

Highways Service Partnership

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Dear Occupier

Carlton Place and Bedford Place Public Realm Improvements

Balfour Beatty is working in partnership with Southampton City Council to manage the highways service across Southampton. As part of this, we are improving access for all in Carlton Place and Bedford Place.

Southampton City Council has been working in collaboration with residents and businesses in the area, including carrying out a public consultation that concluded in October.

As a result of the findings of the consultation and meetings with the local community, work is planned that will help to elevate the character of the area as a place to socialise and shop, whilst reducing traffic speeds and increasing safety in the area. This includes the creation of an accessible, pedestrianised, piazza-style public area to encourage outside dining on Carlton Place as well as a widened pavement area at its junction with Bedford Place. The latter will narrow the carriageway providing an informal “give way” system for vehicles to help slow traffic speeds, alongside the newly established 20mph speed limit in the Polygon area.

These highway and pedestrianised works will start **on Monday 9 January 2023 for approximately 12 weeks**. Our working hours will be Monday – Friday **8am – 5pm** and when necessary, our team will also work on Saturdays.

During the first half of our works, we will need to **close Bedford Place for approximately 6 weeks**, between Henstead Road and Amoy Street, please see map overleaf. This closure is required for the safety of the public and team while they construct the buildouts on Bedford Place.

Access for residents and businesses in Canton Street, Bedford Place and Carlton Place will be maintained throughout our works, there will be times when access to properties will not be viable from specific directions, this will be appropriately signed with the diversion route. Please note, it will not be possible to gain through access of Bedford Place from adjoining roads during this time.

At the same time, our team will be working in the pedestrianised Carlton Place. The works here will include the creation of an open public space at the junction of Upper Bannister Street and Carlton Place. This will include the levelling of the area to make it an accessible public area for outside eating and entertainment areas. Temporary two-way traffic lights will be in operation from **Wednesday 11 January** at the junction of Southampton Street and Carlton Place for **4 weeks**.

To undertake these works safely and efficiently, our team will start by taking the current pavement and road surface off. This work will take place for one day on **Monday 9 January** and will take **one day** to complete, during this time there will a great deal of construction activity in the area, and it is likely that this will be noisy. Access to all shops and businesses will be maintained throughout these works.

Our team will set up a small site compound in the car park on Upper Bannister Street, parking will be reduced but still available during this time.

We understand that these works are likely to cause disruption, we would like to apologise in advance for this and thank you for your understanding during this time. Should you wish to receive updates/letters via email for this scheme, please email Southampton.Highways@bblivinplaces.com stating your name and postal address.

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Yours faithfully,

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Map of works areas

