



The Heathway Newsletter

Heathway works update

On Friday 30 November most of the main paving works were completed along both sides of the Heathway giving full access for pedestrians. The high level barriers have now been replaced by low level barriers for health and safety reasons. Following Police recommendations the barriers will stay in place until the works are completed.

There are some areas where the contractor will continue to work during the holiday period - this work will be done without causing too much disruption to pedestrians.

New street lights have been installed with Christmas lights on them.

In the last edition of the newsletter we told you that some work will need to happen at weekends along the Heathway in the New Year. These works include:

- resurfacing;
- installing speed cushions so that we can put the 20mph speed restriction in place, and;
- other traffic calming measures.

These works will start on Saturday 26 January 2008 and continue every weekend until Sunday 9 March 2008. The Heathway will be closed to traffic from 6pm Saturday evening until around 8pm Sunday night and during these hours a traffic diversion will be in place (please turn over to see the diversion route map).

Northbound traffic will be diverted along Church Elm Lane, Siviter Way, Rainham Road South, Reede Road and back on to the Heathway. Southbound traffic will be directed

along Oxlow Lane, Rainham Road South, Siviter Way, Church Elm Lane and back on to the Heathway.

We may need to close the junctions at each end of the Heathway over two of these weekends but the dates for this have not yet been set. We will let you know as soon as we can when these closures will happen.

Excavation works are currently happening to the area outside Barclays Bank. Similar works to Parsloes Avenue will start soon. We expect that works to these areas will be finished by Friday 20 January 2008. We would like to remind users of the Heathway not to remove barriers or enter areas where the contractors are working as this breaches health and safety law. Moving or interfering with the barriers is illegal and anyone caught doing so will be subject to legal action and fined.



Retail Grants up to £8000 NOW AVAILABLE

Working in partnership with the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham and as part of the Government's Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI), Barking & Dagenham Small Business Centre (BDSBC) has now been appointed to manage a shopfront improvement scheme for retailers in Dagenham Heathway, complementing the new public realm improvements currently underway.

"We're really pleased to be able to distribute grants of up to £8000 per shop to retailers in Dagenham Heathway" says Mark Kass, Project Director for the Barking & Dagenham Small Business Centre in Longbridge Road. "These grants will help business owners improve their working environments and enhance their customer experiences and the proposed new shopfronts will be the "icing on the cake" to the shopping facilities being developed in the Heathway".

"Grants can be used for new shopfronts, windows, security shutters, signs, awning and disabled access", say Mark "and to be eligible for a grant under the scheme, total projects must be worth more than £2000 + vat and tenants must have more than 1 year left to run on their leases. To apply, all traders need to

produce are two quotations from contractors of their choice, submit an application form to BDSBC and a local authority planning application where appropriate and we then appoint an independent Chartered Surveyor to oversee the works."

As a private, not-for-profit organisation, BDSBC acts as the interface between the Council, the Contractor and the Trader, ensuring that the bureaucracy typically required is kept to a minimum and Mark is confident that the process is a simple one. "By acting as the Project Manager, we cut red-tape to a minimum. Once we've received the quotations from the traders, we do the running around to ensure that traders, especially this time of year, can focus on their core businesses...making money and keeping their customers happy!"

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Next newsletter

The next newsletter updating you on progress and any new developments along the Heathway, will be available in February 2008.