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Dear Sir/Madam

## HARROGATE ROAD NEW LINE JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

## **DELAY TO START OF CONSTRUCTION WORK**

As you may know from previous media announcements and other correspondence and local forums, Bradford Council, in conjunction with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority is implementing a scheme for the improvement of the Harrogate Road (A658) and New Line (A657) junction at Greengates. This improvement includes road widening to all approaches to the junction to increase capacity and reduce congestion. The works will also help other users such as pedestrians and cyclists use the junction safely. Further details are available via the website links detailed below.

The main construction works were programmed to commence on site shortly but due to the current unprecedented situation due to the Covid-19 virus movement restrictions the Council have made the decision to postpone the works. We have not taken this decision lightly but after taking account of current Government guidance and the impact this would have on progressing the works we feel that it is appropriate to take this action. Unfortunately until the Government guidance on the lifting of movement and social distancing measures is published we cannot confirm a revised start date. We will continue to review the situation and we will update you as soon as we have more information.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause but we hope that you will be able to enjoy the improvements once completed.

The construction work will be managed by Howard Civil Engineering and supervised by David Aspinall, a Bradford Council representative based on site. If you have any queries or complaints about the work, please contact David Aspinall via email at <u>David.Aspinall@bradford.gov.uk</u> or contact Howards Public Liaison Officer Lucie Jones via email at <u>Greengates.junction@howardcivileng.co.uk</u> or myself on the details above.

Please also view our website for further information and updates of the scheme <u>https://www.bradford.gov.uk/transport-and-travel/major-highways-schemes/harrogate-road-and-new-line-junction-improvement-scheme/</u>

Yours faithfully

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