



Berkeley Town Improvement Project



Top 20 Feedback Areas from public consultation comments:

- **Fully support**
Great, thanks. So do we!
- **Trees, greenery, not large trees**
Lots of people were concerned about trees damaging the road/path surface. To be clear: any trees will be planted in a container, & trimmed regularly to prevent any damage
- **Love public space idea (all)**
So do we!
- **Zebra crossing needed (not lights) / pedestrian crossing improve accessibility**
We definitely need safer crossing points. The issue with Zebra crossings is that there needs by law to be no parking for several metres either side, where the white zigzag lines are. It also has to be sited well away from any junction. We are investigating how best to ensure safe crossing & sufficient parking
- **More flower beds**
Absolutely
- **No to electric charging points as will cause a loss it parking spaces / Electric charging points should be in car parks**
These 2 comments came up in equal measure. We will certainly need more electric charging in the future – the main question is when, & where. This is being investigated, but the likely first locations are in one of the car parks. One of the issues to be considered is the power of the charging points, we do not want low power ones on short term car parking places as this would not enable the car to be charged in the time available
- **Do not narrow streets, will cause gridlock (concerns over lorries delivering and coming from Salter Street around sharp bend, & school buses)**

Any changes to the road width will still allow large vehicles to pass through safely. We recognise the question around delivery lorries & will look at how best to address this in the next phase of the project

- **Bad first impression/shabby shops**

The bad first impression is one of the reasons we launched this project. While the council can't control the shops, we hope to work with some of the local businesses to see what we can do together to improve the town. It is envisaged that improving the public environment will encourage private property owners to improve also
- **More parking needed in Town Centre / larger car parks**

We are investigating options to increase the size of the existing car parks
- **More seating**

Absolutely
- **Residents permits / No to residents permits**

Again, these came up in equal measure. While the full length of Canonbury Street is not part of this Improvement Project, the council is separately looking at what can be done to improve parking for Canonbury residents
- **Love public space idea (Market)**

So do we!
- **Jenner Statue**

We will be looking to include some sort of statue to commemorate Jenner
- **Leave as it is**

Although we received this comment from a small number of people (10), there were far more comments (44) fully in support
- **Drop kerbs to improve accessibility**

We intend to improve accessibility by having a raised area of road in the Market Square. So although we won't be dropping the kerb, we will achieve the same effect by raising the road up to the level of the pavement. However we will ensure that the pavements are delineated from the roads. Also the gradients will be designed carefully to ensure that rainwater will be managed adequately
- **Slow traffic/Make safer for pedestrians/crossing needed to Greengrocers**

Absolutely. This is one of the main intents of this project
- **More disabled parking / longer more accessible bays**

We recognise the need to do this, & in the next phase we will be looking at how this can best be achieved
- **Make Berkeley a destination! Town centre needs improving with more shops and a market**

This is one of the reasons we launched this project. While the council can't control the shops, we hope to work with some of the existing local businesses to see what we can do together to improve the town, & hope that an improving local environment will encourage others to set up their businesses here in Berkeley. Berkeley already has some of the biggest tourist attractions in Gloucestershire and a more attractive town centre will encourage more of these tourists to support the local businesses.