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Date: Dyddiad: 5 March 2015

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: Market Improvement Works – Update Following Trader Meeting

Further to the last update letter issued on 26 February 2015, a meeting between the Project Team and the Traders Consultation Group took place on 3 March.

Project progress and key programme dates were discussed with the Group and below is a summary of the information delivered at this meeting.

Key works carried out to date:

- Internal scaffolding to the North end of the Market Hall is now in place and traders in this area were consulted on an individual basis.
- The flat roof propping works have been completed and the props are now in place. These will remain in situ for the duration of the project and traders in the affected areas were consulted on an individual basis.
- Roof strengthening works have taken place out of business hours and is now complete.

Key works scheduled:

- Removal of the glazing and works to the steelwork on the North end of the Market has commenced. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by mid May.
- External roof scaffold installation due to complete mid March.
- Completion of internal roof scaffold and glazing works on the barrel vault scheduled to begin next week and due to complete mid April.
- Removal of the glazing and works to the steelwork on the South end of the Market due to start the 1st week of May and complete by the end of July.

Project completion date:

Currently, the completion of the works are scheduled 6 weeks later than anticipated due to unforeseen changes required to the methods of certain work activities. The completion date is now expected to be the end of August 2015.

General information / Questions raised by Trader Group:

- Glazing the Group were interested in the glazing material, which complies with safety requirements and has a coating specifically designed to reduce heat buildup from the sun. A sample of the glazing is available in the Site Office if anyone would like to view it.
- Painting The metal work on the North and South gable ends will be painted and this effect will be enhanced by the translucent quality of the new glazing. As a result, there will be a noticeable aesthetic difference on these gable ends visible from the Market floor.
- Noise Due to the nature of particular activities in the work programme, noise is inevitable and unavoidable. Best endeavours are being made to reduce noise where possible and undertake certain activities such as grinding towards the end of the working day and on Sundays. However this is not always possible due to budget and timescale constraints.

The overall feedback from the Trader Group was that the consultation process throughout this project is working well so far and the project team will continue to meet with the Group to keep them updated and answer any questions.

If you would like to speak to someone on the Trader Group, a list of these traders can be found on the noticeboard. Regular written communication to all traders will also continue and a suggestion box is available in the traders' rest room should you wish to submit any feedback or questions about the programme or the consultation process.

Nigel Morgan, R & M Williams Project Manager, is also available from Monday to Friday in the project offices at 39 Union St should you have any questions. He can also be contacted on <u>nigelmorgan@randmwilliams.co.uk</u> or 01792 459105 / 07964 935719.

Thank you for your continued support, co-operation and patience as we work to deliver this complex project safely and effectively, whilst ensuring the Market is open for business as usual.

Yours sincerely

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