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Dear occupier,

We are writing to share details on some proposed changes to the pedestrianised area of York Road that we intend to implement later this year.

Following approval from Birmingham City Council Cabinet in January 2023, work has been undertaken to produce the design for a more permanent scheme here, building on the temporary scheme that was delivered in October 2020.

This seeks to address ongoing issues with unauthorised vehicles entering and travelling through this pedestrian zone, while still ensuring that the access and loading/unloading requirements of local businesses can be satisfactorily provided for.

The proposed design (see overleaf for copy of plans) looks to achieve this by making some changes to the existing modal filters/planters (left-right from Waterloo Road to High Street):

- modal filter at junction of York Road and Waterloo Road to be replaced with gateway treatment of two kerb buildouts, kept open as at present to enable permitted access.
- modal filter by The Juke/Grace & James to be replaced with a 'hard' point closure consisting of a row of concrete bollards meaning no access at all through this point.
- modal filter nearest to How Brave is the Wren/Fletchers to be removed, as under the new design it is not necessary to have an additional closure point here.
- modal filter nearest the High Street to be replaced with the same gateway treatment as the other end with two kerb buildouts, concrete bollards and a locked, folding 'coffin' bollard in the centre of this to enable permitted/authorised access only.

Keys will be issued to those requiring access to the pedestrianised section of York Road, where they are not able to undertake loading/unloading from other nearby locations. There will be an agreement in place regarding this, stating that the bollard is only to be unlocked and opened when required to allow loading/unloading and the bollard will be closed and locked promptly once access or egress of any vehicles is complete.

If you have any questions or comments about these proposed changes for York Road, please contact us at connected@birmingham.gov.uk by Tuesday 2 April 2024. We will also be arranging for the project team to visit Kings Heath in the next couple of weeks to provide an opportunity for you to discuss these proposals further.

York Road is a well-loved part of Kings Heath, and we look forward to people continuing to enjoy this space and the various amenities and facilities provided here safely.

Yours faithfully,

Transport & Connectivity team
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