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Dear All

Since this meeting has been cancelled, I wish to draw your attention to an issue that we had planned to raise on Monday.

TIE have indicated to us that there are plans to commence utility works in the West End in late February. This will involve an extensive traffic management scheme that broadly reflects the system we experienced during the MUDFA works in 2008.

We are greatly concerned that this utility work will significantly damage trade in the West End and the wider City Centre. We believe that the utility work should run contiguous with the track laying work (once it has been agreed) in order to minimise the disruption to transport and business.

We also have further concerns regarding the traffic management scheme that has been proposed by TIE for the track laying phase of the works. The diversions are extensive and make large sections of the city virtually inaccessible to private vehicles.

Our concerns are outlined in the attached letter that has already been sent to Richard Jeffrey. I have requested a meeting with Richard and I am sure that this will take place soon.

The implications of both the proposed interim utility work and the subsequent track work pose significant problems for the whole city and I feel very strongly that TOG should be addressing them collectively.

Best Regards

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