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BLACKFEN TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

Work to improve the public areas along Gloucester Parade and at the junction of Blackfen Road and Days Lane in Blackfen will begin on 26 June.

The aim of the work is to regenerate the shopping area by improving the existing layout and increasing pedestrian and vehicle access, to maximise potential trade and make the area more attractive for residents.

Some preparatory works will start during week commencing 19 June but these will have minimal impact. The improvements will take eight weeks and will include repaving and resurfacing the land in front of Gloucester Parade, and some of the pavement around the Days Lane junction. Trees will also be planted to upgrade the appearance of the area and give it more of a town centre feel. The public space will be opened up to improve pedestrian visibility and maximise safety.

Cllr Linda Bailey, Bexley's Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Growth said: "This is good news for those living and working in Blackfen. We want the local community to benefit from the increased trade that this will bring to the area."

The service road in front of the shops on Gloucester Parade will be closed throughout the works with no parking available. Once this area re-opens regularised parking will be introduced to ensure a regular turnover of spaces.

In mid-July, towards the end of the works, Days Lane will be partially closed which will prevent southbound access from Blackfen Road. Northbound traffic along Days Lane will be unaffected. There will be signed diversions for southbound traffic.

Some footpaths may be partially closed during the works however alternative arrangements will be in place for pedestrians. Access to local businesses and amenities will be maintained at all times with all businesses open as usual.

The Council's contractor FM Conway will phase the works to minimise disruption. London Borough of Bexley apologise in advance for any inconvenience that may

result during the improvement work. The team can be contacted on 020 8303 7777. Please ask to speak with a member of Engineering Services. Alternatively email engineeringervices@bexley.gov.uk.

TfL have funded the work as part of Bexley's Local Implementation Plan (LIP) allocation, which helps deliver the Mayor of London's Transport Strategy and Bexley's transport priorities.

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1. Attachment One shows the areas which will be improved
2. Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding is awarded to London boroughs to spend on projects that support the Mayor's Transport Strategy and the Council's transport priorities. It is allocated by Transport for London (TfL) through the annual LIP process. Funding is allocated under five main programmes:
 1. Principal road maintenance
 2. Bridge strengthening
 3. Corridors, neighbourhoods and supporting measures
 4. Traffic signal modernisation for sites on borough roads
 5. Major Schemes

Attachments

- Blackfen improvements plan of area [Blackfen improvements plan of area](#)



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