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ALL ENQUIRIES TO 24 HOUR HOTLINE NUMBER 07872 988418

TRY LOCAL BUY LOCAL – SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

This monthly newsletter keeps businesses and the general public up to date on how the City Centre Regeneration Scheme is progressing and highlights any important information.

The scheme deals with the many issues raised by the public and businesses over recent years and will regenerate the centre of Armagh, transforming it into a high-quality pedestrian-friendly environment. It provides wider footpaths, pedestrian crossing points and disabled parking throughout the City Centre. New parking bays, lighting, paving, seating, bins and greenery are also included. Quality stone materials are used throughout and public art projects and feature lighting will present our City's famous architecture at its best.

The Scheme covers 11 streets:

Market Street, Thomas Street, Ogle Street, Scotch Street, Dobbin Street
Dobbin Street Lane, Barrack Street, McCrum's Court, Upper English Street
Russell Street, Linenhall Street.

Pedestrian Access will be maintained to the doors of all shops, businesses and homes. Where necessary, walkways are constructed to separate pedestrians from the construction works.

The contractor is currently on target to complete the works by November 2009.

COMPLETED WORKS

Major construction works are completed in these streets.

- Dobbin Street Lane
- Dobbin Street
- Market Street Lower
- Market Square Upper
- Upper English Street
- Linenhall Street (Dobbin St to Abbey Lane section)
- Thomas Street

Some minor items are to be completed (such as installation of lighting, street furniture, planting, artworks etc).

CURRENT WORKS

Works are underway in the following areas:

Upper English Street

- This street is complete, except for the area outside the Post Office.

Russell Street

- Paving works are complete.
- Road Resurfacing gets underway from 15th to 19th June when the road will be closed. – Limited access to Car Park next to Wright's Interiors
- Access for pedestrians is unaffected.

Scotch Street

- Paving works continue up the Left hand side from Multifix towards Linenhall St.
- A new pedestrian access has been completed to the Friary Road Car Park.
- Access for pedestrians is unaffected.

Linenhall Street

- Paving works have now commenced in this second phase of Linenhall Street.
- Paving and resurfacing works at the junction of Scotch Street will be completed between 15th June and 4th July when this section of the street will be closed.
- Access to the Car Park is unaffected.

Barrack Street

- Paving works commenced on 15th June from the Scotch Street end.
- Access for pedestrians is unaffected.

Deliveries

Deliveries to all premises in the City Centre works areas will be accommodated at all times. To report difficulty with deliveries or if you have large deliveries please notify the contractor using the **hotline number 07872 988418**.

Utilities Update

- NIW sewer replacement completed in Upper English Street.
- NIE are currently carrying out some upgrades and will advise any affected customers in advance. All enquiries related to NIE activity should be directed to NIE's Customer Helpline on 08457 643 643.

FUTURE WORKS INFORMATION for 2009

- Ogle Street (July to September)
- McCrum's Court (August to November)

All Programme Enquiries to the HOTLINE NUMBER on 07872 988418

Formal Notification for businesses

All businesses will be informed in writing **one month** prior to works commencing in their street. They will also be visited in person by the contractor **one week** prior to works commencing to discuss the works.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

CONTRACTOR HOLIDAYS 2009

SIAC have confirmed their contractor holidays for the year:

Monday 13th July
Tuesday 14th July (Safety Training)
Monday 31st August
Monday 2nd November
Tuesday 3rd November

TRAFFIC CHANGES/ROAD CLOSURES

- Upcoming Road Closures for resurfacing (Subject to change) – Russell Street (Mon 15th June to Fri 20th June Approx), Linenhall Street (15th June to 4th July).

PARKING

- **Please Park Properly whilst works are underway to avoid obstructing traffic flow.**
- **Damage to footpaths** – Inconsiderate drivers are damaging the new pavements with oil spills and tyre marks, as well as risking the safety of pedestrians – please park in car parks or in the parking bays provided.
- **Report Obstructions** - General parking offences should be brought to the attention of the nearest traffic attendant. Vehicles causing a **major** obstruction should be reported to the PSNI on 028 3752 3311.

CITY CENTRE EVENTS

All event organisers of City Centre events to November 2009 should confirm approximate works details on the event date and arrange a site inspection immediately before the event by contacting James Carmody, Project Manager (028 37 524080 / 07809 388 284/ james.carmody@siac.co.uk).