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Dear Sir or Madam:

Duke Street Junction Improvement Scheme

Following on from the exhibition and consultation carried out in July 2009, I write to confirm the Duke Street Junction Improvement Scheme has approved funding from The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) budget from central government. The construction works will be starting within the next three months and finishing before December 2010. Please see the enclosed plan that shows the proposed scheme layout.

The scheme objective is to make the area more accessible and attractive for pedestrians and cyclists, improving links between the University, College and historic waterfront as well as improve access for buses into the town centre from the eastern suburbs.

The major changes for the Duke Street Improvement Scheme include;

- The removal of the Duke Street roundabout and installation of traffic signal junction
- Back Hamlet one way northbound between Fore Street and Long Street
- New pedestrian/cycle crossings in Fore Hamlet and Duke Street
- New zebra crossing in Back Hamlet
- Large public open space outside Memorial Hall with tree planting
- New double yellow lines

As well as the Duke Street junction improvements, the County Council is going to provide a new traffic signal junction at Pownall Road, allowing bus priority and both left and right turns into Fore Hamlet. In addition, new pedestrian crossings and traffic signals will be installed at Back Hamlet/Foxhall Road junction. There will be minor improvements to the existing zebra crossings in Grimwade Street.

Traffic Regulation Orders will be required to implement these proposed changes and once these have been published any objections can be submitted to Ipswich Borough Council in due course. Ipswich Borough Council are developing a supplementary scheme to mitigate the impact of traffic through the nearby side roads. The Borough Council will be consulting on these measures separately.

Press releases will shortly be published in the local newspapers and advance signing will be erected on site to warn motorists of potential delays nearer the time. Our contractor will contact the adjacent properties to advise on the start date, type of works and different access arrangements that may be necessary during the construction phase.

Yours Faithfully

Andrew Pearce
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For Suffolk County Council