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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Tewkesbury Town Centre Commencement of Road Safety Scheme**

As you will be aware Gloucestershire Highways has been developing a Road Safety Scheme for Tewkesbury High Street and Barton Street in partnership with Tewkesbury Town and Borough Councils and a number of key organizations within the town such as the Chamber of Commerce. Hopefully you will have attended one of our consultation events and will have contributed towards the development of the scheme.

The project is predominantly aimed at improving the road safety record within the High Street and Barton Street area and will in particular improve the town centre environment for pedestrians, cyclists and other road users. The project will maintain two-way traffic flows along the High Street and will include junction treatments, improved crossing areas and wider footways at key locations. The scheme has been developed in parallel with the Borough Council's Masterplanning vision for the town and will help to strengthen the links between the shops in the High Street and the riverside area which is a key tourist attraction. The scheme will also contribute towards tackling air quality issues in the Town.

Some elements of the project have already been delivered, such as the relocation and upgrading of one signalized pedestrian crossing in the High Street and the resurfacing of Oldbury Road. The upgrading of the second signalized pedestrian crossing is currently underway and should be complete by the 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

We are now preparing to construct the main elements of the safety scheme and I am pleased to announce that Britannia Construction, working under the supervision of Gloucestershire Highways, will **begin work in the High Street on the 6<sup>th</sup> February.**

The High Street will remain open to traffic during the Road Safety Scheme works. Temporary traffic lights will sometimes be necessary but we will keep this to a minimum. The Contractor will work between the hours of 07:30 a.m. and 17:00p.m. We do not intend working weekends at this stage. We anticipate the works being complete by Easter but should the works take longer we will not work over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. When the Road safety Scheme is complete we will then resurface the High Street.

While the works are on-going we will maintain a notice board in the Town Hall and at the Library which will display information about the scheme and explain how the works are being phased. The notice boards will also include a weekly progress bulletin and contact information should you have any queries.

I intend to send out a weekly progress bulletin during the works by e-mail and if you would like to be on the circulation list for this please let me know by sending me an e-mail at: [tewkesburyrss@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:tewkesburyrss@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

The Contractor's Site Foreman, Mr. Andy McHale, will be on site during the works and will be able to answer any queries you may have regarding the Contractor's work, such as maintaining access to footways and accesses etc. If there are any queries Andy cannot answer please contact me.

I appreciate that the works will inevitably cause some disruption within the High Street and Barton Street. We will do our best to keep this to a minimum but I do need to ask in advance for your patience. The long term benefits of this scheme will outweigh any short term impact during the construction works.

Should you have any queries please contact me on 08000 514514.

Yours faithfully,



**Richard Waters**  
**Stakeholder Manager**