

Economic benefits

Aided by transport improvements which will alleviate traffic congestion, the scheme aims to safeguard and create over 300 private sector jobs by 2020, through supporting existing and future expansion of the Port of Southampton. The improvements to the transport network will also provide essential infrastructure to help facilitate city centre regeneration projects, including the nearby Royal Pier Waterfront and Town Depot sites.

Open space

The widened Platform Road will encroach on Vokes Park, so additional open space will be created to the south of the park to replace this. The scheme will significantly enhance Queen's Park and improve its links to the city centre. The car park near Terminus Terrace will be returned to parkland and public realm works will take place in Queen's Terrace.

Car parking

The scheme aims to relocate public car parking, but retain the same number of spaces. On-street parking spaces on the south side of Platform Road and the off-street car park in Queen's Park will be replaced by on-street parking in Queen's Terrace.

Pedestrian/cycle facilities

All new junctions in the scheme will incorporate comprehensive pedestrian/cycle crossings for both east/west and north/south movements. A new shared use cycleway and footway will be established (please see map for details).

Bus services

The existing bus routes will be slightly modified. Eastbound services currently using Queen's Terrace will divert onto Platform Road. Westbound services will continue to use Platform Road.

Central Bridge

In order to reduce congestion in Canute Road, a scheme will be implemented to allow traffic to access Central Bridge from Terminus Terrace, providing an alternative route to the Itchen Bridge for eastbound traffic.

Town Quay

It is anticipated that comprehensive improvements to Town Quay will be implemented as part of the Royal Pier Waterfront redevelopment project. Before this, the Platform for Prosperity scheme will invest in short-term, low-cost measures to help improve Town Quay.

Programme of development work

Work to divert utilities' infrastructure will begin at the end of 2012 and will continue into the first quarter of 2013. This will be followed by major works to widen Platform Road, which are expected to last for a year and extend into the first quarter of 2014. Once the main works in Platform Road are completed and operational, Queen's Terrace will be closed as a through route and work will start on the public realm improvements. These improvements are expected to take a further six to nine months to implement.

During construction, we will aim to minimise congestion on Platform Road and will develop comprehensive traffic management proposals to address this potential problem.

Statutory processes

The main development works will be undertaken in accordance with the Highways Act 1980. Proposed changes to traffic and on-street parking arrangements will be advertised in a Traffic Regulation Order during summer 2012. Proposed changes to open space will also be formally advertised around this time. Any unresolved objections will be considered by the Cabinet during autumn 2012.

Scheme funding

The scheme is being funded jointly by Central Government (through support awarded via the Regional Growth Fund - www.bis.gov.uk/RGF), Southampton City Council and Associated British Ports (ABP).

We are keen to progress the Platform for Prosperity improvements with the help of local businesses and residents. Please let us know what you think about the plans for Platform Road.



Please submit your comments via
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Post your feedback to:
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We value your opinions and welcome critical judgement of planning proposals. This will help us sculpt plans for developments that enrich the lives and businesses of people in Southampton.

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Key

- Existing kerb line
- New traffic signals
- Land to revert back to park
- Public realm improvements
- Shared cycle and footway
- New trees
- Bus stop locations



Lower Canal Walk

- The parking area to the south of the pavilion will be improved.
- The right turn into and out of Lower Canal Walk will be prohibited. An alternative route is available via Lower Canal Walk, Briton Street and the High Street.

Dock Gate 5

- New traffic signals will enable greater flexibility in the operation of the port.
- There will be pedestrian crossing for both east/west and north/south movements.
- Access to the public car parks will be via Dock Gate 5 only.

Orchard Place

- To be downgraded to a local access route.

Queen's Terrace (west of Latimer Street)

- Improvements will include an angled car parking facility along the southern kerb line.

Queen's Terrace (east of Latimer Street)

- Environmental improvements will be made to encourage greater use of the street and adjoining park.
- The council intends to establish a group of local businesses and residents to help develop the plans for improvement work.
- A turning head will be installed at the eastern end of the street.

Lower Canal Walk

- The parking area to the south of the pavilion will be improved.
- The right turn into and out of Lower Canal Walk will be prohibited. An alternative route is available via Lower Canal Walk, Briton Street and the High Street.

Platform Road

The existing southern kerb line will be moved closer to the port by up to eight to ten metres.

Vokes Park

- Vokes Park will be widened towards the port.
- Subject to the location of underground services, a line of trees may be planted along Vokes Park, to replace the three trees lost at Dock Gate 5 (on a two for one basis).

Queen's Park

- The southern end of Latimer Street, which currently cuts through Queen's Park, will be returned to parkland and narrowed into a shared-use cycleway and footpath.
- The 22 space eastern off-street car park is to be removed and returned to parkland.
- Existing park boundary will remain unaffected.

Canute Road/ Terminus Terrace junction

- New traffic signals will include provision of controlled pedestrian crossings for both east/west and north/south movements.

Dock Gate 4

- To improve the movement of traffic into the port, Dock Gate 4 will permit the flow of inbound traffic only.
- New traffic signals will include provision of controlled pedestrian crossings for both east/west and north/south movements.

What is Platform for Prosperity?

Platform for Prosperity is the name of the scheme which proposes to carry out highway improvement works along Platform Road and the adjoining road network to alleviate traffic congestion and help boost economic growth within the city centre and the Port of Southampton.

Existing traffic congestion

At present, the gyratory system around Queen's Park becomes extremely congested during busy travel periods. This congestion significantly hinders local businesses, residents and visitors to the city. It also impedes the possibility of future economic growth for key local employers, such as the Port of Southampton, as well as further regeneration in the city centre.

Aims

The works primarily aim to reduce traffic congestion along Town Quay, Platform Road and the surrounding road network for the benefit of local businesses, residents and visitors. The improvement works will provide essential infrastructure to accommodate further growth in port activity and support economic growth in the city centre, including the Royal Pier Waterfront and Town Depot regeneration sites.

Scheme proposals

The improvements will implement a new dual carriageway along Platform Road, from Town Quay through to Canute Road. The existing gyratory system around Queen's Park will be downgraded to a local access route. The eastern end of Queen's Terrace will be closed, becoming a no through route.

