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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION –
NOTICE OF HIGHWAY WORKS STARTING 18th MARCH 2019**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Kentish Town Road junction with Castle Road and Royal College Street

You may recall being consulted in February and March last year on proposals to improve bus journey times in Hampstead Village. The feedback you provided was really valuable and helped officers form the recommendations in the report approved by the Cabinet Member for Improving Camden's Environment. The full report with appendices can be viewed online at:-

<https://consultations.wearecamden.org/supporting-communities/kentish-town-rd-castle-rd-royal-college-st>

This letter is to inform you that the following changes will be made:

- Replacement of the fire gate with bollards at the Kentish Town Road / Rochester Road junction and provide a gap in the central island opposite the junction for cyclists to enter and exit Rochester Road safely. This would improve cycle permeability and access to the area east of Kentish Town Road.
- Introduction of a mandatory cycle lane along Kentish Town Road southbound to guide cyclists safely to the advanced stop line in order to wait at the traffic lights in front of motor traffic. Introduction of an advance stop line for cyclists and new traffic signal on Castle Road. The proposed changes will allow connections to local destinations in the area and the quiet route on Castlehaven and Grafton Roads through the use of the gap provided at the signal junction, exiting from Castle Road into Kentish Town Road southbound. This would provide a key cycle link to Kings Cross via the high quality cycle facilities provided on Royal College Street and Pancras Road.
- A new pedestrian crossing on the northern arm of Kentish Town Road and a pedestrian only stage to the traffic signals so that pedestrians can cross all roads when traffic is brought to a stop.

- Installation of countdown facilities to the traffic signals which will show pedestrians how much time is left to cross the road before other traffic starts moving.

The Council's contractor, Volker Highways, will start construction from **Monday 18th March 2019**, with all works expected to be completed in 4-6 weeks.

The Contractor will endeavour to keep to the programme, weather permitting, but your co-operation is essential in keeping the areas of the works clear of parked vehicles at all times and to adhere to the temporary traffic and pedestrian movements provided by the Contractor, as well as any parking suspensions that may be put into place. The contractor will make sure that access to shops, offices and residential entrances will be retained at all times.

I would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience that may occur as a result of the works, and assure you that every effort will be made to keep disruption to a minimum. If you experience any problems or require any further information please contact Nick Howdle-Smith on 07745 138283.

Yours faithfully,



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