

18 July 2024



TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN CHURCH STREET:

PROJECT UPDATE

As you will be aware, in our initial letter to you, the completion date for this work was the 12 July 2024.

We have not managed to complete the work by that date and have a revised timeline to re-open the road by 31 July 2024.

I would like to apologise that I have not communicated this to you in a clear and timely manner.

There have been a few factors contributing to the delay; weather, a little bit of contractor availability and some re-design was needed.

We know the impact this is having on those businesses and everyone who visits the town centre. We have made a few changes to get the works moving faster.

- **Reduce scope** – We will leave out the installation of rock bollards for the time being. This work can be completed later and as night work. We will focus on completing the core works, opening the road and then coming back to do these later.
- **Improve concrete strength** – Our Contractor will increase the concrete strength and add additional reinforcing to allow traffic to drive over the concrete beams earlier. We expect to complete our last concrete pour Monday 22 July. If we have bad weather this might push our timeframes back a bit further. We will keep you updated if that is the case.
- **Additional resources** – The last main piece of work to complete, once the concrete is poured, is the paving. Our contractor is looking at options to bring on additional pavers to complete the work faster.

Thank you to those who I have spoken to recently and for your feedback. For those I have not managed to speak with personally yet, I will be taking the opportunity to try visit you again in-person and, or arrange a phone call.

We are immensely appreciative of your patience and understanding during this time, including the added delay period. We understand how the delays and disruption can negatively impact you, so please know that we are doing all we can to push this work through.

If you would like to speak to an elected member about this work, please let us know. Mayor, David Moore is happy to do this on request.

For more information on the Town Centre Revitalisation Project, head to our engagement website [Connect | Hono Mai, www.connect.odc.govt.nz](http://www.connect.odc.govt.nz)



Progress images of the work on Church Street Town Centre Development (taken 17 July 2024).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Project Manager, Ian Simonsen in the first instance, on 021 458 110 or email him on ijsprojects@xtra.co.nz

Alternatively, if you would like to contact me directly please feel free to contact me on 07 315 3030 or email me at Nathanh@odc.govt.nz.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'N' and 'H' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Nathan Hughes
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Engineer to the Contract