As you may be aware Enfield Council is making a huge investment in Ponders End to make it a better place to live, work and visit. There are several major projects currently taking place aimed at increasing housing and community facilities in the area, together with improvements to road safety and traffic flow. However, for us to bring these projects to fruition it will be necessary to close off the junction of Ponders End High Street, Derby Road, Lincoln Road and South Street for a 6-week period starting from the 24th July.

The reduction in traffic due to the school holiday will contribute to the fast pace of works, which will take place every day, and will therefore significantly alleviate inevitable travel pressures during the works. We appreciate that road closures will cause disruption and inconvenience, and we had considered installing temporary traffic lights, but our analysis found this would have easily doubled the amount of time required to finish the project. The road closure will ensure that the works are carried out swiftly, safely and effectively.

The works will:

- Improve road safety and pedestrian access in the area, particularly for pupils of the newly opened Heron Hall Academy
- Complement the adjacent housing development known as the Electric Quarter
- Create a pleasant, safe and accessible location for pedestrians, improving access to shops and facilities and in turn, increasing foot-fall to the high street
- Reduce the dominance of road traffic and help create an identity for the high street
- Improve the Derby Road junction by easing congestion, allowing public transport to flow more easily, making Ponders End a more welcoming place for pedestrians, cyclists and other visitors to the area.

See sections 2 and 3 for more information and map. If you have any questions you can contact us using the details on the back page.

Thank you for your understanding.
WHAT WILL THE IMPACT BE?

TRAFFIC
The A1010 Ponders End High Street will be closed at its junction with South Street, Derby Road and Lincoln Road for 6 weeks, from 24th July to 1st September 2017. Each of the three approach roads (South Street, Derby Road, Lincoln Road) will be open for access only during this period. Derby Road will temporarily become two-way during this time. There will be diversion signs to help you navigate your way around. Please note that emergency vehicles will be able to access all roads that are closed.

NOISE
As with any major project of this nature there could be issues with noise. Our project partner, Ringway Jacobs, is committed to avoiding noisy work in the evenings and on Sundays. A contact number to report noise issues will be communicated to residents in the immediate area once works commence.

PEDESTRIANS
The whole area will be fully accessible to pedestrians so you will be able to get to your favourite shops, restaurants and local facilities.

BUSINESSES
All businesses will remain open during the period so you can still go to your favourite local shops and restaurants. Businesses within the closure area will have pedestrian access only.

BUSES
There will be changes to the following bus routes 191, 279, N279, 349, 377, 491 please see the map in the centre of this newsletter showing diversion routes. In addition there will be a free shuttle bus between Ponders End Station and Tesco at least every 20 minutes during the day throughout the closure period.

WASTE COLLECTIONS
There may be some changes to collections meaning your refuse/recycling could be collected at a different time on your usual collection day. Residents are asked not to report missed collections until the following morning to allow waste services to finish their rounds. To report a missed collection please visit www.enfield.gov.uk, if you are unable to access our website please call 020 8379 1000.

PARKING
Because of the works the College Court car park will be closed and there will be temporary on-street parking restrictions. We are looking to provide replacement residential parking spaces for those areas affected during the construction period. Although on-street customer parking space will be unavailable within the working area north of the junction, we are looking to provide extra off-street customer parking.

Please check www.enfield.gov.uk/pondersend for the latest updates.
Changes to bus services during junction closure period
24 July to 1 September 2017

- No vehicle access. Pedestrian access only.
- No bus stops or buses will operate in this area during the closure period.
- Proposed shuttle bus service running between Ponders End Station and Tesco during closure period.

Service: Hail and ride
Cost to passengers: Free
Frequency: Approx. every 20 minutes
Dates: 24 July to 1 September

Diverted bus routes:
- 191
- 377
- 491
- 279/N279
- 349

No other bus routes are affected, W8 will run as normal.
Work on the first phase of the Electric Quarter is moving quickly with 61 new homes due for completion from September 2017 to February 2018. In the first phase, 40 homes will be three and four bedroom properties with off-street parking. The remaining 21 properties will be flats for affordable rent.

College Court Car Park will be improved as part of the first phase and as a result the car park will fully close from mid-July 2017 through to November 2017. The work to the car park will be co-ordinated with works along the high street to minimise disruption.

The developer, Lovell, will be opening a show home at the start of July where you can view an example of an Electric Quarter property. Lovell has advised that the first plots, comprising of 4 bed houses at £499,995 and 3 bed houses on at £474,995, have been reserved. If you are interested in discussing the purchase of a property, Lovell currently has a sales agent located in Enfield Town - Lanes Estate Agents. For further information please contact sales.london@lovell.co.uk or 020 3131 4865.

Enfield Community Festival & Bangla Mela is a free annual event organised by the Enfield Bangladesh Welfare Association. This year it will be held on the 30th of July from 12noon to 6pm at Ponders End Park. Everyone is welcome and you’ll be able to enjoy continental foods, clothes, jewellery stalls and lots more. This is a great community festival which will give you the opportunity to have a taste of different cultures.

Photos from the launch weekend on 3 and 4 June.
ALMA DEVELOPMENT

The redevelopment of the entire estate will deliver 993 new homes, retail space, a GP centre, gym and greatly improved open spaces. There will also be new community facilities including a youth centre, nursery and community centre.

A public inquiry into the compulsory purchase (CPO) of property and land at the Alma Estate development is scheduled to take place from the 6th July 2017 until the 14th July 2017. This will be held in the Council Chambers at Enfield Civic Centre.

THE ALMA FILM PROJECT

The Alma Film Project, led by Niburu, has had a successful first year. Niburu feel it is important to have strong local involvement in the making of the film and would like to capture the feelings of local people both past and present. They are therefore looking for local shopkeepers, businesses, schools, volunteer organisations and residents to contribute to the Alma film.

For more information contact Colin Francis on tel: 07526 969756 or email infoniburu@gmail.com

UPDATES AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Any updates and further information will be available on our website, please visit www.enfield.gov.uk/pondersend
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