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Dear local residents, business owners and all other interested parties,

We are sending you this letter to inform you of the developments regarding the City Centre Campus.

In the past few years, the UvA has been working to establish four open city campuses. The City Centre Campus is the fourth and final campus that the UvA is developing and will be the home base for students and employees of the Faculty of Humanities (FGw) and the University Library (UB).

Fleshing out two City Centre Campus design scenarios

In the coming months, two scenarios for the City Centre Campus will be fleshed out into preliminary designs. The elaboration of both scenarios will allow for an effective comparison, after which a choice can be made for the final design of the campus.

Expansion of the programme

The first scenario is the current situation, with the University Library (UB) being located in the Binnengasthuis premises and the other buildings fitted and furnished for the Faculty of Humanities (FGw). The second scenario envisages the UB in Oudemanhuispoort. The other buildings will be used for research and teaching within the Faculty of Humanities (FGw). Investigation is also being conducted into whether additional functions can be added to the programme, such as a conference room and an Aula for the conferral of doctorates. Both scenarios take account of these additional functions.

Schedule

How long the elaboration of the scenarios will take is not yet clear. What is clear is that consultation with the academic community can only take place once both scenarios have been fleshed out to an equivalent degree.

Completion of preparatory work for the UB on the Binnengasthuis premises

Despite the internal discussion in the past year regarding the realisation of a new University Library (UB) on the BG premises, a certain amount of preparatory work has been conducted over the past few months to facilitate construction on this location. This is to prevent significant delays in the event that the BG premises are selected as the site for the UB.

This preparatory work, including the drawing up of a technical design consisting of specifications and technical drawings, is nearly complete. At the moment, an inventory of cables and pipelines directly around the buildings on the BG premises is still being formulated. For the realisation of the UB, the cables and pipelines should be either temporarily or permanently moved for the construction of sheet pile walls. No-one in the area will notice any of the work currently being conducted to create the inventory as it will mainly involve desk research.

Use of vacant property

New occupants of Binnengasthuisstraat 9 (BG3)

The planned relocation of the departments of Real Estate Development (HO), part of Facility Services and ICT Services (UvA) and the Development Office of Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (HvA) has been rescheduled for Thursday 18 and Friday 19 February. VOX POP, which is accommodated on the ground floor, will be relocated to the former Service and Information Centre at the end of February.

Institute for Information Law in BG5

At the beginning of February, approximately 30 employees of the Institute for Information Law (IViR) moved to the building at Vendelstraat 7 (BG5). IViR was originally established in the Oost-Indisch Huis and is part of the Faculty of Law. IViR will be temporarily based in this location until the Faculty of Law moves to the Roeterseiland Campus. The employees can also access the building during the weekend between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Receive (free) tickets for the Dutch Student Orchestra

On Tuesday 16 February, the Dutch Student Orchestra (NSO) will perform in the Concertgebouw. We are giving away a number of free tickets for this performance. Interested? If so, please contact our area manager Thomas Vernooy, whose contact details can be found at the bottom of this letter. **The first ten registrations will receive a maximum of two tickets per person/address.** More information about the concert can be found on the Dutch Student Orchestra's website (www.nso.nl).

Any questions?

If you have any questions about developments in and around the City Centre Campus, please contact our area manager Thomas Vernooy by email at omgevingsmanager-binnenstad@uva.nl or by phone on 020 - 525 77 24. You can also visit www.campus.uva.nl.