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To multiple recipients

Dear «salu»

A243 Leatherhead Road / B280 Fairoak Lane, Rushett Lane
Malden Rushett junction improvement scheme

I am writing to update you on progress with the Malden Rushett junction improvement scheme.

Preparing for completion
Unfortunately it has not been possible to reopen the junction to traffic this week. There have been various challenges on site to overcome in recent weeks. These include BT Open Reach cable damage which caused an interruption to household services, extended works on the gas pipes under the junction and maintenance issues with Thames Water services at the junction and on the A243 near Champion Timber.

These events have had a knock on effect to our programme. We are now on track to complete resurfacing works on the road by the evening peak on Friday 27 March 2015. At this point, road closures will be removed and all four sections of the junction will re-open to traffic.

Interim traffic conditions
From Friday 27 March traffic will be managed under temporary four-way control without restriction or diversion, as we enter the final stages of the improvement scheme. Work then continues to install new permanent signals by Easter 2015.

Whilst right turns at the junction will be re-introduced, the dedicated right hand turn lanes on the A243 will not be in operation until permanent signals are installed. Once installation takes place, final road markings will be made. Traffic delays are to be expected in the area in the interim.

Please also note that the permanent signals will not bring an immediate improvement to traffic flow. It is important that a period of time is allowed for our traffic and signalling experts to test and monitor traffic conditions under the new road layout to enable it to be signal controlled in the most efficient way.

Testing continues into summer 2015 to allow the signals to reach optimal performance. Once testing is completed the junction will be operated under the SCOOT traffic control system. SCOOT is an adaptive system that detects real-time traffic conditions, allowing traffic light sequences to adapt and respond to the current traffic situation quickly and effectively.
What happens next?
Other remedial works are programmed into summer 2015. These works focus on final touches and snagging, as well as road safety auditing and other monitoring. Our contractors will also be busy with landscaping, hedgerow planting and replacement fencing. Further seasonal hedgerow planting will also take place in October 2015. Finally, heavy plant and other equipment will start to leave the site as we prepare to return the fields to pasture.

Should you require any further information please contact our Streets Customer Services department on 0343 222 1234. Detailed information for this scheme can also be found online by visiting: consultations.tfl.gov.uk/streets/malden-rushett.

We thank you for your patience and cooperation during the last six months.

Yours «signature»

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