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

We hereby wish to inform you of the latest developments connected with construction works at the City Centre Campus.

Progress of City Centre University Library

The Amsterdam municipal council officially adopted the 1st revised Postcode Area 1012 zoning plan on Wednesday 1 July. In doing so, the municipality gave the official green light for construction of the new University Library on the Binnengasthuis premises. The procedures for 1st revision of the zoning plan and physical environment permit application for the University Library on the Binnengasthuis premises have been ongoing for close to one and a half years now. The plans have been discussed by all municipal administrative bodies.

Internal debate

The UvA has been working hard within the organisation to prepare for consultations with the academic community on the construction of a new University Library. This process will be initiated in parallel to the independent review by the Finance Committee in accordance with the 10-point plan prepared by the Executive Board of the UvA in response to dissatisfaction among a number of students and employees regarding the university's financial policy and management structure.

Work on University Library continues

Preparations for construction work are continuing within the set frameworks, despite the ongoing internal debate on realisation of a new University Library. This is inevitable, as construction could be delayed by up to a year if we were to stop work pending a positive decision. A decision on the construction of a new University Library is expected to be reached by the end of the year, with the full support of the academic community.

Painting work at Oudemanhuispoort

We recently started painting the exterior casings at the Oudemanhuispoort premises. This work is being carried out in two phases. The first phase will involve painting activities at two courtyards on the Oudemanhuispoort premises and a section of the book alley (*boekensteeg*). These activities should be finished sometime around mid-September. The second phase will take place from mid-September through late November and will include work on the Kloveniersburgwal, Vendelstraat and Oudezijds Achterburgwal (uneven side). You will be duly informed about these activities in advance.

How will these activities affect you?

The work will involve the erection and removal of scaffolding. The casings will also have to be sanded before painting can begin. Both activities will cause noise, and may be a source of nuisance. Work in the Oudemanhuispoort courtyard is set to start at 07:00. Where possible, work near the residences will start at 08:00.

Relocation of Art History and Cultural Studies

The new building designed to accommodate the Faculty of Humanities' Art History and Cultural Studies departments at Turfdraagsterpad 15-17 is nearing completion. The interior contractor is currently finalising the permanent fittings. New furniture will be delivered as of Monday 20 July, with the relocation set to start in the subsequent week. The relocation will take place between 31 July and 6 August. All work will be carried out between 7:00 and 16:00. Unloading activities at the Turfdraagsterpad will start at 08:00.

As soon as the relocation has been completed, the employees currently located at the Herengracht and Oude Turfmarkt will take up residence in the new building.

Any remaining items in the building on the Oude Turfmarkt will be removed and transported to a depot in the period between 6 and 13 August. Transports will take place between 7:00 and 11:00

How will these activities affect you?

Moving vans at the Oude Turfmarkt location will be partially parked on the footpath and partly parked on the road. Moving vans at the Turfdraagsterpad will be parked on the square. Cyclists, pedestrians and motorised vehicles will be able to make their way around the work.

We are making every effort to minimise any inconvenience arising from these activities. Unfortunately, some disruption is inevitable, and we therefore ask for your understanding in advance.

Questions?

If you have any questions about developments in and around the City Centre Campus, please contact Cherie van der Meer, City Centre Campus area manager, by email at omgevingsmanager-binnenstad@uva.nl or by phone on 020 - 525 77 04. For further information, please visit our website: www.campus.uva.nl/en.