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November 2018

Dear Business Manager,

VICTORIA ROAD CONSULTATION ON BEHALF OF DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

As a business owner on or near Victoria Road we are keen to hear your views about the area. We have been asked to develop ideas, concepts and designs on behalf of Darlington Borough Council to assist the delivery of improvements to the Victoria Road area. This is one part of several proposals looking to improve the access for everyone to Darlington station. We want to improve the public spaces and improve the journey to those travelling on sustainable transport whether walking, cycling and the bus as well as those arriving by car and taxi.

The area we are focusing on is from the entrance of the station (not including the entrance itself) down to the roundabout at St Cuthbert's Way. The consultation will include all the junctions with the side roads and comments regarding those side roads will be taken into account. In addition the back lane behind the northern side of the street (the Royal Mail delivery side) will be included as it is a thoroughfare to the station and currently is the signed cycle route.

We hope to be able to consult with you as a business manager in the area, to find out what your thoughts are, if you have issues, concerns or ideas for the outdoor space. We will be consulting with business managers, employees, residents and general public from Friday 23 November to 5 December and we will call in and hope to meet you then to seek your opinions. Alternatively we will be holding drop in sessions for you to come to talk to us at Atisha Kadampa Buddhist Centre, Victoria Road, DL1 5JQ on 22 November, between 10am and 1.30pm and Wednesday 5 December between 12pm and 3.30pm come along to find out more.

We are asking people to complete questionnaires on Stickyworld, an online consultation page and Survey Monkey;

<https://victoriaroad.stickyworld.com/room/presentation?roomid=4>

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P52KFRR>

We would like to be able to provide you with a poster to promote the consultation with your customers so that they have the opportunity to engage in this consultation. We hope that you will consider putting this somewhere that your customers may see, to allow us to gain a broad selection of



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opinions. As we aim to include views from as many people as possible who live, work or use the street.

This initial consultation will help to inform a second phase of consultation we will hold in the Dolphin Centre in the new year. These will be held on Saturday 19 January 2019 from 10.30-1.30pm (for the general public) and Wednesday 23 January 2019 from 3.30-7pm (targeting general public and businesses)

We are also looking to recruit community ambassadors to help promote this consultation – if you are interested in supporting us with this, please let us know. We hope to meet you soon, if you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact Judith Underwood or Natalie Whitworth on 01325 464270 or email Judith.underwood@groundwork.org.uk

Many thanks for your time.

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Dear Resident,

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As a resident near Victoria Road we are keen to hear your views about the area. We have been asked on behalf of Darlington Borough Council to develop ideas, concepts and designs to deliver improvements to the Victoria Road area. This is part of wider proposals to improve Darlington station. We want to improve the public spaces and the street environment for those that live, work and visit the area. We also want to improve the route along Victoria Road for those that travel along it to access other destinations however they travel; walk, cycle, bus, car or taxi.

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Alternatively, if we miss you when we door knock your area, please complete our consultation online at;

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<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MFP6VC8>

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