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Dear Sir/Madam

**HARROGATE ROAD NEW LINE JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT SCHEME
START OF CONSTRUCTION WORK**

As you may be aware from previous media announcements, other correspondence and local forums, we made the decision to delay the commencement of the planned construction works due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We believe this was the most appropriate decision for the safety of you, our contractors and the wider supply chain that will be involved with the scheme.

In recent few weeks the Government guidance has changed and the easing of the lockdown measures has commenced. In the light of the current government guidance we have reassessed the situation and we have now put a strategy in place to recommence the mobilisation of the works in a safe manner.

The City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council in conjunction with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority is therefore intending to implement the scheme for the improvement of the Harrogate Road (A658) and New Line (A657) junction at Greengates (the Scheme).

The improvement of the Greengates junction includes road widening to all 4 legs of the junction to increase capacity and reduce congestion. The works will also improve provision for non-motorised road users (pedestrians & cyclists) to navigate through the junction. Further details are available via the website links detailed below.

The main construction works are programmed to start on site on the 27th July 2020 and are expected to take approximately 64 weeks to complete. The contract for the works has been awarded to Howard Civil Engineering. You may see members of the team in the area between now and the start of the main works to carry out enabling works and undertake surveys etc.

If you are directly affected by the work due to us requiring access to your land or adjacent to your property / business we will be in contact shortly to discuss this in more detail.

As you can appreciate, due to the Covid-19 virus we will be working a little differently to abide by the current guidelines. These guidelines are being updated regularly therefore may change during the course of construction works. In the event that any changes have a significant impact on the Scheme or our method of working, we will update you accordingly.

We were due to hold a public drop in session on the 20th March at Eccleshill Pool, Harrogate Road but unfortunately due to the Covid-19 current guidance we are still not allowed to hold public gatherings at this time. We will continue to review the situation and if we are able to, we will look to hold a session in the future. We are looking to use other methods, websites, newsletters to keep people informed with the latest information as the scheme progresses.

There may be some disruption including diversions and road closures during the course of undertaking these works. To keep up to date, please frequently view the websites and social media for further updates.

We apologise for any inconvenience that you may suffer during these works and we hope that you and your neighbours will then 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 David.Aspinall@bradford.gov.uk or contact Howards Public Liaison Officer Sophie Henderson via email at Greengates.junction@howardcivileng.co.uk or myself on the details above.

It is important that if you have any concerns or problems regarding the works that these are reported as soon as they arise so that they can be dealt with quickly. I would strongly recommend that you do not contact any other construction work people, as they may not have the authority to deal with any problems.

Further details will be released in the coming weeks and throughout the duration of the works. Please register for regular updates at <http://www.howardcivileng.co.uk/greengates-junction/>

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

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. I. Wagstaff', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Philip Wagstaff (Project Manager)