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SWANSEA MARKET TRADERS
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Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: Market Improvement Works – Reported Incident (9 March 2015)

It has been brought to my attention that there was incident relating to the ongoing Market Improvement Works on Monday 9 March. This is a matter which we take very seriously and has been thoroughly investigated.

During works on the external roof, a scaffold sleeve coupler passed between a gap in the Monoflex sheeting where the West barrel vault scaffold meets the North gable scaffold.

Following investigations by R&M Williams, it has been identified that there was a detailing issue at the junction where the scaffolding meet at the internal corner. This was not evident at the time of the initial inspections, as the small void had been masked by the upper over-lapping Monoflex sheeting.

I'd like to reassure you that R&M Williams are following correct health and safety procedures and already have robust measures in place to avoid any material falling through to the Market Hall, but as a result of this incident further measures are now in place.

A more robust junction detail is being used to ensure continuity in the protection and prevent any further risk of falling material. Going forward the internal scaffolding will also be thoroughly and continually inspected to ensure that the additional robust internal corner detail is constructed at all locations.

I hope that you will be reassured by this information but if you have any questions, please contact Nigel Morgan on 01792 459105 / 07964 935719.

It has also been reported this week that there was an incident of a break in to the Market on the evening of Saturday 7 March. The security alarms proved effective and the intruder was arrested. The police believe that he entered via a window in the compactor store room and provisions are now being made for the placement of a guard on this window to improve security.

It has evidently been quite an eventful week in the Market but I hope that the communications from myself and the Project Team are helpful in clarifying any issues and keeping you informed on how we are progressing.

General feedback from traders is that the consultation process to date has worked very well. Additionally, 'Considerate Contractors' questionnaires have been distributed to traders impacted by the current phase of works and the returns so far have been positive and high scoring. The Project Team wish to continue with this constructive consultation and if there are any further concerns or anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact Nigel or call into the Site Office on Union St.

Thank you for your understanding with regard to the reported incident and your continued support and patience as we work to deliver this project.

Yours sincerely

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