

Connecting Derby – Improving the Wardwick, Cheapside & Friar Gate area

The improvements in Friar Gate, Cheapside and Wardwick are a continuation of the work carried out in the City Centre in 2003/2004 as part of the Connecting Derby Phase 1.

This new phase will include pavement and junction improvements and changes to traffic management in the Friar Gate, Cheapside and Wardwick areas.

The existing paving in these areas will be realigned and replaced with natural stone paving. Realigning will improve the drainage and widen sections of pavement on the Wardwick and Friar Gate. The existing pedestrian crossings will be improved and new crossings provided on Cheapside and Wardwick.

In order to reduce unnecessary through traffic in roads such as Becket Street, Curzon Street and Friar Gate between Ford Street and Cheapside the following measures will be implemented:

- A new contra flow bus, taxi and cycle only route will be provided, in-bound from the Friar Gate/ Bridge Street junction right through to Cheapside, enabling direct access to the City Centre for buses and taxis from the west of the city.
- Becket Street's junction with Wardwick will be for cycle only.
- There will be no access on to Cheapside from Curzon Street, all vehicles will have to turn left on to Friar Gate.
- There will be no access on to Friar Gate from Wardwick to vehicles except buses, taxis and cyclists, all other vehicles will have to turn right on to Cheapside.

The works are scheduled to start in late May 2010 and anticipated to continue until March 2011, including a break to the works of eight weeks during the working restricted period November 2010 to January 2011.

Plans showing the materials proposed to be used will be presented at the meeting.