

OUNDE MARKET PLACE AND TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS



Northamptonshire Highways

Oundle Town Council and Northamptonshire County Council are looking to introduce some new traffic arrangements within the town centre.



These recommendations have been developed as a result of the work of Oundle 2020/Neighbourhood Planning and the findings from an independent Transport Study conducted by Transport Planning Practice (TPP).

Let us know what you think?

This information is available on the Oundle Town Council website, and copies of the plan can be downloaded from www.oundle.gov.uk. Alternatively you can send a written response to Oundle Town Council, The Courthouse, Mill Road, Oundle PE8 4BW, who will forward copies of all responses to Northamptonshire Highways for consideration as part of the design process.

Target date for completion -

It is intended to complete this work prior to the Grand Depart of the inaugural Women's Tour on 7 May, subject to comments received.

A formal consultation on the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders will start shortly, giving a further 21 day period for comments.

We want your views about this. Please send comment to admin@oundle.gov.uk and to sbarnwell@mgwsp.co.uk no later than Friday 14 February, to allow us to consider your views.

Extent Of Proposed Works To Improve Traffic Flow Within The Market Place And To Introduce A Small 20mph Zone In The Town Centre

Market Place – One-way Traffic System

Oundle 2020 Short Term Objective 9

Intended to:

- Improve parking in the Market Place
- Alleviate congestion at entrances and exits
- Decrease risk of accidents at St Osyths Lane junction
- Increase cycle parking provision (to be added in due course)

Traffic would enter via St Osyths Lane and exit along Market Place opposite Boots/Tesco because this forms the safest and most practical flow pattern for vehicles.

The parking bays will be angled in the opposite direction as indicated on the attached drawing. Note that the exact number of parking bays is yet to be established, as a detailed survey of the area is still to be carried out.

The opening at the Tesco/Boots exit will be reduced, to enable “No Entry” signs to be sited appropriately. *(Note the cross-hatched areas on the plan R2355/011 are road markings and not raised kerbs)*. Bollards are proposed to be located to help prevent traffic passing behind the sign, and to protect the sign from collisions. Thus providing a small area to be marked as parking bays accessed directly from West Street. The bollards here will be removable to allow the market stalls to be set up. Extra sockets will be installed to allow the bollards to close off the road for the markets.

Town Centre 20mph zone

Oundle 2020 Short Term Objective 2

Intended to:

- Reduce traffic speed throughout the most congested area in the Town centre
- Increase safety for all residents.

A 20mph zone in the town centre is indicated on plan R2355/010. Signs are to be placed opposite each other, one on each side of the road as indicated. Signs measure 600mm wide by up to 1100mm high, no further repeater signs are needed within the zone due its small scale. The road and pavement layout means that options for fixing the extent of the 20mph zone are extremely limited, see below:

- **North Street:-** it is not possible to extend the zone through the traffic lights as there is no space to site new signs without obscuring drivers' view of the traffic lights. Space is extremely limited with the new mini-roundabout.
- **St Osyths Lane:-** the lack of footway opposite the Co-op means it is not possible to put a sign on that side of the road without impeding traffic.
- **West Street:-** signs need to be visible and not obscured by parked vehicles. The chosen locations are at the furthest extent of the clear zone at the zebra crossing.
- **New Street:-** the parking bays and narrow carriageway limited the choice of places as with the road narrowing scheme proposed.

It may be possible to review the zone length/extent in the future.

- Key**
- New bollards to match existing bollards in the Market Place
 - New road markings
 - Appropriate location of traffic signs required
 - Appropriate location of existing trees to remain
 - Possible locations of seating on Market Place, specification of seating to be agreed
 - Approximate location of existing Zebra crossing to remain



