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WORK BEGINS ON PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS IN ABBEY WOOD

Work will begin on 6 March 2017 on improvements to the streets and public areas in and around Abbey Wood Station and the Harrow Manorway Flyover.

Improvements include redesigning the public space to create better pedestrian, cycling and vehicle access to the new Elizabeth line station, being built as part of the Crossrail programme. The street scene leading to the station will be opened up creating new village-style areas, which residents can enjoy. These will have high quality paving, street lighting and street furniture as well as trees, plants and shrubbery.

A new main entrance to the Elizabeth line station will be created via the Harrow Manorway flyover and lifts will be installed to provide step-free access directly from the flyover to every platform in the new station. Two new bus shelters will be built on either side of the road on the flyover and there will be a wider pedestrian crossing with signals. The existing bus shelter will be refurbished and become a cycle shelter.

London Borough of Bexley, Royal Borough of Greenwich, Crossrail, Network Rail and TfL (Transport for London) are working together to fund these significant improvements.

Cllr Teresa O'Neil OBE, Leader of the London Borough of Bexley said: "We want to make sure that the community benefits as much as possible from the improvements in and around Abbey Wood. I'd ask local people to please bear with us during this difficult transition period and can assure them that the end results will benefit everyone."

Cllr Denise Hyland, Leader of the Royal Borough of Greenwich and Ward Councillor for Abbey Wood, said: "Abbey Wood is undergoing huge changes at the moment and these works will create a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere for residents, businesses and commuters. Together with colleagues at the London Borough of Bexley we're working hard to ensure all the public realm improvement work in the area are carefully planned and constructed to a high specification and I'm sure that residents and businesses alike will reap the benefits that will help transform the local area once completed."

The improvement work will last until summer 2018 and will be co-ordinated with the ongoing works on the new station, so that there will be no significant additional impact on traffic. The traffic management arrangements already in place will continue along similar lines. Bus routes will not be affected, but bus stops may be relocated nearby where necessary. The existing pedestrian crossing will be available throughout the work but at the end of the works it will be replaced with a new wider pedestrian crossing with signals and a cycle crossing.

When the new station partially opens in October 2017, for the North Kent Line service, additional improvement work will begin, first in Felixstowe Road in November 2017 and then in Gayton Road in January 2018. Work will finish in both these areas by June 2018. The Elizabeth line service will be fully operational in December 2018.

For more information on the Abbey Wood Public Realm improvements go to www.yourabbeywood.co.uk or email yourabbeywood@bexley.gov.uk

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Editors Notes

Attachment - Abbey Wood Public Realm information leaflet

Please contact: Jane Parson on 020 3045 4868
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