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Dear Resident,

SUBJECT: ROAD WORKS ON MANTON LANE AND BRICKHILL DRIVE, BEDFORD.

Bedford Borough Council is pleased to inform you that carriageway improvement works are due to start soon on Manton Lane and Brickhill Drive. The works will include:

- I. Widening Manton Lane at the entrance to Bedford Modern School and installing traffic lights to relieve congestion at this junction.
- II. Resurfacing Manton Lane, from (and including) the Turner Way junction southwards to incorporate the Bedford Modern School works.
- III. Resurfacing of Brickhill Drive, from Kestrel Road to the Manton Lane traffic signals.

The works on Manton Lane are being carried out as part of the Transporting Bedford 2020 project. Transporting Bedford 2020 is an £18 million investment to tackle traffic congestion across Bedford town centre. Major works will take place at key points within the Bedford road network, one of which being Manton Lane. For more information on Transporting Bedford 2020 along with other areas which are due major works please visit the below web address:

https://www.bedford.gov.uk/transport_and_streets/highways/transporting_bedford_2020.aspx

The programme for these works will be as follows:

- i. The road widening works on Manton Lane will be carried out using temporary traffic lights and will commence on 30th July 2018 for a period of 25 working days, ending on the 31 August 2018. Due to the nature of the works, the traffic lights will be in place 24 hours per day, and working hours will be maximised to ensure disruption is kept to a minimum.
- ii. In order to carry out the resurfacing works quickly and safely, it will be necessary for us to close Manton Lane to traffic overnight. The resurfacing works of Manton Lane will commence on 31 August 2018 and will be completed on 07 September 2018.
- iii. Works at Brickhill Drive will commence on 20 August 2018 and will be completed on 07 September 2018. As with the Manton Lane resurfacing works, these will again need to be carried out overnight using a road closure.

The road closures will be in place between 08:00pm and 06:00am and signed diversion routes will be used. In order to access all areas to be resurfaced we must insist that no vehicles are parked on the highway during the road closure period on the days

mentioned above. Please note that should there be obstructive vehicles left on the highway, whilst every attempt will be made to contact the owner, they will be moved to ensure the work can be carried out efficiently. The Council can recharge the cost of moving an obstructive vehicle to the owner.

Wherever possible, access to your property or business will be allowed. There may be delays whilst plant and materials are moved or carriageway patching is implemented. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times. If access is granted through the closure please ensure you follow all instructions given and take care and keep speed to a minimum to protect the safety of the operatives on site. Please note that the materials used in resurfacing are hot until cured therefore care should be taken at all times during the works.

All moving plant and lorries are fitted with reversing beepers and flashing lights for the safety of operatives and the public. The equipment and plant used for road patching includes a cold milling machine, a paving machine, the use of engine powered saws and pneumatic drills, and will require a number of lorry movements. This means that some noise disturbance is unavoidable. We understand the inevitable inconvenience this is likely to cause for this limited time, and apologise in advance for any disturbance, we ask for your help and goodwill whilst work is in progress.

Your refuse and recycling may not be collected at the usual time for the duration of these works. Please therefore ensure that your waste containers (bins and/or bags) are placed at the edge of your property at your usual collection point by 7am on the scheduled day of collection. Please note that collections of general rubbish and recycling/green garden waste may not occur at a similar time of day, and that collections may take place up to 5pm.

If you wish to discuss working arrangements relating to this work please telephone the Highways Helpdesk on 01234 718003.

Further information about any current or planned roadworks in Bedford Borough can be found on the website www.roadworks.org.

Once the works are in progress, please raise any issues with the Site Agent, Mr Colin Harris on 07814 116724.

Yours faithfully,

Rebecca Bailey

Project Engineer