

# Graham Road Newsletter



17 September 2020

Dear residents,

Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to apologise to all residents for not notifying you sooner of the temporary closure of Graham Road to facilitate the construction of a new hotel on Hartfield Road, at the northern junction with Graham Road.

We recognise that roadworks can cause inconvenience, and particularly when they are introduced at very short notice, and we understand that this has caused concern amongst Graham Road residents. We want to take this opportunity to update you on the current situation and progress around the decision to close the road.

The decision has been made by Merton Council to temporarily re-open the road while we assess all available options to the Council.

This decision has been made in dialogue with the developers (Reef Group), their contractors (Barnes Construction), your local councillors as well as listening to the concerns raised with us by some residents of Graham Road. While the road is re-opened, this will provide a period to pause and reflect on the feedback we have received.

Council officers will use this time to work constructively with the developer and their contractor to take account of your feedback and determine if there are any viable alternative traffic management solutions. The safety of all road users and residents is and will continue to be the Council's primary focus.

The developers have been informed they must remove the hoarding and concrete blocks along with all traffic diversion signs as part of the road closure on the northern section of Graham Road where it meets Hartfield Road. These measures will be removed with the intention to re-open Graham Road in its entire length by 17:00 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

This is a temporary measure until further assessments have been concluded regarding alternative traffic management arrangements for this restricted working area. We trust that re-opening the road demonstrates that the Council is listening and taking action. All comments and concerns that have been raised to us are being taken into consideration.

You can also contact us at [network.co-ordination@merton.gov.uk](mailto:network.co-ordination@merton.gov.uk)

We would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding while we make the necessary assessments and will update you of our decision by 25<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank You,

Future Merton Infrastructure Team.