

# **New plans for Picardy Place proposed**

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**The latest plans for the redesign of Picardy Place have been published.**

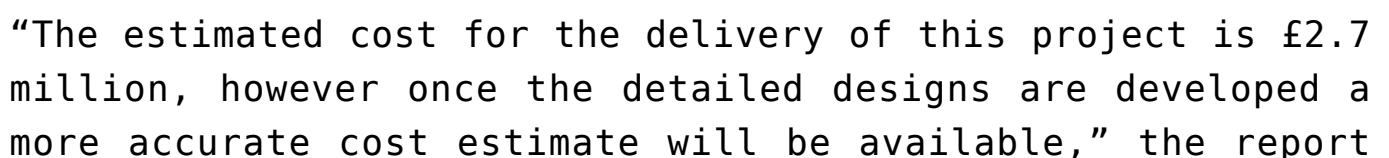
For much of the last five years and more, Picardy Place has faced continuous disruption from roadworks as a result of the construction of St James Quarter and ongoing Tram to Newhaven works, giving rise to much congestion, and anyone in the know avoiding the area completely.

A long-awaited overhaul of the roundabout that connects Leith Walk, Leith Street, Broughton Street and York Place is planned to begin in January, in a £2.7 million roadworks project.

As part of the Trams to Newhaven scheme a new travel interchange will be built at Picardy Place in time for the extension of the line to Newhaven opening in Spring 2023.

Ambitious plans to redesign the central 'island' – which for years has been an construction site – are in the final stages and were presented to the council's Transport Committee on Thursday.

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Speaking at the committee meeting, City Centre councillor Claire Miller urged officials to engage with the stakeholders before plans are finalised.

She added they are “aware we are working to quite tight time-scales to deliver this” and noted there has been “a bit of frustration in the past” over the level of engagement from the council.

Cllr Miller said: “I have received quite a large number of comments and questions from the stakeholders who took part in discussions that led to this and they really want to be part of that feedback.”

A local group called Better Broughton convened under the leadership of Mark Lazarowicz, former Transport Convener and former MP met in January to make suggestions on the layout of Picardy Place.



This is a visual published in 2018 when plans for the interchange and public realm were discussed

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