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Dear Sir / Madam,

Advance Notification of Highway Works – Thames Court Footbridge (Upper Thames Street)

I am writing to inform you of forthcoming highway works taking place on the footbridge over Upper Thames Street, between Queenhithe and Little Trinity Street, opposite Thames Court, which is currently closed to the public. Construction works are scheduled to commence on Monday 07 January 2019 and are expected to take 7 weeks to complete. These essential maintenance works to bring the footbridge back into public use will include:-

- a) Replacement of two diagonal cable stays to the footbridge, as well as re-tensioning of all other stays
- b) Replacement of stone paving to stair treads
- c) Bridge drainage cleaning and improvements
- d) General cleaning of bridge steel and paving finishes

The City of London is making every effort to ensure the construction works are progressed as swiftly as possible.

General working hours (outside of road closures)

Construction works will generally take place between the following hours:-

- Monday to Friday 08:00 to 16:00 hrs, with noisy work taking place between 08:00 to 10:00 hrs and 12:00 to 14:00 hrs. On occasions it may be necessary to work up to 18:00 hrs
- Saturday 09:00 to 14:00 hrs.

Specialist working hours, during weekend road closures:-

Certain specialist activities can only be carried out safely during weekend closures of Upper Thames Street to vehicular traffic in both directions. During these weekends, we have requested approval to work during the following hours for works which will involve noise from mobile cranes, compressors, generators, light machine tools, erection/removal of scaffolding and high-pressure cleaning equipment. No break-out of paving/finishes will be permitted during these weekends

- Saturdays 08:00 to 20:00
- Sundays 09:00 to 21:00
- Other non-noisy operation will also be permitted outside of these hours

Weekend Working Programme

The following three weekends for local road closures of Upper Thames Street have been provisionally agreed with Transport for London

- 1) Late evening Friday 18 January 2019 to early morning Monday 21 January 2019
- 2) Late evening Friday 08 February to early morning Monday 11 February 2019
- 3) Late evening Friday 15 February 2019 to early morning Monday 18 February 2019

In addition, a "reserve" 4th weekend of late evening Friday 22 February 2019 to early morning Monday 25 February 2019 has been requested as a back-up option, in case of adverse weather or other problems encountered during the three planned closures. However, this option will not be used unless absolutely necessary.

Traffic Management arrangements and diversion routes

During the weekend road closures of Upper Thames Street, access to properties in High Timber Street will be maintained by a two-way contraflow arrangement on the (normally) westbound carriageway of Upper Thames Street, accessed/egressed via Puddle Dock.

Diversions for traffic normally using Upper Thames Street as a through-route will be via Southwark Bridge for westbound traffic and via Queen Victoria Street/Cannon Street/Eastcheap for eastbound traffic.

Further information

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the scheme, working hours, diversion routes or access to property, please contact either myself on the above number/email or alternatively in my absence, Paul Monaghan on 020 7732 3122 or paul.monaghan@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

When works commence, if you have any queries regarding site matters, please contact contractor J B Riney's Operations Manager, Steve Martin on 07595 201876 or by email at steve.martin@jbriney.co.uk

We will try to keep disruption to a minimum throughout the construction of these works and apologise in advance for any inconvenience they may cause.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Bailey
Principal Engineer