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Dear Sir/Madam,

E4 Cycle Route Exeter Notification of Road and Footway Closures – E4 Summer Lane Cycle Bridge, Exeter

As partnership consultants to Devon County Council we are writing to you about the above cycle bridge scheme and to update you on some important changes following the letter that was sent out last week (w/c. 20/02/2020).

As per the last letter, the current plan still includes a temporary road closure of Summer Lane for the duration of the construction phase, starting on the 03/02/2020. From the north, access to the Arena car park will still be open. The narrow carriageway and the machinery needed to construct the scheme means it is not possible to retain access for vehicles on health and safety grounds.

I am pleased to notify you that through continued discussions with the contractor and local Councillors, we have managed to significantly improve pedestrian access on Summer Lane during the works. Previously, pedestrian access was restricted to school drop off and pick up times; however, we recognise that there are other, non-school journeys being made north and south of the railway bridge and that the diversion route would not be suitable for all.

The new pedestrian access arrangements for along Summer Lane during the cycle bridge construction are as follows:

| Week | Date | PEDESTRIAN access arrangements |
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| 1-3 | 03/02/2020 – 23/02/2020 Including half term holiday | Open (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) |
| 4-6 | 24/02/2020 – 13/03/2020 | Restricted hours (open 08:00-09:00 and 15:00 – 16:15) |
| 7-24 | 16/03/2020 – 17/07/2020 Including Easter and half term holidays | Open (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) |
| 25-27 | 20/07/2020 – 07/08/2020 During Summer holiday | Closed |
| 28-30 | 10/08/2020 – 28/08/2020 During Summer holiday | Open (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) |

The walkway through the works will be fenced off on both sides to segregate the path from the construction works. It will likely be low barriers with an open fence (i.e. not solid) on top, without a roof, so that it is open to daylight and should improve the security for people using it.

It is planned to have two banksmen; one at either end of the path. When people are passing, they will instruct the work force to stop operating large plant or machinery if necessary to ensure a safe route. This is necessary to ensure safety for all.

The shared use path which leads from Summer Lane to Bettysmead Playing Fields, as far as the junction with the path that leads to Beacon Lane, will be closed for the entire duration of the works. This is because of the vicinity of the proposed new path, ramp and bridge abutment to this path, which means it cannot be open during any period of the works.

Advanced signage will be erected 7 days in advance of any road and path closures, and signed diversion routes will be provided.

A website has been created for the project <https://www.devon.gov.uk/e4/phase-3/>. This latest information will be available by 30/01/2020, including a FAQ section, further details regarding diversion routes, access to Exeter Arena, access to the skate park and bus services. The website will be kept up to date with the latest works programme as the project progresses.

Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact E4cyclerroute@jacobs.com, or phone us and ask to speak to a member of the Summer Lane Bridge team. Alternatively, you can write to us at the address found at the top of this letter, marking your correspondence for the attention of 'E4 Cycle Route Enquiries'.

Yours faithfully



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