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Dear Resident / Occupier,

## Moor Street Queensway Bus Gate scheme

The Eastside area of Birmingham city centre, including Moor Street Queensway and Digbeth High Street, will be transformed over the coming years. Major transport investment through Metro extension, new Sprint routes and the arrival of HS2 will see significant improvements to public transport and enhanced public realm, while new developments such as Smithfield will change how this area is used. This will all contribute to the vision for a sustainable, green, inclusive, go-anywhere network set out in the draft Birmingham Transport Plan.

Preparation for HS2 will require the closure of Park Street later in 2020. At the same time, Birmingham City Council is proposing some traffic changes in this part of the city centre. This will enable Moor Street Queensway to become a key Gateway into the city centre ahead of the opening of HS2 and other long-term developments in the area.

Delivering these changes at the same time as the closure of Park Street will prevent a high proportion of traffic from transferring onto Moor Street Queensway, which could have a detrimental impact on the reliability of bus services and also raise safety concerns, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists.

Birmingham City Council is proposing to introduce a Bus Gate on a section of Moor Street Queensway between Moor Street Station and the junction with Carrs Lane. This will restrict northbound and southbound access for private vehicles except for buses, cyclists and hackney carriages. Access for loading and unloading to Moor Street Station and other premises in the area will still be possible, although by a different route in some cases. A map detailing the proposed changes is shown on the reverse of this letter.

The City Council propose to implement these measures ahead of the closure of Park Street and operation of the Clean Air Zone in July 2020.

It is important that everyone in the area is aware of what is proposed and able to comment on this. You can tell us what you think **before Friday 28 Feb 2020** at: www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/economy/msgbusgate.

A public drop in event will be held on Tuesday 11 February 2020 between 2pm and 5pm at the Carrs Lane Church & Conference Centre, B4 7SX. This will provide a chance for you to find out more about what is happening, ask any questions and tell us what you think.

More information is also available at: <u>www.birmingham.gov.uk/msqbusgate</u>. If you have any questions, please email <u>transport.projects@birmingham.gov.uk</u>.

