

# B5215 – Market Place Scheme

## “You Said, We Will”



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**Council**

The Major Projects Team engaged with stakeholders on the proposals for the future of the B5215 – Market Place from 23rd April to 16th May 2025.

The engagement was completed via varying methods including:

- [Online consultation on Citizenlab](#)
- letters to residents and businesses
- large scale-designs displayed at Leigh Turnpike and Library
- promotion via the Council's social media platforms.

The below table shows key questions asked with answers.

The scheme will now be developed further and the website updated.

You said	We Will
<b>You said you wanted the area more welcoming for children and families.</b>	We will create a welcoming and family-friendly environment by making it easier and safer for children and families to access the new Civic Quarter.  We will enhance access to events and services, improve road safety and accessibility, and provide a more convenient and enjoyable space.
<b>You asked if the funds could be spent elsewhere on alternative developments in Leigh such as shop fronts, and antisocial behaviour.</b>	The funding is to improve pedestrian experience and connectivity to and from the Civic Square, and funding would be lost if we do not make the improvements in this area.  There is an ongoing Shopfront and Building grant scheme as part of the Levelling Up Fund project, offering grant funding to owners to uplift the vitality of their trading space.  As part of the scheme, we will improve the CCTV around the Civic Square to help target antisocial behaviour.
<b>You said this work will cause disruption during construction, and when is construction planned.</b>	We will notify residents and businesses as early as possible to ensure everyone is well-informed about any roadworks associated with the scheme.  We will implement a comprehensive traffic management plan during construction, which is currently planned for Autumn 2025.
<b>You were concerned that the scheme will increase congestion and reduce connectivity by negatively impacting travel routes.</b>	While we will re-allocate some highway space to make it easier for people to cross the road and enjoy the space, various versions of the design have been subject to traffic modelling. The outcome of which is to minimise the impact on road traffic.

	<p>The scheme strikes the right balance between all the ways of travelling to and around the Square, this will mean residents will be able to maximise the benefits that the new Civic Quarter will bring.</p>
<p><b>You asked for more seating at the proposed bus stop to prevent people from sitting on the Church walls.</b></p>	<p>As part of the scheme, we will move the bus shelters near to St. Mary's Church closer to Civic Square, to create a safe, bustling, attractive waiting environment for public transport.</p> <p>We will be installing additional seating and rest points on the Civic Square to enjoy the new space.</p>
<p><b>You raised concerns if the removal of existing traffic lights would create speeding motorists.</b></p>	<p>We will not be removing any existing traffic signals.</p> <p>We will be upgrading the existing crossing at Lord Street and installing a new crossing near Church Street.</p>
<p><b>You asked more information about the crossing points and whether one single direct crossing could be included.</b></p>	<p>The design has been amended from a staggered crossing to include a direct crossing point, which will remain close to the Church Street junction.</p> <p>We will also be upgrading the existing crossing point at Lord Street.</p>
<p><b>You asked if we could remove the bus lane.</b></p>	<p>Unfortunately, removing the bus lanes is not an option. However, we can improve traffic flow by removing the bus stops on the southern approach to the Lord Street junction.</p> <p>This change would help ease congestion and allow vehicles to move more freely through the junction.</p>
<p><b>You want to see the artwork on the central reservation retained.</b></p>	<p>We will look to relocate the central reservation artwork in the vicinity of the road or Square, and speak to your local Councillors to confirm a suitable location for moving.</p>

