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Dear Resident/Business Owner

Connecting Leeds – City centre Headrow construction works

The Connecting Leeds team at Leeds City Council are working on plans to transform travel in Leeds for people like you – people who live and work in our city.

Ambitious plans for the city centre mean making bus services quicker and more reliable, while also ensuring that journeys on foot or by bike are more convenient, attractive and safer. Part of the plans also aim to create better public spaces, wider footways and uplift areas of the city centre.

Our construction partners John Sisk and Son have completed overnight works to the central reservation.

As you might have seen Vital Energi are also currently installing underground district heating pipes for the Leeds PIPES network, along the eastbound carriageway and will complete their work by summer 2020. Works on The Headrow will be carried out in phased sections. Doing this work together helps to minimise disruption.

Monday 25 November 2019 dayshifts and some nightshifts until 31 March 2021. We will not be working Friday or Saturday nights.

From Monday 25 November 2019, pipe installation works on Albion Street junction will mean a diversion will be in place for traffic travelling northbound on Albion Street. The diversion will be via Short Street to Upper Basinghall Street and onto the Headrow. This helps to minimise the volume of traffic passing through the junction and keeps disruption to a minimum. These works will last for 3 weeks, with completion before the Christmas break.

The next phase of Connecting Leeds work will also start from Monday 25 November on The Headrow section, between Vicar Lane and New Briggate. This includes:

- Removing the current road surface and pathways.
- Preparing for traffic management arrangements to move traffic from one side of the road to the other (on schedule for Sunday 9 December).
- Preparing for re-positioning bus stops to the middle of the road, protected by pedestrian safety barriers (on schedule for Sunday 9 December).

We'll update via Twitter about the bus stop changes, follow us @connectingleeds or go to <https://www.firstgroup.com/leeds> to find out more. Notices will also be placed on affected bus stops before they're moved to temporary locations.

Most of this work will be done during the day, but some will need to take place overnight when businesses are closed, and traffic can be safely diverted without causing disruption. This also helps to keep pedestrians safe. Any overnight work will



take place between 7pm and 5am. We expect that work in this area will take around 16 weeks to complete.

These dates might be subject to change if there are delays with other elements of the work.

We'll make every effort to carry out most of the noisy work through the day, but there might be times when we need to work in to the night. If you'd like to receive a weekly update about when we're working, please supply an email address.

We'd like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience this might cause. Please be assured we'll be working hard to see the work is done safely and as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns please visit our webpage at www.leeds.gov.uk/connectingleeds or email a member of the project team at connectingleeds@leeds.gov.uk or for emergency use only such as loss of power, drop in water pressure or an activated burglar alarm, call 07394 623 164. This number is not for general enquiries or complaints.

Yours faithfully,

The Connecting Leeds team

