



## Public webinar on 21 March 2022 Questions and answers

### 1. Will you be redeveloping more areas in Salisbury as part of this funding?

The funding received relates to three specific projects – Salisbury Station Forecourt, Fisherton Gateway and Heritage Living. We submitted a Business Case to central government to qualify for the funding and so the funding must be used on these schemes. As further funding becomes available, we can develop projects in other areas that have been identified as a priority.

### 2. What type of public art are you planning if more funding becomes available?

We developed a Public Art Strategy as part of the bid preparation, and we've identified a few areas along South Western Road and Fisherton Street that can benefit from public art. Two specific areas are the wall along South Western Road and then the underside of the railway bridge. Various proposals have been put forward as well as suggestions for using local artists. There are ongoing discussions with other partners within the city to deliver this strategy when funding becomes available.

### 3. Will there be better or increased signage to direct people from the station to the city centre?

Yes, there will definitely be improved wayfinding and signage from leaving the station, along South Western Road and down Fisherton Street.

### 4. Is anything happening with the vacant space next to the United Reformed Church (the old British Heart Foundation site)?

The previous owners have sold this site to a company, which we understand specialises in putting up hotels for Travelodge. We anticipate there will be a planning application coming forward in the very near future, and that it will be a revision of the previous planning application for building a hotel on the site. That's all we know at the moment.

### 5. It looks like there will be reduced parking at the station, the current spaces are normally full by 7am, where will the parking alternatives be?

Yes, the redevelopment of the forecourt will reduce some of the pay and display parking spaces. We are working with South Western Railway to identify a suitable site for replacing



these spaces. It should also be noted that the redevelopment of the forecourt will make it easier to travel there using sustainable modes, by providing facilities such as bus stops, bicycle parking and improved walking and cycling access to the station.

**6. Can you please clarify whether the improvements to the narrow pavements in South Western Road can only be done if the parking is removed from this road?**

Where possible we are widening footways along the entire length of South Western Road and Fisherton Street up to Malthouse Lane. We have to maintain a minimum road width of six metres to ensure that buses can continue to use these roads. We have also identified options for widening the footway even more along South Western Road by removing parking spaces.

**7. Can bus stops be placed where buses can pull off the road so other traffic could continue to flow such as the space at Water Lane?**

Fisherton Street is just not wide enough to have proper lay-bys to accommodate buses pulling out of the road and not obstructing traffic flow. At present when traffic is obstructed, it is only for short periods of time as passengers get on and off the bus, so it will only cause very minimal disruption to traffic flow.

**8. Is the library staying in its current location now that the proposed site may be a Travelodge?**

In the short-term yes. We are looking at £500,000 investment in keeping the library watertight so it can keep operating there for a few more years. Longer term we do want to look at the concept of a cultural quarter (by City Hall) and relocating the library into this area, but there is an awful lot of work to do before we can consider taking this forward.

**9. Is anything being done at the junction between Summerlock Approach and Fisherton Street – the one next to the City Hall? It is currently very dangerous for pedestrians to cross with railings preventing you from crossing near enough to Fisherton Street to be able to see traffic turning into the road.**

We are proposing to remove the railings and raise the junction so that it will be on a raised table. There will also be a raised pedestrian crossing so it will be a continuous footway. It will feel as if you are walking on a level surface across the junction and it will feel safer, and pedestrians will feel they have more priority.



**10. Given crime rates against women and recent high-profile cases, have you considered women's safety specifically in the design of these schemes?**

Yes, we have carried out a gender equality assessment to assess the different design elements and how they would impact on women's safety or any other vulnerable group, especially at night. This includes the lighting design and the placement of crossings and bus shelters.