

Project Update

St Mary's Gate Realm Improvement Scheme

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The purpose of the scheme is to improve the active travel facilities such as walking and cycling and public realm along the A58 St Mary's Gate. The scheme involves a series of highway improvement works to provide controlled walking and cycling crossing points connecting Lower Falinge to Rochdale Town Centre.

Completed Activities - October 2024

- The site compound was setup within High Street car park and closures were put in place for Reed Hill car park.
- The new highway was constructed between Howards Place and Hunters Lane.
- Reed Hill car park will be upgraded to full specification British Parking Association standards, along with allocations for disabled bays and bicycle parking.
- Upgraded street lighting has been installed at Reed Hill along with new ducting and chambers.
- The old stepped pedestrian access was removed and placed with an extended ramped footway from Hunters Lane.
- The existing car park drainage system was replaced with new gullies, manholes and pipework. Along with assisting United Utilities to repair their assets.
- Ducting was installed across the A58, from Redcross Street to Howards Place ready for the new traffic signal system.
- The existing central reserve was removed and temporary carriageway has been installed to maintain the existing 2 lanes in each direction ready for the side road closures.
- Vegetation and guardrail clearance was carried out alongside the A58 St Mary's Gate.

Planned Activities - November 2024

- Two road closures to commence on Howards Place and Redcross Street. Temporary traffic management installed to maintain the existing 2 lanes in each direction ready for the side road closures.
- Surfacing to be completed on Reed Hill car park and the new section of highway.
- Road markings to be put down within the car park.
- Reed Hill car park to open to local businesses and residents ahead of programme.
- New parking meters to be installed by Parking Services – once complete the new car park will be enforced.
- RBC Estates Management to plant the proposed landscaping area adjacent to Howards Place – weather dependent.
- High specification footpath paving install to start along the new section between Hunters Lane and Howards Place.
- Work to start on the proposed cycleway and footpath north of A58 St Mary's Gate.



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