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

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

### **University Library progress update**

#### *Development of specifications and drawings*

In February 2015 the Executive Board gave the green light to begin the Technical Design phase as presented in the Definitive Design for the City Centre University Library (UB). This phase is expected to be completed towards the end of the year.

#### *Appeal against the municipal decision on the City Centre UB*

In early July Amsterdam's municipal council adopted the first revision of the 'Postcode Area 1012' zoning plan and issued an environmental permit for the construction of the new University Library at the Binnengasthuis premises. Subsequently there was a six-week period in which anyone with objections to the decision could lodge an appeal with the Council of State. The deadline for appeals was at the end of August and one appeal was submitted. The Council of State now has to issue a ruling within no more than six months. The current planning schedule had already taken possible appeals procedures into account, so this will have no impact on the existing schedule.

#### *Internal discussions on UB construction*

The UvA is working within the organisation to prepare for consultations with the academic community on the construction of a new University Library. If a positive decision is taken on the construction of a new UB before the end of this year, the current schedule can go ahead as planned, with delivery in 2018. We will continue to post updates on the most recent developments on [www.campus.uva.nl](http://www.campus.uva.nl).

### **Maintenance work at Bushuis and Oost-Indisch Huis**

Starting on Monday, 21 September and continuing through the end of November, maintenance activities will be carried out at the Bushuis in Kloveniersburgwal 48 and at the Oost-Indisch Huis in Oude Hoogstraat 24, with the interiors of both UvA buildings to be refurbished for future users. The work will include painting, replacement of carpeting and flooring and work on the ICT network.



*How will these activities affect you?*

The activities will take place indoors and are not expected to cause undue noise. Two (or so) lorries will be delivering and removing material daily during the work. When loading and unloading, the lorries will park one at a time on the pavement in front the UvA premises at Kloveniersburgwal 48 so as not to obstruct traffic. Pedestrians will then be directed around the lorry.

The work will be carried out on Mondays through Fridays between 7am and 6pm, and occasionally in the evenings and on Saturdays if necessary.

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](mailto:omgevingsmanager-binnenstad@uva.nl) or by phone on 020 - 525 77 04. For further information, please visit our website: [www.campus.uva.nl](http://www.campus.uva.nl).