

The Owner/Occupier

My Ref: SS/UG Urban Greening 01 Please ask for: Steve Scrivens Email address: steve_scrivens@sandwell.gov.uk Date: 3rd July 2022

Dear Sir / Madam

<u>West Bromwich – Urban Greening</u> <u>Princess Parade, West Bromwich</u> <u>Proposed re-paving works, introduction of planters, street trees, play space</u> <u>and associated public realm & lighting.</u>

As you will be aware through previous consultation, funding has been made available through Central Government's Towns Fund programme for public realm works to increase the level of greening and dwell space on the Princess Parade – Bull Street section of the High Street. Stourbridge Paving have been awarded the contract to deliver the works. Work is expected to commence mid-August 2022 and will take approximately 12 weeks to complete.

Between mid-August and December 2022 it is proposed implement the following works:

- Working down both sides of the High Street to repair, renew the existing defect paving along Princess Parade.
- Removal of old market stalls.
- Excavation work for new trees and prep works for tree planting in Autumn.
- Excavation work and installation of parklet zones including resin bound surfacing and seating areas with and planting of planters.
- Installation of play space including rubber crumb impact surfacing to match resin bound areas and play equipment.
- Lighting upgrades, including new LED light fittings, column re-painting.
- New benches, bins and traffic reduction measures.
- Enabling works for the Clock and Fountain restoration.
- Dartmouth Square works (Little Dessert Shop) including new paving, trees, bins and feature paving.

During the construction of the Urban Greening scheme it will be necessary to implement temporary footway and carriageway restrictions to carry out the works safely.

In order to carry out the works safely, a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) will be in place on Princess Parade commencing on 29th August for the duration of the works. This will be a temporary closure for all vehicles between 8am and 5pm weekdays at both Scotland Passage and Bull Street entrances to Princess Parade.

General Reminder: No vehicles should be accessing the High Street between 9am and 5pm. We have serious concerns about the number of vehicles accessing the High Street during the day via Scotland Passage and Bull Street. Further enforcement

measures are being considered.

Pedestrian access to frontages will be maintained throughout the works. The contractor will be in contact with you regarding the timing of the works outside your premises. We will need co-operation from store owners to ensure that the footpaths in front of shops are kept clear of goods and merchandise. This is to ensure we can carry out the full extent of works safely and appropriately.

We will endeavour to complete the works with the minimum of disruption that economy of operations and safety will allow. I hope you will appreciate that unfortunately some inconvenience is unavoidable, and your co-operation and patience would be much appreciated.

If you do have any questions about the contents of this letter or experience any problems during the works, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at steve_scrivens@sandwell.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

S. Scrivens

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