

Progress with the Sinderins Beacon #dundeewestend

Residents with fairly long memories may remember the “Dundee Decides” participatory budgeting consultation in early 2018.

In the West End, one of the successful projects covered the Perth Road district shopping centre. Some of that – for example the “Perth Road” seating at the entrance to the Miller’s Wynd car park – has been long completed but there have been repeated delays with the Sinderins Beacon, the proposal for an entrance structure at the west end of the shopping area at Sinderins.

I am pleased to say that there is finally some progress towards completing this. The council’s Public Art Planning Officer has recently updated me as follows :

“The beacon is in fabrication and the last details for the site works are being worked on.

I believe the aim is to complete by 31st March.

However, I am assuming that it cannot be guaranteed as there are a few different contractors involved who were affected by the pandemic in different ways.”

More information is available below :



A Beacon for the Sinderins

The proposal is to create a beacon that stands on the Sinderins island. This road island is an important feature of the western entrance to the shopping street of Perth Road. It is seen by many as they pass by from coming from the various roads approaching the junction. At present, the island disappears into the urban-scape and suggests nothing about what the district shopping centre has to offer.

The proposal is to create a visually strong item that goes some way to reflect the vibrancy of the shopping area's heart and ambition. The colours are intended to be the same colours used on Magdalen Green bandstand and the recent Perth Road bench.

The needle should be colourful to reflect the confidence in the area and become a distinct, unmistakable landmark at the busy junction. Whatever is in this space needs to become a unique identifier that aspires to the area's aspirations.

The needle's design has three sides at the base, four sides in the middle and tapers to two sides at the top. Three of the sides are to have a name each, Perth Road, Sinderins and Hawkhill. The lettering is to laser-cut and backed with a translucent white laminated plastic. This feature will allow the lettering to be internally lit from the inside for night time use.

