

# Area 1: Northern Gateway

# Guildford Street

We would like to improve the entrances or 'gateways' into Guildford Street for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles. Improving the 'sense of arrival' would help bring more visitors into the street.

There is an opportunity to make the vehicular entrance into Guildford Street from London Street/Windsor Street a bit narrower. This would slow traffic down as it turns the corner, make it safer to cross the street at this junction and increase space for pedestrians and seating. These proposals are being investigated in detail as part of the Runnymede Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).

Planters or parklets where the pavement is wider could improve arrival, and significantly reduce the visual impact of cars on the street and the conservation area. This would also help reduce illegal parking between the existing bollards.

Removable planters could be used on market and event days to create a more attractive traffic barrier which also promotes local businesses.

The existing wide pavement is used by House of Flowers for display and by Just Relish for customer seating outside the cafe. Additional planting and seating could make the space more attractive to customers and help reduce illegal parking on the pavement.

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An indicative sketch showing how planters could potentially improve the entrance to Guildford Street and create an attractive way to close the street on market and event days.



**Tell us what you think of the ideas to improve the Northern Gateway**

