

# Abingdon Street (leading onto Canal Street) and Sackville St: Upgrade to pedestrian safety system close to your home or business:

Dear resident / business owner

As part of our plan to make Manchester city centre safer and friendlier for pedestrians and cyclists, we are about to begin work to upgrade some of the rising and static bollard systems which restrict vehicle access to roads in some parts of the city centre.

There are 19 sites in total with one cluster around Canal Street and a second around the city centre's main retail areas including: Market Street, St Ann's Square, Exchange Square and King Street.

The first sites in the Canal Street area to undergo the upgrades are Sackville Street leading to Brazil Street and Abingdon Street which leads onto Canal Street.

This leaflet tells you what work we are doing to update bollards and when, plus who to contact if you have any questions. The map overleaf shows the locations of the existing bollard systems which will be replaced during this programme of works.

Our aim is to keep disruption to a minimum and to continue to keep you informed of progress. Please turn over for further details.

## Why are we doing this now?

These works are part of our plans to make the city centre safer and a more pleasant environment for pedestrians.

The systems have been operating successfully for many years helping the areas to thrive. The current system installed on Sackville Street has come to the end of its operating life and needs replacing.

The Abingdon Street site (leading to Canal Street) will also receive an upgrade.

## What is the replacement system?

### Does it differ from the existing system?

The new system operates in a similar way to the existing installations around the city where rising bollards restrict vehicle access at certain times of the day. These access hours are currently under consultation.

### How will it keep people safe?

By physically restricting vehicle access to the highway at certain times, the system removes the danger of moving traffic from the narrow street and allows free pedestrian access.

By creating more space for pedestrians, the system will facilitate social distancing in one of the busiest areas of the city centre.

Additionally, by reducing traffic in the area the system has a positive impact on air quality. Access for authorised deliveries and for emergency vehicles can continue as is currently the case.

### When will works start, how long will the works last and when will the system be fully operational?

To minimise disruption, works will be carried out in a phased manner. The first sites will begin in early July and the final sites at the start of September.

Each site will take between three and four weeks to complete.

Schedule	
Works to start on or around	Location (# = number on map)
Early July	Abingdon St (#13), Sackville St / Brazil St (#15)
Early August	Canal Street/Sackville St (#16), Canal St/Chorlton St (#18)
Late August	Canal St/Sackville Street (#14), Canal St/Chorlton St (#17), Canal St/Minshull St (#19).

## Will there be any road closures or access restrictions during works?

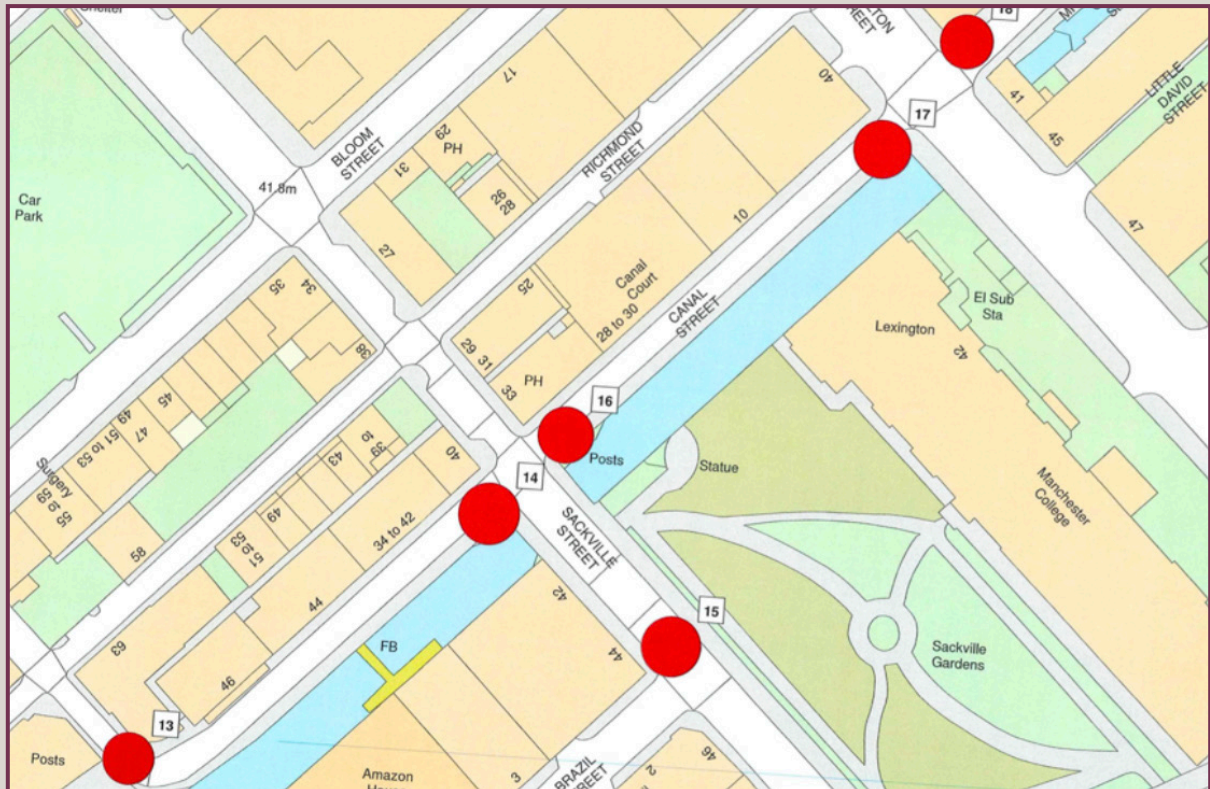
The works will be conducted during the current restricted access hours which are already in-place to prevent vehicle access during dedicated times. Road access will remain unchanged for vehicles during the unrestricted, operational hours, even during the construction period.

