

Spirit of Sittingbourne Road Improvement Works

The Spirit of Sittingbourne proposed development overview plan reference 15035-SK161018.1 shows the overall road improvements that will be implemented as part of the phase 1 development proposals. In principle the roads will all remain two way and one way as they currently stand apart from the area at the top of the high street where the road will be made two way to allow traffic to enter station street and the Forum car park and exit by the same route.

In more detail the following will apply when travelling from west to east along the A2.

- The current one way system through Cockleshell walk (Residential site 1) will remain but the carriageway will be reduced to one lane from the two that currently exist. It will revert to two lanes where it becomes St Michael's road in front on the existing Spring Street Car Park.(Residential site 2)
- The road then becomes Fountain Street from Dover Street and up to the station it will remain as two way as it currently is but will divert towards a traffic signal controlled T junction where it will meet a realigned St Michael's road in front of the station
- The road to the front of the station includes a separate run off for taxi operators, Network Rail Deliveries and busses taking this traffic off the busy St Michael's road
- From this point St Michael's road will remain as a two way road, realigned across the front of the station following along the front of the station to a roundabout and then back to meet the existing road running alongside the Forum shopping centre and on towards the Council offices
- The section of Station Street from the High street will now terminate at the rear of the proposed new Cinema building and incorporates an off road parking area for loading and unloading for the Cinema and Restaurant units. This involves making the top end of the high street two way traffic so that vehicles can access and egress from the curtailed Station Street and The Forum car park
- The section of Station Street alongside the Forum shopping centre will be diverted at its eastern end to free up land for the new Multi Storey Car Park and will re-join St Michael's road at its eastern end where it is diverted towards the station. At its western end it will incorporate an offshoot into the Forum Car Park that has an off road loading bay to serve the Hotel and its ground floor restaurant unit. The length of Station Street adjacent to the Forum will be reconfigured to incorporate 4 bus stops instead of the 2 that currently exist.
- The length of Milton Road from the Station through the underpass to the retail park will remain two way as it is and the section of road to Dover street around the Chinese restaurant will remain as it is with part one way and part two way traffic.