

WELCOME

TO OUR FIRST UPDATE OF 2017...

...and what a positive start it has already proven to be!

- Phase two of the Cheltenham Transport Plan has been mobilised in Imperial Square North, by partners GCC
- Work is now properly underway at the former Beechwood shopping centre to become the new John Lewis store
- The team at the Brewery open the link from the High Street into the Brewery Quarter.

Graham Garbutt – independent chair

LATEST HEADLINES...

November

Delays to John Lewis redevelopment in Cheltenham sparks concerns

Christmas is cancelled: John Lewis to miss target date for opening in Cheltenham

Everything you need to know ahead of major road works in central Cheltenham

December

Diggers show signs of life for Cheltenham's highly anticipated John Lewis store

January

Cheltenham Transport Plan Phase Two

Milestone beckons in town centre scheme

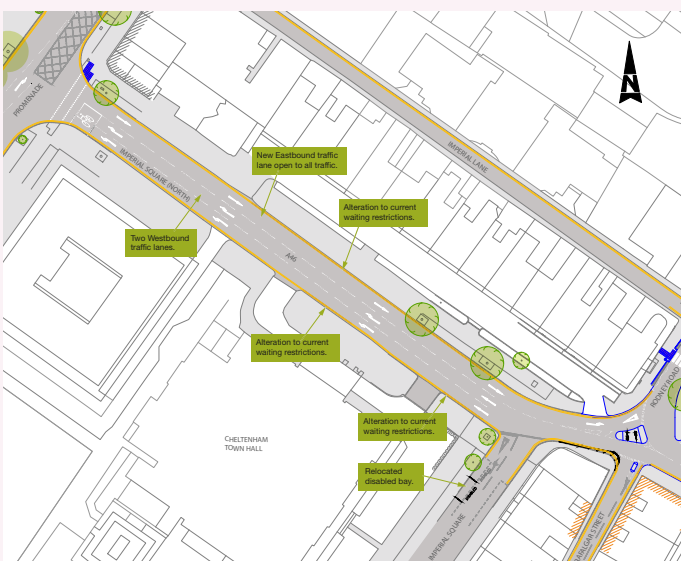
Brand new walkway connecting the High Street to multi-million pound Brewery Quarter

Delays expected as major road changes get underway in Cheltenham

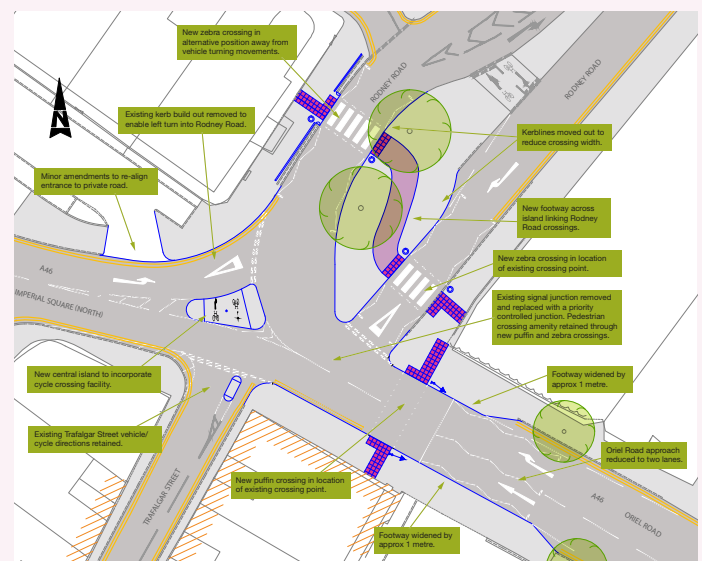
CHELTENHAM TRANSPORT PLAN

Phase 2 of the plan at Imperial Square North began on 9th January by GCC and construction work will be completed by 10th March in readiness for Cheltenham race week. A further phase of work will occur after race week to undertake final resurfacing.

This phase will see two-way working re-introduced from the Promenade to Rodney Road. The principles of the scheme are set out below and like phase 1 aim to reduce traffic speeds, improve pedestrian access and improve access to key central car parks.



▲ A46 Imperial Square (North)



▲ Junction of A46 Oriol Rodd with Rodney Road / Trafalgar Street



BREWERY QUARTER

January saw the opening of the link from the High Street to the Brewery – our congratulations to the team for delivering such a transformational change.

The first phase of the new development is now fully let with an uptake in interest for the original development and new lettings achieved.

The last phase still under construction has recently been launched on to the market.



JOHN LEWIS STORE

Although the start on site was delayed, the contractors have now begun work in earnest. The large hoarding is there to allow the demolition of the façade which is due to be completed by the end of February 2017. Finalised date for store opening yet to be confirmed.

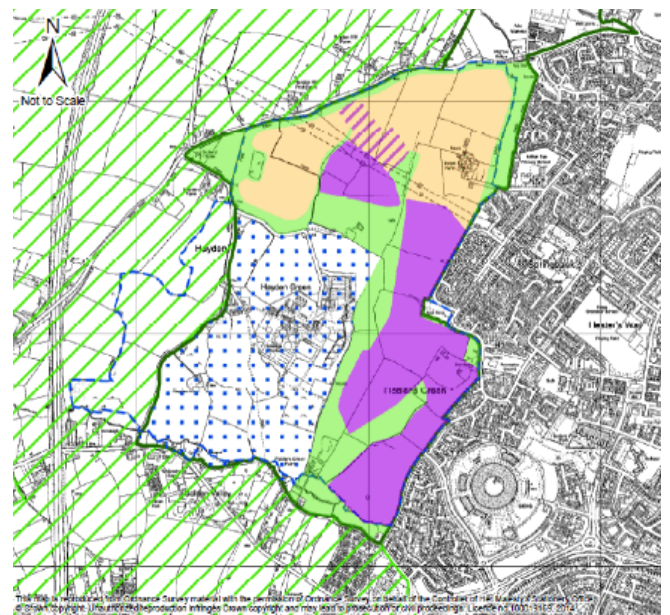
WEST CHELTENHAM UPDATE

Discussions and work continue on the opportunity to release 45 hectares (108 acres) of land for employment at West Cheltenham.

The aim is to develop a cyber business park to support the significant advantage that Cheltenham has in this field and in line with government ambition, further develop capacity in this nationally important sector.

Inevitably developments of this scale are complex and we are running several strands in parallel including

- further progress on the Joint Core Strategy – this land is noted as a strategic allocation
- negotiations with land promoters
- liaison with potential end users
- engagement with government departments given DCMS lead for cyber; growth fund 3 bid for infrastructure funds via gFirst LEP; HCA capacity bid etc



LOWER HIGH STREET

A range of projects are being pursued through the West End Partnership. Key targets include

- a **connecting link to the Honeybourne Line** by the railway bridge being negotiated as part of the disposal of 453 High Street. This will take some time but securing the commitment is an important step.
- **pocket parks;** progress continues through a real community effort. Planters have been built by “men in sheds” and kindly transported in preparation for installation by Bence builders merchants.
- **telephone boxes;** on-going negotiations with BT to remove or relocate boxes that are seen as challenges eg the block of 3 on St George’s Square.