

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 - December 2024

In December we completed the majority of the excavation for the new cycleway/footpath in the northern verge and started laying the new drainage kerb and stoning up the cycleway. We also complete the bulk of the new drainage and ducting. However, the discovery of the unexpectedly shallow gas main meant that works had to proceed in a cautious (and slow) manner, so we didn't get as much kerbing/ducting completed as we would have liked to.

We started to install the new kerb line on the southern footway but again, works were hindered by the discovery of a shallow electric cable. Due to it's condition it is likely that this will need to be replaced (and at a deeper depth)

Works ceased on Friday 20th for the industry 2-week Christmas shut-down, although regular checks to the site (and specifically, the traffic cones/signs) were made by our Traffic Officer during the Christmas period.

Planned Activities - January 2025

Works recommenced on Monday 6th Jan – straight into arctic conditions! Whilst this will impede our planned activities, we still hope to complete the drain-kerb, kerb and edging to the north side.

We also plan on re-starting kerbing and paving works to the southern side, as well as resurfacing the side road to Howard Place



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