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Dear Sir/Madam,

## **PLANNED HIGHWAY WORKS – TAVISTOCK STREET, BEDFORD**

Further to my previous letter, dated 23 November 2015, I am writing to you to confirm that Bedford Borough Council intends to carry out extensive highway works on Tavistock Street, which are likely to affect your home or business.

The condition of the road in Tavistock Street between Peel Street and The Broadway has been deteriorating for several years. There are also problems with drainage along this section of road which has adversely affected businesses and residents. Consequently Bedford Borough Council will be carrying out works to correct these problems.

This letter and its attachments provide information relating to the project and key dates and provides contact details if you wish to make any comments or have any questions about the project.

### **The Proposed Works**

It is proposed to carry out the following works:

- The carriageway will be fully reconstructed between Peel Street and The Broadway/Harpur Street junction. The section of carriageway between Queen Street and Peel Street will be resurfaced, and the junction with The Broadway and Harpur Street will also be resurfaced.
- Kerbs will be replaced on both sides of Tavistock Street between Queen Street and The Broadway junction.
- The northern footway will be strengthened from over-running vehicles, and the footway slabs on both sides of the road will be replaced.
- A new drainage system will be installed to overcome the current drainage problems.
- The existing traffic signals will be replaced with more energy efficient equipment which will be linked to adjacent traffic signal sites to improve traffic flows.
- The existing street lights will be upgraded to more energy-efficient LED lanterns.

The attached plan C2351.C.0100.10.A shows the extents of the works.

## The Programme

A detailed programme has been developed with Hanson Contracting Ltd, who will be carrying out the works on behalf of Bedford Borough Council. The works are programmed to start on 22 February 2016 and to take approximately 14 weeks to complete. This means that the works should be completed before the end of May 2016.

The attached programme provides approximate dates for carrying out the works. Please be aware that these dates may be subject to change depending on the weather.

Starting week commencing 08 February, representatives from Hanson Contracting Ltd and Bedford Borough Council will be speaking face to face with the residents and businesses directly affected by the works, to discuss how the works will be carried out and answer any questions or concerns that you may have regarding this project.

## Road Closures and Other Restrictions

Because the carriageway works are so extensive, the decision has been made to completely close Tavistock Street between Queen Street and The Broadway for the duration of the works. This will enable the contractor to construct the works as efficiently as possible.

The road closure will be in place for 24 hours per day and 7 days per week. To maximise productivity the Contractor will be programming works so that they are working both days and nights at the site wherever possible, with noisy operations as far as is practicable limited to day times or early evenings. During the road closure no access will be available to the public but emergency vehicles will still be able to access properties and businesses in the affected area.

An additional road closure will need to be implemented towards the end of the works to ensure that the Harpur Street junction is resurfaced. This will be in place over the course of several nights with the Harpur Street junction re-opened during the day.

Diversion routes will be in place to minimise disruption during the works and pedestrian access to businesses and residences in the affected section will be maintained at all times. The following diversion routes will apply:

Works	Likely dates	Diversion Route
Reconstructing Tavistock Street between Queen Street and Harpur Street	February 22 2016 to end of May, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week	Union Street, Bromham Road, Harpur Street
As above but including resurfacing of Harpur Street Junction	Three to four nights during May (to be confirmed) 2200-0600hrs	Roff Avenue, Park Avenue and DeParys Avenue

During the works the footways will remain accessible for pedestrians, with access provided to all of the businesses and residences at all times. Where works are being carried out to the footways then temporary walkways will be provided.

Whilst every effort is being made to ensure that the works are carried out as quickly and efficiently as possible it is unfortunately inevitable that some disruption will occur. Due to parking and loading restrictions in place on Tavistock Street it is assumed that the majority of deliveries to businesses are via Derby Place or Balsall Street West and those deliveries can still be provided via these roads throughout the works. If you have any specific access requirements or any other requirements and you think that you may be affected by the works then please contact the Council using the details below:

Highways Helpdesk  
Bedford Borough Council  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Borough Hall  
BEDFORD  
MK42 9AP

Tel: (01234) 718003

Email: [highways.helpdesk@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:highways.helpdesk@bedford.gov.uk)

If you currently park a vehicle on Tavistock Street then please note that any parking bays within the works area will be unavailable during the project and you will need to make alternative parking arrangements.

All moving plant and lorries are fitted with reversing beepers and flashing lights for the safety of operatives and the public. The equipment and plant used for road resurfacing includes a cold milling machine, a paving machine, the use of engine powered saws and pneumatic drills, and will require a number of lorry movements. This means that some noise disturbance is unavoidable. We understand the inevitable inconvenience this is likely to cause for this limited time, and apologise in advance for any disturbance, we ask for your help and goodwill whilst work is in progress.

Your refuse and recycling may not be collected at the usual time for the duration of these works. Please therefore ensure that your waste containers (bins and/or bags) are placed at the edge of your property at your usual collection point by 7am on the scheduled day of collection. Please note that collections of general rubbish and recycling/green garden waste may not occur at a similar time of day, and that collections may take place up to 5pm.

If you wish to discuss working arrangements relating to this work please telephone the Highways Helpdesk on 01234 718003.

Further information about any current or planned roadworks in Bedford Borough can be found on the website [www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org).

**Once the works are in progress**, please raise any issues with the Site Agent, Mr Peter Knowles on 07841 480299.

Yours faithfully,



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