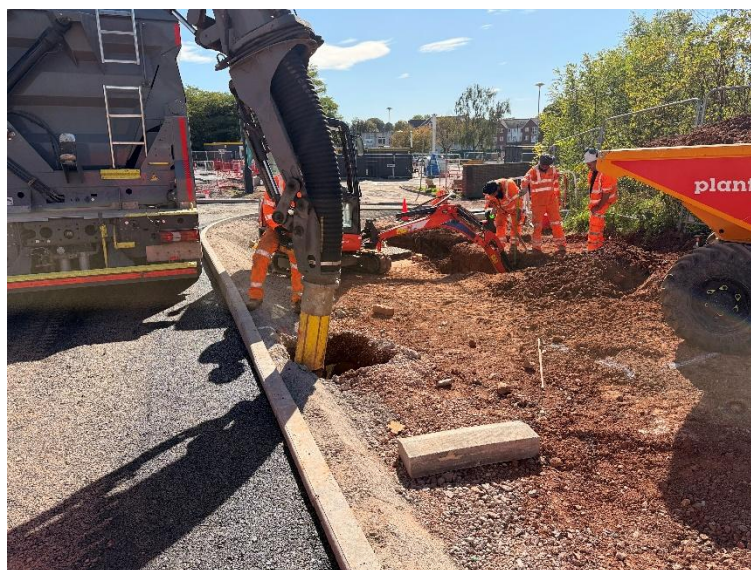
Similarly, base and binder course have also been laid on southern Vicarage Street for the footway and cycleway construction.



Traffic signals work has commenced on the north-west footpath of Vicarage Street and drainage work has concluded.



Excavations are also taking place for signpost foundation installation.



Wheat Street (East of Vicarage Street)

Work on the southern footpath on Wheat Street (east of Vicarage Street) has commenced, with initial site clearance taking place.



Wheat Street (West of Vicarage Street)

Similarly to Vicarage Street, base and binder course have both been laid on Wheat Street carriageway (west of Vicarage Street) ahead of the surfacing works, tying the Wheat Street and Vicarage Street junction together.



Justice Walk / Bond Gate

There has been vast progression on Justice Walk following the series of road closures throughout August and September.

Surfacing of the carriageway has been laid along with base and binder course on the surrounding footways.



Upcoming Works

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

- Continuation traffic signal infrastructure installation sitewide
- Continuation of signpost foundation installation sitewide
- Continuation of footway works on Wheat Street (east of Vicarage Street) and northwest Vicarage Street