

Dear Resident

### **Petts Hill Bridge and Highway Improvement Scheme**

As you may be aware, Harrow Council is currently working together with Ealing Council, Network Rail and Transport for London to deliver improvements to Petts Hill Bridge and the surrounding highway. These works will involve replacing the old railway bridge, which will help reduce congestion and improve the public transport network.

The next stage of the works will take place shortly, across the Christmas and New Year period. Work is being carried out at Christmas, to take advantage of the routine railway closure over this period and minimise disruption.

Please find a brief overview of the planned works below.

#### **22 December 2008 (midnight) - 7 January 2009 (3.30pm)**

- **Works** - The site will be prepared for bridge replacement works. The old railway bridge will be removed and replaced with a new bridge. Work will be continuous from 24 - 27 December and will involve heavy machinery throughout working days and night time hours. The noise levels will be similar to the works carried out in August. Further night time work, which will also involve some noisy operations at times, will continue from 22 December to 7 January. This will be carried out from midnight to 4am each night, when there will be no passenger railway services running.
- **Road Closures** - Petts Hill between the junctions of Dorchester Road and Northolt Road will be closed to traffic, except for vehicles accessing the BP petrol station and residents accessing their properties. The Heights at the Petts Hill junction will also be closed. In order to prevent rat-running, traffic will not be able to enter Somervell Road from Alexandra Avenue and heavy vehicles will be discouraged from accessing Somervell Road from Field End Road.
- **Diversion Routes** - South-bound traffic will be diverted via Alexandra Avenue, Eastcote Lane, Field End Road, Eastcote Lane North and Mandeville Road. North-bound traffic will be diverted along Whitton Avenue West, Greenford Road, Sudbury Hill, Roxeth Hill and Northolt Road.
- **Rail Closure** - All National Rail services will cease operations from 24 December at 9.30pm to 27 December at 9.30am. Bridge works were scheduled for this period, as the rail service was already closed on the Bank Holidays of Christmas and Boxing Day.
- **Pedestrian Access** - Pedestrian access will be closed and diverted from 24 - 27 December, via Northolt Station and Dorchester Road. To find out which services will be provided for people with disabilities, please call 020 8424 1483.

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Bus Routes - The following bus routes will be affected:

140 - Diverted in both directions via Alexandra Avenue, Eastcote Lane, Field End Road and Eastcote Lane North. There will be no service between Petts Hill and Mandeville Road from the junction with Eastcote Lane North. The route will serve existing bus stops along Eastcote Lane North and Eastcote Lane.

487 - Diverted to terminate at Mandeville Road bus stand (near Northolt Station), rather than South Harrow Station. There will be no service in both directions along Northolt Road between Petts Hill and South Harrow Station. Passengers for South Harrow can alight at the Petts Hill/Whitton Avenue West roundabout and walk over the footbridge at Northolt Park station to catch route 140 on Northolt Road. Alternatively, passengers can alight at the Mandeville Road bus stand and catch route 140 from Northolt Station.

398 - Diverted in both directions via Alexandra Avenue, Field End Road, Eastcote Lane, Eastcote Lane North and Mandeville Road. There will be no service in both directions along Petts Hill between the junctions with Newmarket Avenue and Alexandra Avenue. Following feedback from the recent public exhibition, route 398 will continue to serve the Racecourse Estate. The route will also serve existing bus stops along Eastcote Lane North and Eastcote Lane.

The above routes are subject to change. For further information, please log on to [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk), call 020 7722 1234 or see information posters at bus stops.

### **Phase Two**

Further road improvement works are set for 2009 – including widening a short section of the bus lane; extending the carriageway to two lanes in each direction; improving intersection pedestrian crossing facilities and cycle tracks; and expanding links to Northolt Park Station. Further details provided closer to the time.

A leaflet has been included with this letter that outlines some frequently asked questions and includes a map showing all vehicle traffic and pedestrian diversions.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support and patience as we continue to deliver improvements to the transport network.

Yours sincerely



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