

Bruce Grove Regeneration Bulletin

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This issue

P2 project updates on the bridge fonts and graphic design across the regeneration schemes, progress on the planning application for Holcombe Market

P2 update on clearing up the rear of Lloyds Pharmacy and movement on new development at Bruce Gove station

Next meeting dates: Thursday 17th October, 6:30pm and Wednesday 30th October, 6:30pm. Both meetings are at Bruce Castle Museum.

Day-to-day issues

- The round table meeting on crime and anti-social behaviour issues such as those raised on Forest Gardens is still to be arranged. The chair has restated the request.
- The unfinished work by UK Power networks to the rear of 464-472 High Road (inc. Lloyds Pharmacy and Santander Bank) is being put right by UK Power's contractor.
- This work was commissioned by the head lessee of the property and the landlord, the Council, has subsequently written to the head lessee to remind them of their duty to maintain the land to the rear of the property in a clean and tidy state. Council property officers will carry out a site visit within the week.
- A formal warning has been given to the trader at 490 High Road for extending trading to the public highway including affixing shelving to a party wall.

News from partners

- In response to TFLs commitment to develop and design a major scheme to repave the High Road from Bruce Grove to Monument Way they requested we move a CCTV mast outside San Marco's pizzeria. A site visit has been held and several alternative locations have been suggested pending a full survey of how they can be installed. More to follow.
- Network Rail have met with planning officers to discuss an approach for redevelopment of the market space. Initial feedback has been provided and the principle of development accepted, but that any proposal needs to balance public space with commercial space. A commitment to high quality design has also been made.

Building work

- A decision on the planning application for Holcombe Market has been deferred by a month from the original 26th September, this was to respond to queries by the planning officer and submission of responses. A response to public feedback will be précised in the decision notice. A decision will be made by the end of October. We expect the application to be granted planning permission subject to conditions on waste management and space management.
- A meeting is being arranged with Brook Street Chapel to formally engage them in the project and the stakeholder meeting on 30th October will include full discussion on a strategy for this Brook Street itself.
- Albert Place - a proposal for graphic design and lighting will be presented to stakeholders. The proposed font for graphics is suggested to match that used on the Bridge and the signage for the Market.
- Unfortunately Network Rail (NR) have now advised the council that the programme for refurbishment of Bruce Grove Railway Bridge has changed from an intensive scheme (working consecutive nights) to a night-time only scheme. This is because of concerns over traffic congestion through reduced capacity at the junction. The scheme will now take place over 10 weeks from December. With Christmas Holidays, the work will most likely be completed in March 2014.
- Responses to font proposals for the bridge, circulated with the last bulletin, have indicated a preference for the simple font without an outline.

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