

Valley Gardens Phase 3

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This newsletter provides the latest on the Valley Gardens project which is now entering its final stages.

Recent progress

Work to transform the Old Steine area and construct the new aquarium junction has continued in recent weeks. The new layout is now taking shape and work has included:

- Installation of traffic lights and construction of new cycle lane linking the seafront with the Old Steine.
- Resurfacing of the A259/A23 junction.
- Completion of new paving around the war memorial.
- New public space between the Royal Pavilion and war memorial with new paving laid and trees planted.
- Surfacing of new cycle lane alongside Royal Pavilion to Castle Square.

Aquarium junction

The new traffic lights have been installed and began operating on 21 May. Crossing points are now open, including on Marine Parade. To allow pedestrians to cross while keeping traffic moving, the junction is phased so that traffic turning into the Old Steine from the A259 has a green light at a different time to ahead traffic. We thank you for your patience while everyone gets used to the new layout.

Further work to link the traffic lights with other nearby junctions will continue into the



summer. Once complete, this will help to manage the flow of traffic. In addition, an eastbound traffic lane will remain closed as a result of ongoing work at the Royal Albion hotel. This side of the junction will therefore not be operating at full capacity until work here is complete.

Upcoming work

In June, work will continue to:

- Install cycle stands and bollards in front of the pier. The temporary barriers in this location will be greatly reduced to provide more space as this area gets busier but some will remain in place until work is complete.
- Install benches and finish off paving around trees within the new public space next to the Royal Pavilion. This space is expected to be open by early June.
- Add the final finish layer to paving around the war memorial and bus stop.
- Relandscaping of the gardens, including construction of new diagonal paths.

- Complete new paving on the south western side of the Old Steine.
- Construct the remaining section of the cycle lane between Castle Square and the Royal Albion hotel.

Final road resurfacing

The final stage of resurfacing is scheduled for late June / early July. This will complete the south western corner of the Old Steine and St James's St south of the war memorial. This work will be completed overnight and buses will be diverted. Further details will be provided closer to the time.

Cycle lanes

We plan to open the cycle lane in stages. The first sections to open will be the seafront to the Royal Albion hotel and Marlborough Place to Castle Square. The middle section will open in the summer.

Former bus shelters

Work to repaint and tidy up the shelters will follow at a later date. In the meantime, the shelters will be temporarily fenced off to protect them. Longer-term, the intention is for them to be used for activities such as pop-up events. Power and water connections have been installed for this purpose.

Further information

We thank you for your patience as the work continues.

If you would like more information, please see www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/valley-gardens

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Before and After: New paving completed alongside war memorial