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Dear Sir/Madam

Crossrail – Commencement of works – 65 Davies Street

I am writing to you with regard to the Crossrail project which will be starting works in your area shortly.

Crossrail is a major new cross London rail link project developed to serve London and the southeast of England by providing a world class transport system. Crossrail will provide new, fast and direct connections into major destinations such as Heathrow, the West End, the City and Canary Wharf. The high capacity, high frequency service starts from 2017 bringing faster journeys and greater comfort to many, with 24 trains per hour at peak time.

A new station will be built at Bond Street for the new Crossrail services due to commence in 2017 with two new ticket halls providing step free access to the platforms and an interchange with the existing Bond Street station. London Underground will be constructing a new entrance on Marylebone Lane with improved access to the Jubilee and Central line platforms including step free access to both lines. Crossrail and London Underground are working closely to deliver these major improvements to the transport links in the Bond Street area.

Crossrail will be constructing a new ticket hall on the site of 65 Davies Street which will be the new western entrance to the Bond Street Crossrail station. The eastern ticket hall will be located in Hanover Square.

As you live or work close to the area, I wanted to make you aware of the work to build the western ticket hall which is scheduled to commence early in February 2010.

Utilities in St Anselm's Place, Davies Street and Weighhouse Street (between Davies St and Gilbert Street) will need to be diverted in advance of the main construction work. These utility diversions are expected to take approximately 6 months.

A closure of the junction of St Anselm's Place and Davies St has been implemented to allow utilities and ground investigation works to be carried out. Notification about the Ground Investigation works has already been sent out to those addresses in the immediate area.

During the work in Weighhouse St (between Davies St and Gilbert St), the road will need to be closed to allow for the utility and ground investigation works, however access will be maintained during periods to allow for deliveries to the West One shopping centre.



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Weighhouse St may also be reversed to allow vehicular access along the road permission for which is being sought from the local highways authority.

Once the property of 65 Davies Street has been vacated, hoarding will be erected around the building in preparation for its demolition which is currently scheduled to commence in March 2010. The demolition of the property is expected to last for 9 months and will be completed in time for the start of the main work to construct the new ticket hall in early 2011.

Additional utility diversions are also being discussed with the utility companies to coordinate the works and undertake any of their planned future maintenance work at the same time as the CRL works to minimise future disruption to residents and businesses.

We are aware that these works could give rise to concerns from businesses and residents in the area. We are therefore working very closely with the local authority planning and environment officers and we will endeavour to minimise the impacts of construction as far as possible.

Should any urgent issues arise either before or whilst the work is taking place please call our dedicated helpline 0345 602 3813. If you wish to learn more about Crossrail, please visit www.crossrail.co.uk or alternatively e-mail helpdesk@crossrail.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Deaville', written in a cursive style.

Stephen Deaville
Area Community Relations Officer