

Neighbourhood and Commercial

Strategic Director: Michele Moloney

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Dear Business owner,

RE: Lea Bridge Road update

We are writing to update you on the construction works that will soon be starting on Lea Bridge Road.

Within this letter you will find an outline of what you can expect and details of how you can keep up to date with what's happening. This follows our letter in May, when we wrote to inform you that our plans for Lea Bridge Road had been approved by Cabinet and were being progressed to a detailed final design, following the public consultation that we held.

Construction programme

The work outlined below has been agreed with Transport for London (TfL), who are the funders of the scheme. Construction will be carried out in stages due to the length of the road and to minimise disruption in the local area.

Section B – from Burwell Road to Markhouse Road: Works starting 14 November 2016 to Autumn 2017

A detailed plan of the changes is attached and can also be viewed at www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/lea-bridge-road however an overview of the changes is outlined below:

- Create a segregated cycle track on both sides of the road, providing a safer space for people to cycle which is separated from motor vehicles and pedestrians
- Improve the pedestrian and cycle crossings to make it easier and safer to cross the road
- Upgrade the bus shelters, bringing them up to TfL's standards to improve accessibility for wheelchair users and pushchairs
- Reorganise and relocate some of the parking and loading to make all of the parking and loading times along Lea Bridge Road consistent and provide more space for the pavement and cycle track – you can view the new locations on the plan attached or by visiting www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/lea-bridge-road
- Install road closures on the Lea Bridge Road junctions with Sanderstead Road, Belvedere Road and Kettlebaston Road. This will help improve safety for all road users at these junctions whilst creating more attractive residential streets and community space. Residents, emergency services and services like rubbish collection vehicles will still be able to access properties within these roads, they will just need to enter them from a different road.

Managing the work and impact on journeys

While these works will help improve Lea Bridge Road in the long run, we acknowledge that they will mean some disruption in the short term. There are likely to be delays to journeys so want to give you advance warning so you can prepare and so that you can share this information with your customers and suppliers.

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To enable all of these improvements to safely take place, traffic management (traffic cones, traffic signals etc) will be put in place and some of the lanes of the road will also have to be closed. Signs will be placed along the road to warn drivers of the disruption and pedestrian and cycle diversions will also be in place when these are needed.

We want to reassure you that we, and our contractors, will be doing everything we can to keep any disruption to a minimum. We appreciate that disruption is always inconvenient so want to make sure that you have all the information you need to help you, your customers and your suppliers plan their journeys during the work.

What can you do?

- Help spread the word and keep your staff, customers and suppliers up to date with what's happening by looking out for updates in Waltham Forest News, on the Council website www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/lea-bridge-road/cons-upd and on our Twitter feed @wfcouncil
- Try to schedule deliveries at non-busy or non-peak times
- Encourage staff, customers and suppliers to allow extra time for their journey
- Walk or cycle instead of driving if you are able to do so, and encourage your customers to do the same to reduce the amount of traffic in the area
- Allow extra time if you are travelling by bus as we expect there to be an impact on bus times during the works.

Further information

If you require further information or have any questions relating to the scheme please:

- Visit www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/lea-bridge-road
- Email leabridgeroad@walthamforest.gov.uk
- Call 020 8496 3000
- Visit our information point from December to ask us questions – for locations and times visit www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/events

Kind regards



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