

City Centre Road Development

The Council is planning changes to the city centre roads and a planning application will be submitted in early 2014. See our plans to find out more.



Photograph by Roger D Smith ABIPP, Gosport

Why are the road improvements needed?

The improvements are necessary to ensure that the road network will operate efficiently and can cope with the level of future development and growth that is planned for in the city over the next 20 years.

The Council has already established that road improvements are needed and has previously consulted residents on proposals as part of the preparation of The Portsmouth Plan and the City Centre Masterplan. We are now finalising the detailed road design and layout.

When will the planning application be submitted?

The planning application is to be submitted in early 2014. A decision on whether planning consent should be granted is expected later that year.

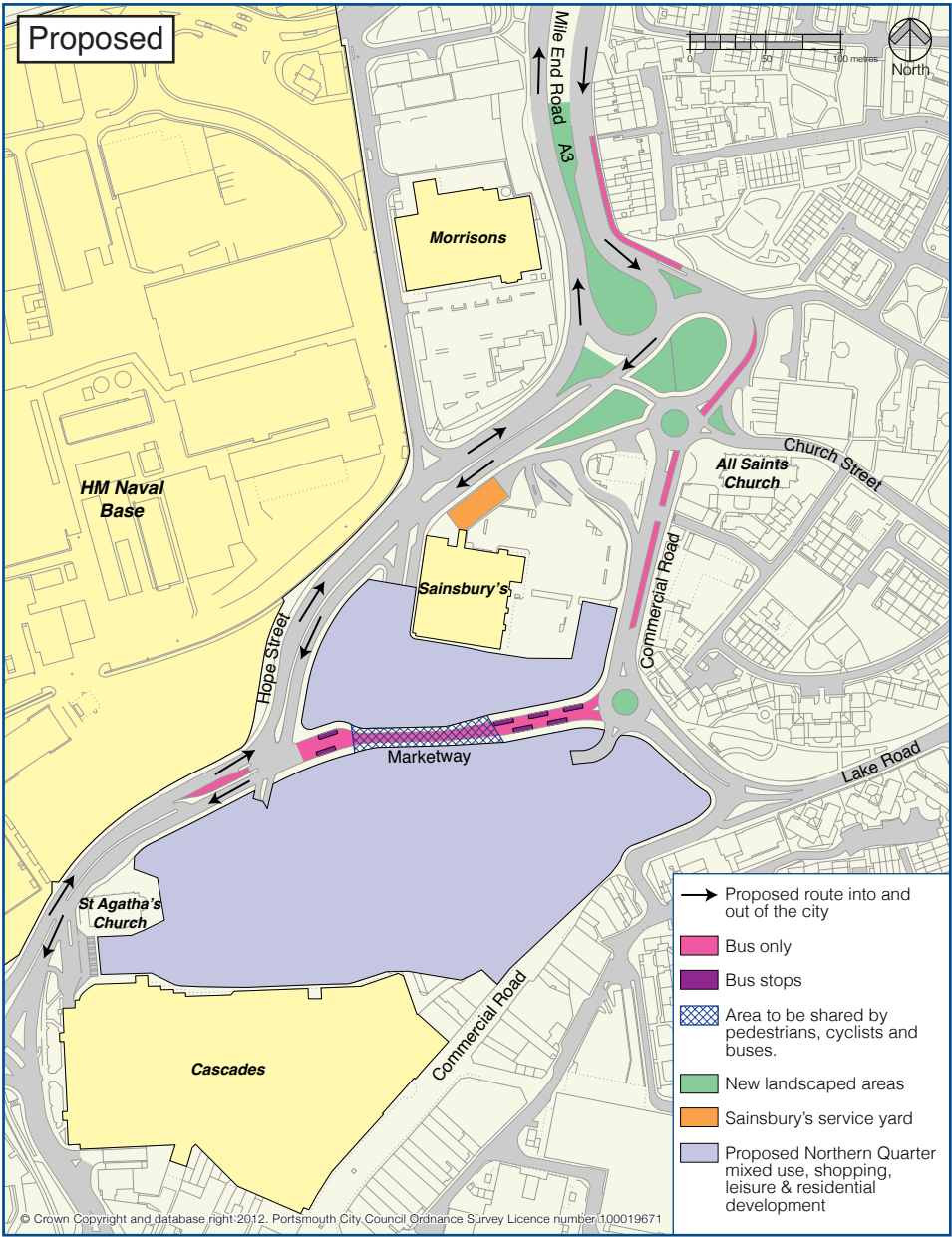
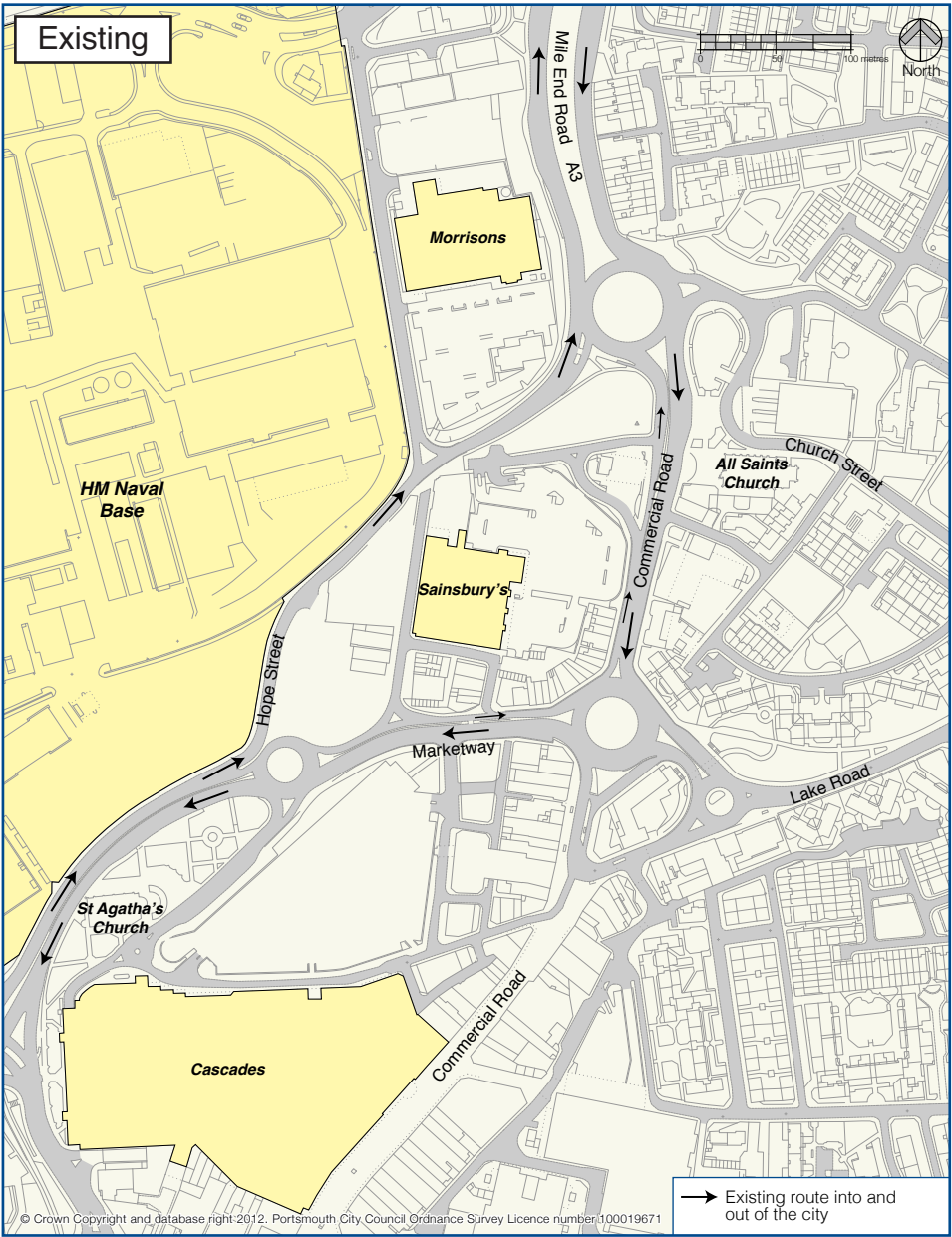
When will the road be constructed?

