


## Lichfield City Centre Paving Enhancement Project

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## Lichfield City Centre Paving Enhancement Project

### Background


- Long standing ambition
- Improve appearance and function of city centre
- Vehicle and carriageway dominated space



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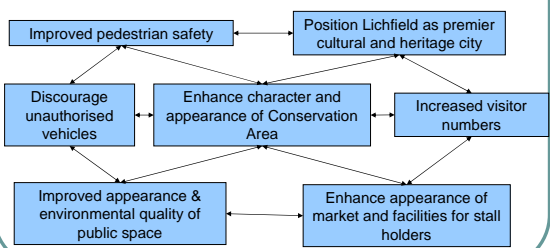
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- Long process of change
- Local Plan Policy L24
- How the City functions – servicing, residents?
- Traffic Order 1998



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### Aims & Objectives



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### Implementation

- Funding
- Phase 1 included works in Tamworth Street and Bore Street and was completed in 2002/03.
- Concentrated on entrance and exit from zone and key crossing points



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### Phase 1

- Designed by Latham Architects
- Yorkstone, Porphyry, Caithness Stone
- Kennedy Asphalt Contractor
- Cost £300k
- Public awareness



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**Design and Contract Advice**

- 2 stage process
- Experience of large projects and historical setting
- Experience of Highway schemes and working with Highway Engineers
- FPCR:
  - Detailed design
  - Consultation
  - Balance materials & cost
  - Street furniture
- Project Team



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**Design Considerations**

- Phase 1
- Reduce street clutter
- Invest in quality – use of traditional stone
- Retain historic form
- Street furniture to reflect existing
- Increase size of market square
- Public art
- Access for all
- Reduce vehicle dominance



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**Phase 2 Process**

- Consultation
- Feedback
- Committee Approvals
- Timing & Phasing
- Tendering - Bardon
- Cost - £1m



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**Phase 2 Progress**

- Started Jan 07
- Due finish July 07
- Majority of works complete October 07
- Snagging
- Supply & Install items



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**Phase 2 Issues**

- Maintaining Access and old habits
- Materials
- Press coverage
- Contractor performance
  - Personnel
  - Site appearance
  - Phasing
  - Trader liaison
- Market Traders
- Disabled Parking availability
- 'Highways'
- Unanticipated events



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**Disruption not new....**



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Old habits...

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Before / After : Breadmarket Street

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Before : Market Square

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After : Market Square

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Lessons learnt / suggestions for the future

- Strong Project Team
- Risk Management Plan
- Formal Partnership arrangements
- PR plan
- More pessimistic?
- Celebrate results?

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