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Dear Resident,

I am writing to update you about a set of necessary highways works that are scheduled to begin next month, on 10th of October 2022. As part of the pre-existing planning requirements surrounding the construction of the new Sainsbury's store and for the David Wilson Estate, Sainsbury's will be undertaking works at the junction of the A30 London Road, and Griffin Way North and South. Upon completion, the result will provide significantly better access and mobility at the roundabout.

One of the key benefits the upgrades will ultimately provide to road users and pedestrians is a significant reduction in congestion at the roundabout. We plan to achieve this via the widening of the approaches, and we also plan on constructing a crossing island to the East of the roundabout, on London Road.

Following the commencement of the works in mid-October, we estimate that it will take approximately six months for them to be completed, in accordance with the terms approved by Hampshire County Council. We appreciate that there has already been a temporary partial road closure on Griffin Way South by BT for ducting to be laid across the road and that this has caused some disruption.

The first stage of the main set of works (weeks 1-4) will be focused on Griffin Way North and there will be no road closures in place during this phase. From early November until March 2023, the approach to the roundabout on Griffin Way North will be closed to the junction with Oak Tree Drive, while Griffin Way South will be closed to the junction with Four Acre Coppice. Two-way traffic lights will control the traffic flow approaching the roundabout from either side on London Road.

There will also be a two-week period at the end of March during which we will finalise the works and all 4 access roads will be closed throughout the night – both Griffin Way South and North, and both East and West access points from London Road.

The diversions for those affected via Griffin Way North, will be via B3349 Reading Road, B3011, A33, A339, A30 London Road. While the diversion from Griffin Way South is via A30 London Road, A287, B3349 Griffin Way South. Both diversion routes will be clearly marked out by road signs.

There is permission for these road closures to be in place for up to 12 months if required, although as I say we anticipate the works will only take 6 months to complete. We understand these works may cause inconvenience to some residents during the period in question, but please be assured we will be working with Hampshire Highways to manage the project in a way that minimises any disruption as much as possible. We expect the improvements the works will deliver will come to outweigh any disruption incurred whilst they are ongoing, and we'd like to thank the community of Hook for bearing with us whilst we complete them.

You can access more information about this project, including a programme of works and a signed diversion route by navigating to this website: s278.biz/index.html and selecting the 'A30 & Griffin Way Hook' tab.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our community representatives, DevComms, via email at Sainsburys-hook@devcomms.co.uk or by phone on 0800 080 3262.

Yours faithfully

Sainsbury's Property Department