If the development is granted planning permission, construction work is likely to commence in 2016 and will be completed by end of 2018.

The works would be carefully planned and managed to minimise disruption to local residents and businesses.

What is proposed and how will the city centre road network change?

- Hope Street would become two way and would be widened to three lanes northbound and two lanes southbound and would become the main route in and out of the city.
- Marketway would be closed to traffic except for buses and cyclists.
- Commercial Road would primarily be used by local traffic to access Church Street, Sainsbury's, Lake Road and destinations beyond.
- New access would be provided to the Cascades shopping centre and St Agatha's Church.
- The roundabouts at either end of Hope Street would be replaced by signalised junctions.
- New access from Hope Street would be provided to a new multi-storey car park that is proposed as part of the Northern Quarter development.
- A new roundabout would be constructed on Commercial Road adjacent to the existing petrol station and All Saints Church.
- Dedicated bus lanes would provide fast access for buses, linking the new Tipner Park and Ride to the city centre and the Hard.
- The city centre cycle route network and pedestrian crossing points would be improved.
- Exciting new landscape areas would enhance the sense of arrival at the gateway to the city centre. These would incorporate planting similar to the recently-completed Mile End Road landscape, and also could provide opportunities for shallow wetlands to absorb and slow down water run-off from the roads.



What will be the benefits of the road improvements?

The current road layout is already nearing capacity, causing delays to drivers and buses as well as creating a poor environment for cyclists and pedestrians.

The flow of traffic around the city centre and in and out of Portsmouth would be improved providing equal or better network operation than currently exists. This would allow for future growth. The main route into the city would be Hope Street easing traffic on other roads, including Commercial Road which would primarily be used by local traffic.

Fast, dedicated bus routes will link the new Tipner Park and Ride to the city centre, and onwards to a new proposed, dynamic bus station at the Hard, reducing the need for city centre parking. Marketway would become more user friendly for pedestrians and cyclists and would serve efficient bus routes within the city. There would also be new cycle routes and improvements to pedestrian crossings to enable easier access to the city's shopping areas.

The road improvements would facilitate the regeneration of sites within the city centre. An outline planning application for a major retail led, mixed use development is to be submitted by the Council's development partner, Centros, at the same time as the planning application for the city centre roads. The development, known as the Northern Quarter, will be located south of Marketway.



Where can I find out more?

Further information will be on display, including the proposals for the new Northern Quarter development, on the dates shown below. There will be transport and planning advisors on hand to answer any questions.

Public Exhibition

In our Portakabin on Marketway Car Park

Thursday 24th October 9am to 8pm

Friday 25th October 9am to 4pm

Saturday 26th October 9am to 4pm

To find out more search 'City Centre Regen' at www.portsmouth.gov.uk or use the contact details opposite.

For more information on the Northern Quarter development please visit:

www.northernquarter.info

How can I comment on the proposals?

Please send any comments on the proposal by **28 October, 2013** either by:

Email: citycentreroad@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Phone: 023 9242 7820

Post: Transport and Environment
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Civic Offices
Guildhall Square
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PO1 2BG

What happens next?

The road proposals will be finalised taking account of any comments, where possible, then a planning application will be submitted to the Local Planning Authority.

There will be a further opportunity to comment on the detailed planning application and final road proposals as part of the planning application process.



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