Dear residents, business owners and other interested parties,

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to a ‘Coffee With the Neighbours’ meeting on Tuesday, 4 March, from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Special Collections department museum café, Oude Turfmarkt 129.

Meeting programme
The meeting on 4 March will consist of two parts. In the first part, the architects’ group – consisting of MVSA Architects and J. van Stigt architect’s office – will present the provisional design for the exterior of the new City Centre University Library, and we will provide you with further details on the follow-up stages. The new University Library is set to become the heart of the City Centre Campus. This will require renovation of the Second Surgery Clinic and Convent, the construction of a new roof over the courtyard and new construction in the parking space on the Nieuwe Doelenstraat. The presentation will be held in follow-up to the meeting of October 2013, during which the architects set out their vision on the design challenge.

Work on the former CREA building on the Grimburgwal will also be resumed in the near future. You received a written notification about these scheduled activities in January. Preparations for the work have already started. The actual renovation work is expected to commence towards the end of this spring. You will receive further information on the renovation activities and their consequences to you over the course of the meeting.

In the second half of the meeting, you will have an opportunity to speak with the architects and UvA employees at the various tables and discuss any questions you may have.

Physical environment permit and zoning plan revision
The UvA will be submitting a physical environment permit application for construction of the new City Centre University Library to the City Centre urban district authorities in mid-February. In addition to the physical environment permit, construction will also require partial revision of the zoning plan as the plan for the new University Library deviates from the current 'Post Code Area 1012' zoning plan in several areas. For more information, please visit our website www.uva.nl/binnenstad. On 28 January 2014, the City Centre urban district council decided to coordinate the partial revision of the zoning plan and physical environment permit application. As a result, both decisions will be simultaneously made available for inspection, offering all interested
parties an opportunity to submit their views. Detailed information can be found on the City Centre urban district website: www.centrum.amsterdam.nl.

Work at the Binnengasthuis site
On Monday, 17 February, a total of seven boreholes will be drilled in the Binnengasthuisstraat, Vendelstraat and Nieuwe Doelenstraat in preparation for construction of the new University Library. A cone will be wound into the soil using a device known as a cone penetration crawler. Once the desired depth of Amsterdam Ordnance Datum -30 metres has been reached, the cone will extract a soil sample. The borehole will then be filled. The boreholes are being drilled in order to gain more information on the soil structure at and around the Binnengasthuis site. Other boreholes will also be drilled over the coming period. We will keep you informed. The work on 17 February will be carried out within normal working hours, between 07:00 and 19:00, and is expected to cause a small amount of noise pollution.

Area manager contact details
If you are unable to attend the Coffee With the Neighbours meeting on 4 March but have any questions about our plans and activities, please contact City Centre area manager Chérie van der Meer: omgevingsmanager-binnenstadcampus-bb@uva.nl. The meeting report is also available at www.uva.nl/binnenstad, where you will also find more information on the latest developments at the City Centre Campus.

I look forward to welcoming you on 4 March.

Yours sincerely,

University of Amsterdam
Kees Lammers
Director of Real Estate Development

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