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# press release

## **SAINSBURY'S ROAD IMPROVEMENTS BEGIN TO TAKE SHAPE**

Works to improve traffic flow and pedestrian access on Castle Street, Dursley, will begin next week. The work, which is a key component of Sainsbury's development and the regeneration of Dursley town centre, will take approximately five months to complete.

Kerbs along Castle Street will be realigned to extend and repave the footpaths, making considerable improvements for pedestrians.

The pedestrian crossing will be moved in line with the front of the store, providing a direct connection to Parsonage Street and the town centre. The road surface will be raised to eliminate the drop onto the road. This will make it easier for wheelchair and pushchair access and encourage vehicle users to drive slowly.

New bus laybys are being installed on both sides of the road which will allow cars to pass by when the buses are stopped.

Throughout the works traffic will be reduced to a single lane controlled by temporary traffic signals which will be coordinated with other traffic signals in the town.

The works will start on the store side of Castle Street and continue here until the beginning of December. During Christmas traffic flow will return to normal and main works put on hold to ensure as little disruption as possible for Christmas shoppers and visitors to Dursley.

In the New Year, work will continue on the other side of the road and will be completed in time for the store opening in Spring 2010.

Sainsbury's Project Manager, Coryn Martin, says: "We would like to thank Dursley residents and commuters for being patient while we carry out these essential improvements. The works will create an attractive new street scene in Dursley with wider pavements, an improved link with the town centre and safer pedestrian access.

"Safety is of the utmost importance throughout the duration of work and we have consulted with the relevant authorities to ensure the work is carried out on time and with the aim of minimising disruption wherever possible. The design of the traffic improvements has been approved by Gloucestershire County Highways. The store is starting to take shape now and we are on track to open the doors in Spring 2010."

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