## Who can I contact with my questions?

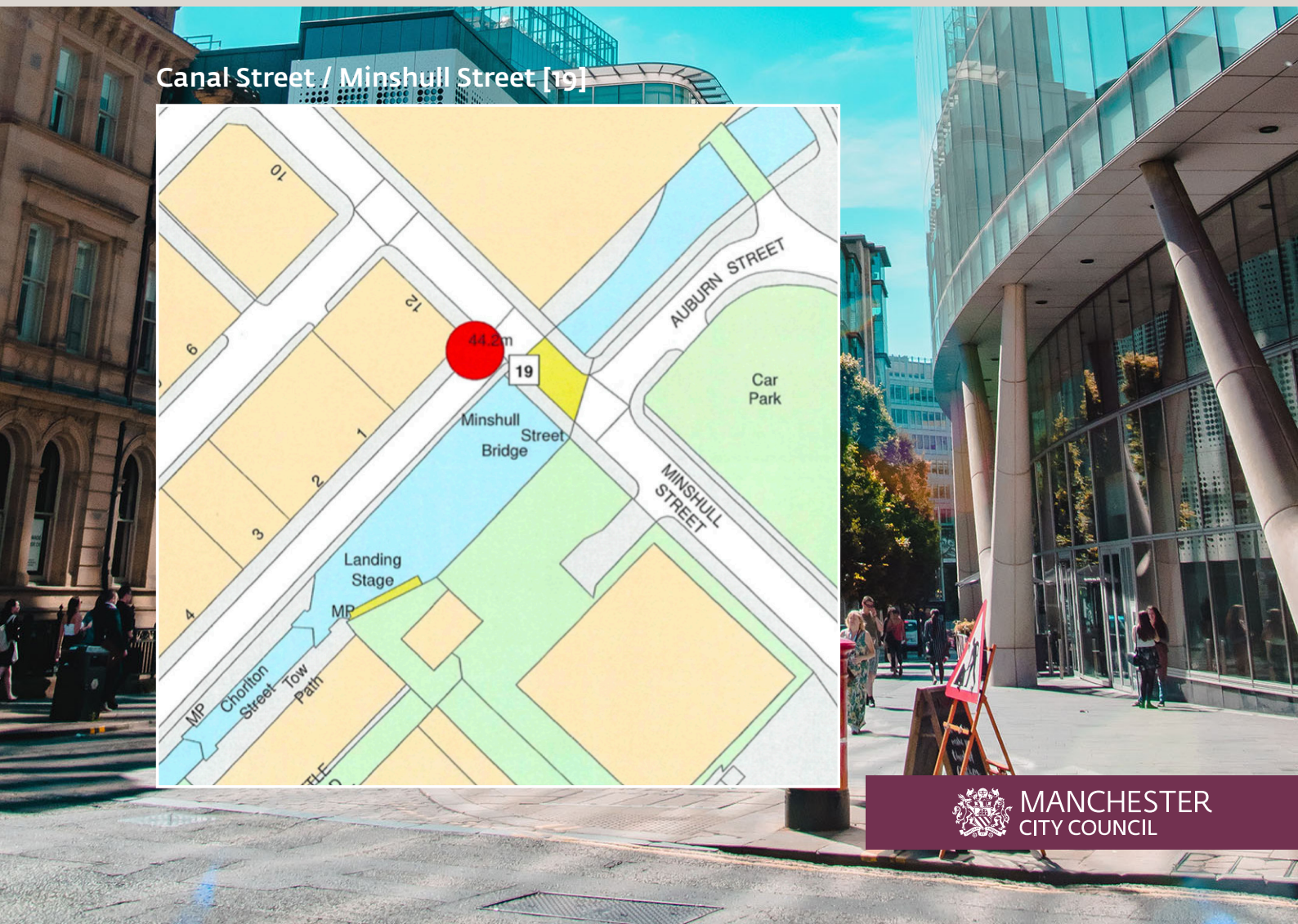
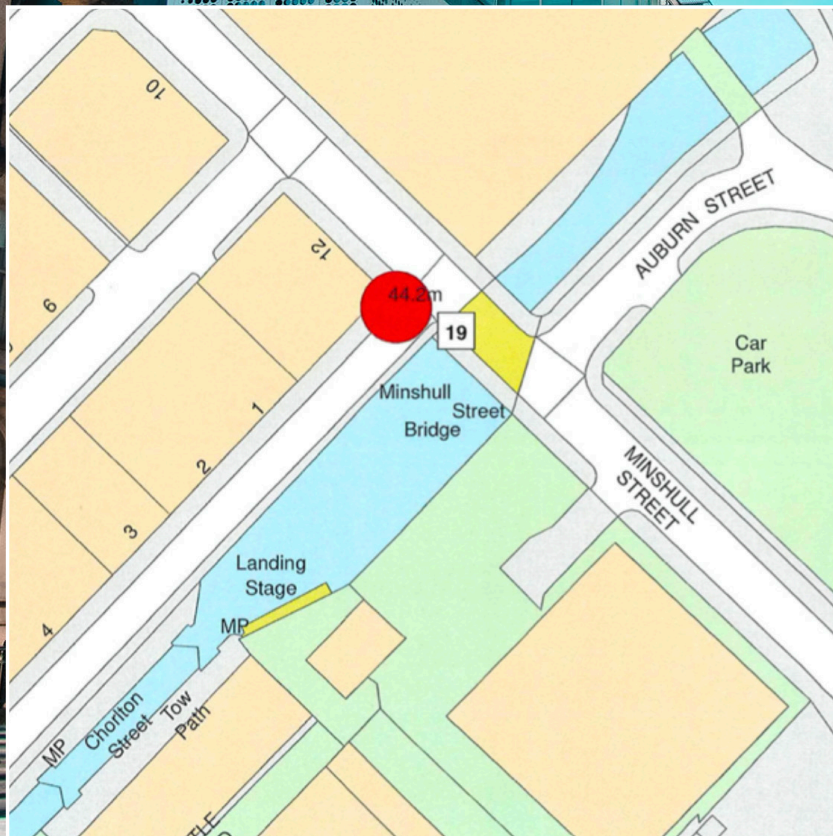
If you have any questions regarding the scheduled works, please contact us using the email address below and we will respond in due course. The inbox is monitored, and we will respond as quickly as we can.

[autobollards@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:autobollards@manchester.gov.uk)

**Canal Street / Abingdon Street [13] / Canal Street / Sackville Street [14&16]  
Sackville Street / Brazil Street [15] / Canal Street / Chorlton Street [17&18]**



**Canal Street / Minshull Street [19]**



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