



Sustainable Transport Package – Montague Place, Worthing

Project Summary

The Worthing Sustainable Transport Project was the first part of the six phased Worthing Connectivity Public Realm Scheme. This scheme intended to enhance the public realm within Worthing Town Centre by refurbishing paving, street furniture, facilities and access for visitors, the local community and workforce.

Providing a more attractive space within a Town Centre could encourage visitors to dwell for longer in an area, spend more in local shops, cafes and restaurants and entice new businesses into a thriving area. Upgraded public realm can also create a safer space by targeting a reduction of levels of anti-social behavior within historic hotspots.



This project would integrate way finding into new paving, provide improved pedestrian links from the Town Centre to the seafront and to Liverpool Gardens, include 2 contemporary shelters for events and stalls and remove the existing rotunda to provide more event or market space and streamlined connectivity.

£800,000 Local Growth Fund

Project Achievements

The improvements have provided a safer and more attractive environment to spend time in. Raised tables and new paving have reduced trip hazards and improved the flow from the main shopping area to the seafront. Visitors and the local community can now enjoy the surroundings and take advantage of the provision of shops, cafes and restaurants. There is also a regular farmers market that takes place in the new space and regular community, music and promotional events.



Construction work for this project was complete in 6 months and benefitted from match funding totaling £669,647, which was a 67% increase to the original contracted amount.

There has been 62 new businesses attracted to the Town Centre as a direct result of the implementation, many of which are high-end independents and small franchises. This will have created new jobs in the area, reduced the amount of vacant commercial properties and had a positive impact on economic growth.

In addition the projects construction phase resulted in 6 new construction and 3 new non-construction jobs.

4.5km new shared pathway



Project Benefits

Coast to Capital awarded Local Growth Fund (LGF) of £800,000 to this project which provided the basis to include quality materials and finish to the works completed. Without this funding it may not have been possible to complete works to such a high standard.

The completed works have supported new and existing businesses by providing a desirable area for people to visit. This will in turn increase job opportunities for local people and create a sense of belonging and wellbeing to the local community. This project was a starting point and a catalyst for further work to Worthing Town Centre.

Progress continues through the West Sussex County Council & Worthing Borough Council Growth Deal partnership and the Worthing public realm programme supported by allocation of LGF Funding from Coast to Capital for design and delivery of next phases. Worthing Borough Council are starting works on the Portland Road site for April 2021 and are due to complete delivery by spring 2022. This will follow closely by major improvements planned at Railway Approach in 2022/23, linking the main station to the Teville Gate regeneration and development site. In addition, the Worthing Public Realm Board members recently proposed a future phase to extend Montague Place public realm improvements down to Marine Parade with works estimated to take place during 2022/23 to 2023/24.

