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## **New railings in Bonn Square**

Oxford City Council is to install new railings in Bonn Square after receiving requests from disabled access groups.

The railings, one to the rear of the square and one mid-way along each of the side steps, will help the public navigate the space more easily.

The work is taking place this week and should be completed within several days.

Councillor Colin Cook, Board Member for City Development, said: "Bonn Square is an important public space in the city centre and it's right that it should be accessible to as many people as possible".

Since its £2m redevelopment in 2008, Bonn Square has become a popular lunch spot and a much-used venue for cultural events, such as the forthcoming Oxfordshire Science Festival.

Reclaiming Bonn Square as a welcoming space for all whilst enhancing heritage elements, such as the Grade II listed Tirah memorial, was a key platform of the regeneration of Oxford's West End.

As one of the few public spaces in the historic central core, it is hoped the new railings will help make Bonn Square accessible to all Oxford residents and visitors.

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### **NOTE TO EDITORS**

**Oxford West End Partnership** was established in 2005 as the driving force behind the regeneration of Oxford's West End, a long-term improvement scheme to revitalise the western quarter of the city centre.