

## **New Inn Hall Street to become ‘shared space’**

Improvement works to New Inn Hall Street are due to start next week and will see the street become a ‘shared space’ for all road users.

The transformation will help to complement the recently refurbished Bonn Square, whilst enhancing one of the West End’s busiest pedestrian routes.

The new look will encourage all road users – vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists – to be considerate of one another.

Although the full width of the street, including pavements, will be at a single level (with slight gradients for drainage purposes), it will still maintain the appearance of a footway and carriageway. The work will last approximately 20 weeks.

Councillor Keith Mitchell, Leader of Oxfordshire County Council, says: “The work to New Inn Hall Street is another step forward for the West End Renaissance and Transform Oxford. Oxford will soon be leading the way in terms of street design and pedestrian experience.”

Councillor Colin Cook, City Development Board Member for Oxford City Council, says: “New Inn Hall Street is an important Oxford thoroughfare, linking George Street and Bonn Square. These improvement works will help to establish Oxford’s West End as a pleasant and easily accessible area within the city centre.”

The West End Partnership is funding the improvement works, with financial input from Oxfordshire County Council as part of their Transform Oxford project. Both programmes share similar objectives; to achieve a high quality public space within Oxford city centre, enhancing and improving the way the public realm and the highways are used.

In order to achieve a high quality finish the materials being used include granite kerbs and York stone paving for the footway (similar to that recently laid in High Street) and buff coloured chippings for the carriageway. There will be new street furniture, including new bicycle parking stands and planters.

Disabled parking arrangements will be unaffected (although there will be suspensions during construction work); the new layout will make it much easier for wheelchair users to get to and from their vehicle.

For more information about the New Inn Hall Street improvement works, please visit the ‘development sites’ section of the Oxford West End website at: [www.oxfordwestend.co.uk](http://www.oxfordwestend.co.uk)

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## NOTE TO EDITORS

The **West End Renaissance** is an exciting long-term regeneration programme that is set to transform a currently under-used area of Oxford into a modern, vibrant and stylish city quarter. Shops, restaurants and offices will be located alongside new homes, public squares and educational and leisure facilities.

The **West End Partnership**, comprising and jointly funded by Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council and the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA), was established in 2005 as the driving force behind the West End Renaissance.

Oxfordshire County Council's **Transform Oxford** project aims to achieve the standard of pedestrian experience that the city deserves, while maintaining good access for everyone. It is a bold challenge, building on work begun almost 10 years ago with the Oxford Transport Strategy.