

PSIP Working group meeting 02.09.19

Notes and actions.

Attendees:

Traders from St James Street area (2 representatives)

Taunton Area Cycling Campaign (2 representatives)

Chamber of Commerce (2 representatives)

Taunton Transition Town

SCC area highways & traffic management

**SWT Portfolio holders for Economic Development & Planning and
Transportation**

SWT Programme and Project Managers

Apologies

First Group Buses

Compass Disability

Seb Toon – Taunton Taxi Association

Grace Rayson - Taunton Visitors Centre

Dave Adams - Avon and Somerset Police

Agenda

1	Intros
2	Project history to date
3	Report Highlights and discussion
4	Review of actions
5	Coal Orchard works and relationship with PSIP
6	AOB & Close

Discussion points outside of project

In addition to a presentation of the report and discussion around the key findings, the following points were raised and discussed. Where relevant any actions for the team have been added onto the action log (see separate document)

- The group supported the aspiration of both the Public Space Improvement Project and the Coal Orchard, but acknowledged the transition between existing to developed plans is difficult.
- Could greater provision of secure, weather proof cycle storage be provided elsewhere in town (to encourage further cycling usage)?
- What can be done about cycling and pedestrians using the same space within and around the pedestrianised area?
- Some traders have reported losses. Are any traders reporting an uplift in takings / footfall?
- Is it possible to influence the sat-nav companies to make the St James Street closure evident on apps / phones?
- Is it possible to pedestrianise the lower half (from Lower Middle Street to the Ring o Bells junction) in addition to the section already closed to vehicles.
- Could the temporary scheme be made permanent now, to improve the nature of the paving / road surfaces in the street?
- Can priority be given to the prevention of vermin escaping from the building site?
- Can the proposed additional signage proposed for the site be extended to Canon Street and Wood Street car parks?
- What is the average occupation time of users of Canon Street and Wood Street car parks (are they commuters or shopper duration)