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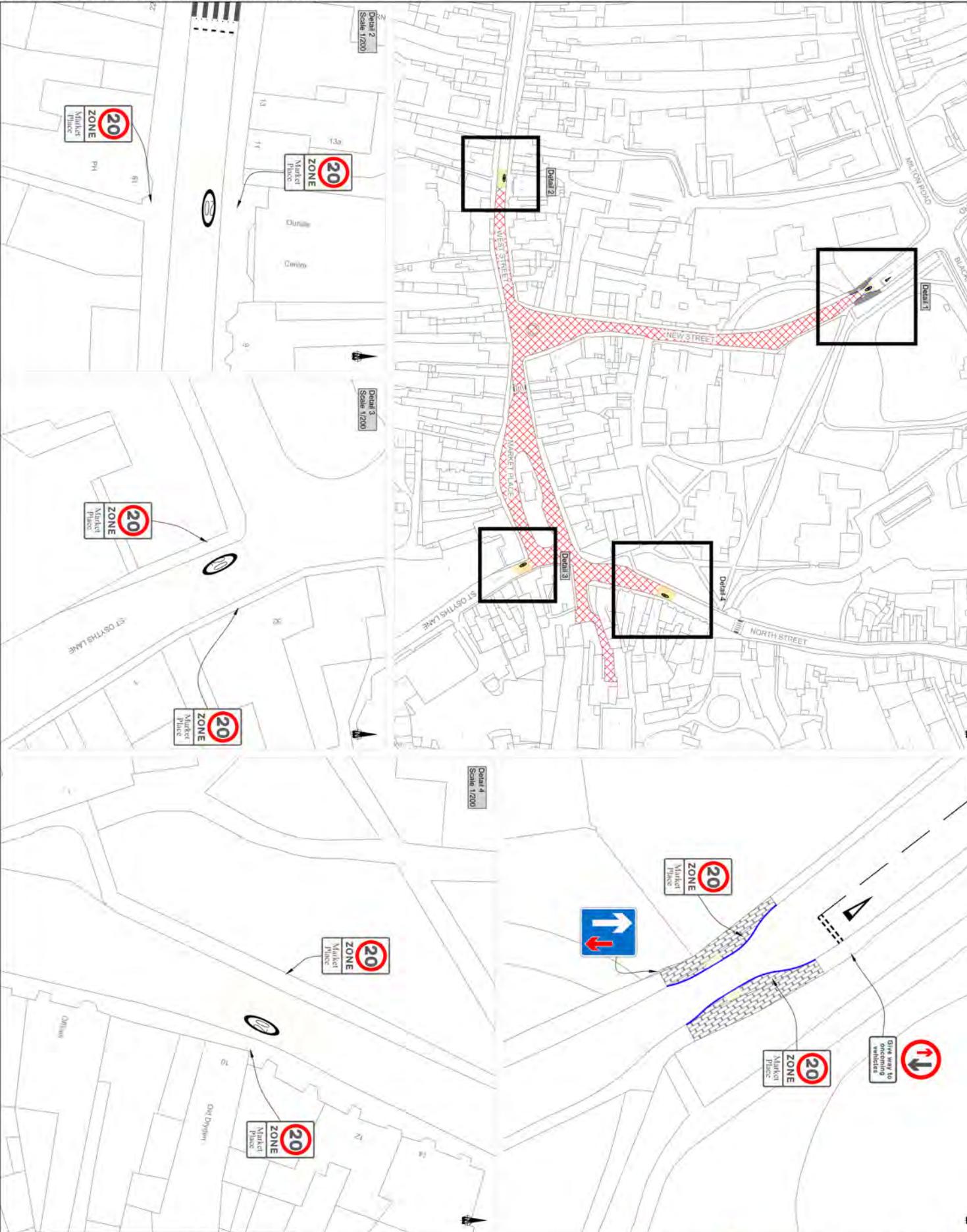
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PROJECT: Deliver transport and highways services together
Option 1: Market Place 'One Way'

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Key

- New exposed aggregate countryside kerbs
- New York stone paving to match existing paving through Market Place
- New tactile paving
- New road markings
- Buff coloured surfacing entry features
- Suitable extents of 20mph Zone without additional calming measures
- Existing Zebra crossings to remain
- Representation of signing and road markings required

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| Option 2: Market Place 20mph Zone | | | | | |
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