An MGWSP representative will be on site every day at The Old Swan public house on the corner of Oxford Street and Silver Street. Please come and see us at this office if you need any help or information or just want to have a look at the plans.

We are already looking ahead to our next newsletter and would welcome any suggestions and feedback you may have. These can be emailed to Rebecca at rmiller@mgwsp.co.uk or call 01604 883400.

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What are we doing?

We want the Town Centre to be pedestrian friendly so everyone can really enjoy their shopping trips. We are laying new, attractive and wider pavements and resurfacing the road. When Market Street is reopened there will be attractive and distinctive pavement and road surfaces. Market Square is not, at the moment, part of the scheme but may be looked at in the future. The Borough Council of Wellingborough has set up a Working Group to consider issues on the Market and they are currently looking at the relocation of some of the parking spaces (as they are not appropriate). Kerbing is being removed and the definition between road and path will be distinguished by the use of different materials.

Buses will be given priority and the restricted cut through from Church Street to Market Street will be enforced. This is still in the planning stage and we are looking at three ways to enforce this restriction. The area is NOT being pedestrianised.

Why will that make a difference?

If we want to attract more people into our Town Centre we need to make it look better and make it more accessible. We know you want more choice in the town. When people see that a Town Centre is being invested in, they are more likely to invest themselves and bring even more services and shops to us. Better pavements and public areas may seem like a small step but it has been proven in other towns that it’s a very important first stage in improving the Town Centre.

Access

We are working in stages so that deliveries can be accommodated and shopping during the works is easy and accessible. During the works Market Street will be closed to traffic. Usual through traffic will be diverted and there will be clear signage.

Working Hours

We will be working from 07:30 to 16:30 Monday to Friday. At times there may be a need to work outside of these hours due to various factors like coordinating with utilities and services. Over Christmas we open up the site and ensure that it is safe and accessible for pedestrians and traffic during this busy trading period. We will leave the site on the 26th November 2010 and recommence works on the 3rd January 2011.

Who’s paying for it?

Working in partnership with Northamptonshire County Council and the North Northants Development Company, the Borough Council of Wellingborough has secured significant funding from central Government to meet the cost of these improvements. The money is given for these streets and has to be spent before next Spring.

And what else?

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has announced an award of £1.475 million to support the heritage-led regeneration of Wellingborough Town Centre. Borough Council of Wellingborough Development funding of £50,000 was awarded to help progress plans for the next stage of the project. The earmarked money will help fund the repair of historic buildings throughout the Town Centre and, in particular, on Silver Street / Sheep Street and Market Street / Gloucester Place. Many of the most prominent buildings are currently lying vacant, which in turn has eroded the historic character of the market town. The restoration of the townscape will act as a catalyst for further investment in the growth area.