

Seating & planting

Guildford Street

In order to ensure the public realm proposals can be implemented by April 2025, they would be designed to avoid permanent changes to kerbs or footways. This approach reduces the design time and approvals needed for the changes. It also reduces construction costs and means more areas of Guildford Street can be improved.

This board shows examples of 'parklets' which many High Streets implemented in the period following the Covid 19 outbreak, to provide additional greenspace and outdoor seating for residents, visitors and town centre businesses. Subject to the agreement of the County Council, these 'parklets' can be provided on a trial basis, public opinion tested, and if necessary the designs can be amended or the parklets relocated to address any concerns.



It is important to note that such 'temporary' parklets have a permanent quality to them, and are of high quality design. They can be supplied 'off the shelf' from existing companies, but ideally could be designed locally in partnership with businesses, artists and community groups, with materials, colours and planting to be selected to enhance the conservation area and create a coordinated identity for Guildford Street.

Removable planters, or 'heritage gates', can also be used to create a more appropriate barrier to Guildford Street on market and event days, (rather than bollards), with design, planting, signage and messaging tailored for more specific events and advertising the traders.



Do you support the ideas for introducing greenery and seating?

