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Dear Resident,

I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on the ongoing highway improvement works on Yatton High Street. Our sincerest apologies that the works have been going on longer than originally estimated and for the disruption to the local area.

The delays to the works have been due to issues that unfortunately have all interacted with each other and resulted in lost time. Firstly, we encountered uncharted buried utilities which resulted in redesign being necessary – we rely on the plans we have to determine where utilities are located, and it causes significant problems when on occasion the plans are not correct.

Additionally, in order to ensure that disruption was kept to a minimum over recent bank holiday weekends, we committed to remove the traffic signals and cease work at these times, which has added to the delays and removed some of the possible catch-up time due to the contractor demobilising and remobilising the works each time. While this was the right thing to do for the travelling public, this also impacted with the timescales for the project. These delays and programme over-runs have also resulted in the site conflicting with emergency and planned work elsewhere on the network meaning that the contractor has needed to wait until other work on the network is completed before returning to site.

The council and the contractor have been working very hard and the difficulties are now resolved. We are confident that the contractor will now be able to make much better progress. The current area of work should be substantially completed by Friday 2nd June and the site will move to the next location. This will mean that the 3-way lights will be able to be replaced by 2-way lights which will ease the traffic congestion that is being caused by the works in the current location.

A further 3 nights of work are planned during w/c 26th June when the road will need to be closed to through traffic. This will allow the contractor to undertake the road surfacing and install a raised zebra crossing. Noise will be kept to a minimum and the contractor will finish work as early as possible, but some disruption is inevitable. We would like to apologise in advance for any disruption that this will cause to nearby properties. A sign posted diversion route will be in place while the night work is undertaken.

Looking forward to future planned work in the area, we are aware that there are some concerns about parking on the High Street. Some targeted consultation is planned to be undertaken to discuss any proposals with residents.

We apologise for the disruption that has been caused so far while these road works have been in place and thank you for your ongoing patience while the work is completed.

Yours sincerely,

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