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Dear Sir or Madam

9th November 2018

Essential Maintenance: A5 High Street Towcester – Update 9.11.2018

We are currently carrying out works to the section of the A5 between The Lindens and Reffield Close which lies within Phase 3 of our essential maintenance scheme in Towcester.

These works include the installation of new road gullies and surface water connections to the existing two metres deep drainage system, cleaning the existing drainage system with a jetting machine, using specialist cameras to carry out CCTV inspections of the pipelines and carrying out any necessary repairs using trenchless technology, relaying granite setts and kerbs and resurfacing of footpaths.

We are also working in Phase 4 cleaning the existing drainage system with a jetting machine, carrying out CCTV inspections of the pipelines and carrying out any necessary repairs using trenchless technology.

During week commencing Monday 19th November 2018 we are planning to mill and remove the carriageway surface in Phase 3 from The Lindens to the recently re-laid surfacing in Phase 4 together with the lay-by in phase 4. We will also be resurfacing various areas of the northbound and southbound Phase 3 footpaths. These footpath areas will be excavated and prepared for surfacing on Monday 19th November. Please be careful when crossing these areas of excavated footpath to and from your homes and places of business as there will only be a temporary surface in place during the time between excavation and resurfacing. During and for a period after resurfacing these areas of footway will be closed off with barriers as the bituminous materials will remain hot for a time after laying. Please be assured that we will station marshals during these works to assist you whenever required.

This work will be followed on Tuesday 20th November by the laying of regulating material to the whole of Phase 3 and resurfacing of the carriageway between The Lindens & Reffield Close along with the lay-by in Phase 4.

During the morning of Wednesday 21st November we will resurface the remainder of the carriageway in Phase 3. This will be followed that afternoon and into the following morning by the laying of High Friction Surfacing to areas of the newly resurfaced carriageway and the application of road markings to replace those removed during the resurfacing works.

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On the afternoon of Thursday 22nd November we will be cutting and installing expansion and contraction joints in the newly resurfaced carriageway.

We will endeavour to maintain access at all times during these works. But please be aware that, as the road is so narrow in Phase 3 and because of the number of lorries and type of plant that will be used, access will be restricted between the 19th and 21st November and delays to journey times will be inevitable.

Preparations will be made to re-open the road to local traffic only by 7am on the morning of Friday 23rd November. The off-street parking permit system for Phase 3 will no longer be in operation once we have opened the road to local traffic.

Please be aware that we will not open the road to through traffic until we have made a final inspection of the works and carried out the correction of any defects that may be required, including the replacement of a damaged and leaning traffic signal pole on the south west corner of the Brackley Road / Northampton Road crossroads and the application of road markings to create parking bays outside Ron Greens Antique shop.

Our works remain on schedule to be completed by the end of November 2018.

I have been advised that on Monday 12th November 2018 Cadent, who are the contractors carrying out gas main renewal in Vernon Road, will be installing temporary four way traffic signal control at the staggered junction of Vernon Road / Burcote Road / Marlow Road and Willis Way. These temporary signals will be in operation for approximately two weeks.

Should you require any further information about these gas main renewal works please contact the Cadent 24 Hours Enquiries line 0345 835 1111 or the Site Manager on 07970 398962 between the hours of 8am and 4pm.

NB: Please note that all our planned road works may be subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances.

Towcester is open for business as usual during these essential works and all of the public car parks are accessible so please use your local shops, bars and restaurants and ask others to do the same. I'm sure that your local business community would appreciate it.

I apologise for any disruption our works may cause. Please plan ahead and allow extra time for your journey.

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NB as you are no doubt aware this coming Remembrance Sunday is the Centenary of the Armistice declared between the warring powers which brought an end to the Great War of 1914 – 18. To mark this event a parade has been organised by the local British Legion between the car park of The Bull (PH) and the Town War Memorial in Brackley Road Cemetery. The parade will start at approximately 1215pm and reach the War Memorial at approximately 1230pm. To allow this parade to take place, Northamptonshire County Council have given the British Legion approval for Brackley Road to be closed and traffic to be diverted from a little while before the parade starts until just a little while after it finishes.

To support the British Legion in marking this special day the scheme Traffic Management Contractor H. W. Martin Ltd. are providing the additional personnel to install and remove the road closure and diversion route together with the signs, cones and barriers required free of charge. All of us involved with this scheme hopes that the day goes well.
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM!

Yours faithfully

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