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An MGWSP representative will be on site every day at The Old Swan public house on the corner of Oxford Street and Silver Street. Please come and see us at this office if you need any help or information or just want to have a look at the plans.

We are already looking ahead to our next newsletter and would welcome any suggestions and feedback you may have. These can be emailed to Rebecca at rmiller@mgwsp.co.uk or call 01604 883400.

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Welcome to your second newsletter. By now you will have seen that we arrived on site on the 27th September 2010 and work has begun in Zones 2a and 3.

**Trader Representation**

On the 12th October 2010, officers from the Borough Council, MGWSP and PGR Construction met with Trader Representatives to update them on works progress and discuss any concerns or issues. We hope to hold these meetings on a fortnightly basis. The trader representatives are Mr Colin Dooley, Disabled to Able (01933 275000), Mr Mark West, Sweet Bitz (01933 271000) and Mr Roy Sparkes, Abbots Masterclass Hair Salon (01933 222360).

They will be happy to raise any issues on your behalf and feedback to you on progress.

In this newsletter we would like to address some particular issues that have been raised by traders . . .

**Loading Bay on Market Street**

The initial design of the loading bay showed a subtle change in the surfacing between the footway space and the loading bay by the use of yorkstone. Some early changes to the construction phasing led to granite being used in one of the bays. This was quickly removed with minimal impact on the programme and the loading bays are now being constructed as originally planned.

**Drainage**

We have discussed drainage problems with many of you as part of the initial design consultation. There is clearly a serious flooding problem in this area and we have addressed this within the design. The new scheme will provide additional drainage capacity within the area. The system and materials to be used are designed to be used in heavily trafficked areas and have proven success.

**Disabled Access**

Representatives from The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, Northamptonshire Association for the Blind and local residents have been working with our engineers to ensure the final surfacing is suitable for the visually impaired.

**What's Next?**

In November, work will commence in Zone 4. Access through the Market /Whitehorse Yard and on Midland Road will become two-way with a priority traffic flow system put in place. Diversion signage will also be changed accordingly. There will be a member of the PGR team stationed at the junction of Midland Road and Commercial Way to allow access to all businesses on Midland Road. Large vehicles will be able to use the Post Office yard, currently leased by PGR, to turn around (aided by the PGR team if required).

**Christmas Period**

Work on site will stop on the 26th November 2010 to ensure that we comply with the six week highway works embargo enforced by Northamptonshire County Council. This is to prevent any highway works taking place in the six week period surrounding Christmas. The roads and footways will all be open during this period.

Work on site (dependent on weather) will recommence on the 3rd January 2011.