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Dear Resident

Bromley North Village Public Realm Scheme - closure of Church Road junction

As you will likely be aware, the scheme to improve the public realm in Bromley North is well underway with significant progress being made on the improvement works and the water main replacement works on schedule. The £5.2m project encompasses Market Square, High Street North and East Street and will boost the local area with improvements to the street scene and environment and attract new businesses.

Work is almost complete in East Street with new granite paving, lamp columns and trees and we have received positive feedback from traders and members of the public. The High Street is likely to be completed in June and Market Square in August. Final sections at the junctions of Widmore Road and West Street will be completed by November 2014.

In order to complete the replacement of Thames Water's 103 year old cast iron water main and improvements to the road, the junction of Church Road with Market Square and the High Street will be closed for approximately 6 weeks from early April. We will write again to those residents who are directly affected by the closure with confirmation of the exact closure date, which is dependent on the progress of the current works. There will be advanced warning signs placed in nearby roads which will give information and diversion routes to other road users.

During the closure, it will not be possible for vehicles to access Market Square and the High Street from Church Road. Access to Church Road, Glassmill Lane, Queens Mead Road, Station Road and adjoining roads will be from Beckenham Lane. Access to Market Square will still be possible and the High Street will be accessible from the northern section of the road.

Delivery access to Tetty Way, which contains the loading bays for several of the larger shops in the High Street and the Churchill Theatre, will need to be via Station Road and Glassmill Lane. This means that there will be an increase in larger vehicles using this route. In order to ensure safety and to reduce possible congestion, two sets of traffic lights will be erected at the narrow points of the route to ensure that vehicles can pass more easily. The traffic lights will be operational throughout the 6 week closure and will be in operation 24 hours a day. Advanced warning signage will also be erected on all approaches to the route. Diversions and signage will be in place giving alternative routes around the town centre.

Once the works at the junction are complete, access will be re-opened to the High Street, although Market Square will close until the autumn to allow for the works to continue in this area.

The works have been planned to minimise disruption, with additional works occurring at the same time including a gas main replacement to ensure that additional closures are not required.

There will be a public meeting at Community House, South Street on 25 March at 12pm-1.30pm and 6.30pm -8pm, where Council officers, Thames Water representatives and their contractors will make a presentation and be available to answer questions.

We are aware that you live on or very close to the affected roads and recognise that there will be some disruption and inconvenience, which we will try to minimise.

Please be reassured that pedestrian access will be maintained at all times and businesses will remain open as usual, while buses will continue on the usual diversion.

We will be continuing to update our website regularly and providing updates throughout the duration of the project. A map to indicate the planned road closures and diversion routes will also be available via our website. For more information about the scheme design, public transport, parking and who to contact for the duration of the project, please visit our website www.bromley.gov.uk/bromleynorthvillage.

Be assured that we will write to you with further updates as work continues to the next stage of the scheme. We produce a weekly project update to assist traders with their business planning and if you would like to receive this please let us know by emailing Helen.mcconnell@fmconway.co.uk. If you have any queries regarding the project, you can contact 07917518529.

This is an exciting time for Bromley town centre and the Borough as a whole, but we do understand that the closure and construction process will cause significant disruption and we would like to sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused. Please feel free to contact us with any queries you may have. In the meantime, thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Kind regards

Marc Hume

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