

# Queensway & The Pavement Regeneration Scheme

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Why is the scheme required?

Following the regeneration of Queens Square in 2017, the next phase of Crawley's [Town Centre Regeneration Programme](#) will extend the public space improvements along Queensway, to Kingsgate, Memorial Gardens and The Pavement.

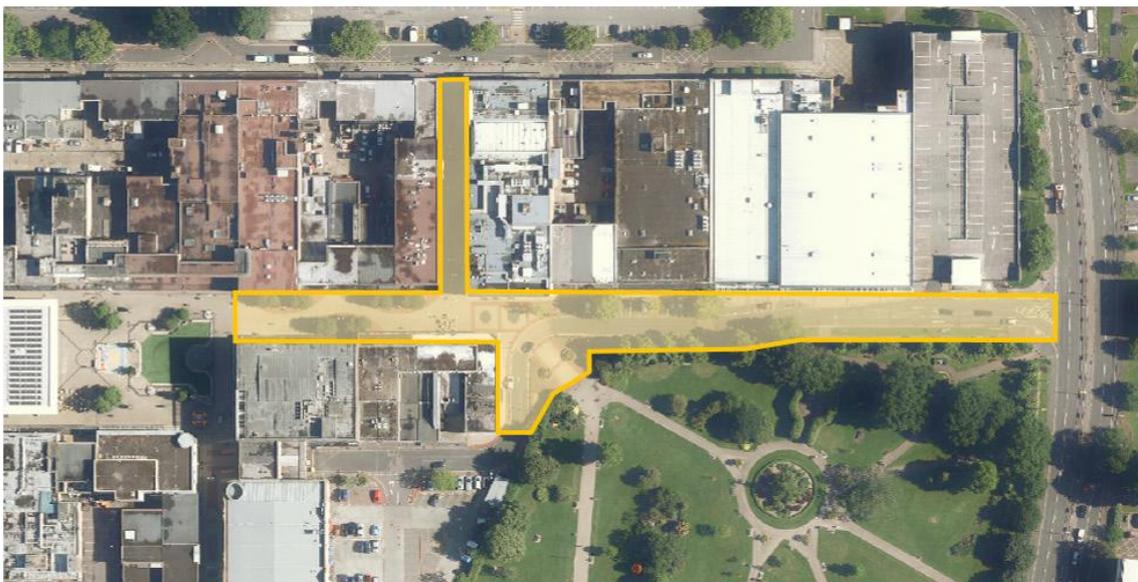
Crawley town centre's public realm is past its best and in need of a facelift if it is to remain an enjoyable and safe place for residents and visitors to use over the coming years.

Improvements to this area are also hoped to act as a catalyst for further regeneration. This has already been seen in Queens Square where a number of empty properties have been brought back into use, including Decathlon, Tapi Carpets, La Rusta and, soon to open, Metrobank.

This scheme is part of the [Crawley Growth Programme](#); a £60 million investment in local infrastructure projects which will enable sustainable growth in jobs, business space and homes across the town centre and Manor Royal Business District.

### 2. Where is the scheme?

The scheme covers the whole of Queensway, The Pavement, Kingsgate, and Parkside in Crawley town centre. It also encompasses the northern edge of Memorial Gardens.



**3. What does the scheme include?**

The scheme includes new paving; new lighting and street furniture; planting in Memorial Gardens; infrastructure for a potential future market and improved disabled parking provision.

**4. What will the scheme cost to implement and how is it funded?**

The estimated cost for implementing the scheme is £2.2million, funded through the Crawley Growth Programme.

The Crawley Growth programme is delivered by a major partnership of public and private organisations, including the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership, West Sussex County Council, Crawley Borough Council, Metrobus, Gatwick Airport Limited, Manor Royal Business Improvement District (BID) Company, the Arora Group, Gatwick Diamond Initiative and Crawley Town Centre Partnership.

**5. Who is delivering the project?**

As part of the Crawley Growth Programme; Crawley Borough Council are the lead authority for the project and contract management of the proposed improvements.

**6. When will the scheme be built?**

Works will start in January 2019 and are due to be completed in autumn 2019.

**7. Will visitors and residents be affected during construction?**

We have carefully planned the works to avoid the busy Christmas period, reducing any potential impact on nearby retailers. All businesses will remain open during construction.

During the next three months, a detailed construction plan will be produced. Businesses, residents and visitors will be informed of plans at the earliest opportunity via the Regenerating Crawley website, or will be contacted directly.

**8. Will the road remain open during the work?**

The road will remain open during the works but there will be lane restrictions during some elements when completing the new crossings. Further information will be included in the detailed construction plan, which will be shared with businesses and residents over the coming months, before construction begins.

**9. Will access for pedestrians be maintained during the works?**

Footpaths will remain open wherever possible. We will provide advance notice and alternative directions in the event of a footpath closure.

**10. What will happen to the trees and plants in Queensway?**

The existing trees and plants are to be removed and replaced in the new design.

They will be uprooted and then, as long as they are not diseased, chipped and composted or used for mulch.

**11. Are there any trees in the new design?**

There are 13 new trees being planted as part of the scheme and more than 3000 new shrubs added to the bed near Memorial Gardens. There will be two varieties of trees planted:- Pyrus Calleryana and Liquidambar Styraciflua, which, when planted in a large volume of soil, will grow to their full potential of around 10m. These are currently being cared for by a UK Nursery, ready for planting in the new year.

**12. What will happen to the old paving slabs?**

The old slabs will be taken away by a local company who crush them to be reused as sub-base material on construction projects. Some are also kept for repairs to local areas.

**13. Will there be cycle parking in the new scheme?**

There are new cycle stands proposed at the entry points into the “no cycling zone” at The Pavement, by the disabled bays opposite M&S and outside the entrance to Memorial Gardens. Further stands are proposed at the other end of Queensway, opposite TK Maxx.

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