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Dear Sir/Madam,

Hedges on Arbury Road (Phase 2 cycleway works)

Last year we carried out a public consultation on proposals for the 5 Cross City Cycling schemes that are funded by the Greater Cambridge City Deal. One of the five cycleway schemes is on Arbury Road and is being delivered in 2 phases. Phase 1, between St Catherine's Road and St Albans Road, was completed last September. We are now looking to implement Phase 2 which will extend from St Albans Road to North Cambridge Academy.

In order to create space for the high quality raised cycleways for Phase 2, the kerblines on the north side of Arbury Road will need to be taken up and relaid. This will have an impact on the hedges on this side.

We are, therefore, proposing to remove the hedges on the north side of Arbury Road between St Laurence's school and Albemarle Way and between Hanson Court and the Nicholson Way flats. We will then plant new mature, locally sourced native mix hedges further back (see plan overleaf). The current hedges are mainly hawthorn, whilst the new hedges will be a mixture of:

- Acer campestre (Field Maple)
- Corylus avellana (Common Hazel)
- Prunus spinosa (Blackthorn)
- Crataegus monogyna (Hawthorn)
- Viburnum lantana (Common Wayfaring)
- Cornus sanguinea (Dogwood)
- Euonymus europaeus (Spindle)
- Rhamnus frangula (Alder Buckthorn)

This wide range of native plants will encourage greater biodiversity than hawthorn on its own. The new hedges will be of a similar height to the existing hedges. We are also looking at the possibility of planting a few feature trees along the line of the hedges

and on the wide verges on the north side of Arbury Road near Albemarle Way. We will replace the hedge opposite Mere Way that was put in a few years ago and has failed to thrive. We will ring-fence funding for future maintenance (watering, pruning) of all the new trees and hedges.

We will be starting the hedge removal and replanting works in the week beginning 20th March.

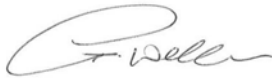
As we are entering the bird-nesting season, an ecology search will be carried out no less than 24 hours before the hedge removal works begin.

A new hoggin path will be installed across the City Council green near Campkin Road – it will replace the goat track at the Arbury Road end of the Nicholson Way flats. Hoggin is a mix of gravel, sand and clay that binds firmly when compacted, but allows water to drain through.

We have worked closely with local councillors and the City Council's Landscape Architects on these proposed changes and we hope that the changes will enhance the local area.






Please do contact me if you have any comments or questions about the works or the project.

Yours sincerely,



Grant Weller
Project Manager



-  Existing hedge to be removed. New mature hedge to be installed further back from the road
-  New hoggin path under the trees
-  1.8-2.1 m wide raised cycle lane
Min 1.8m wide footway
-  New shared-use foot/cycleway
-  Proposed changes to junction to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists

Replace mini-roundabouts
Priority T Junctions