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To local residents living at and around the Binnengasthuis site

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Subject: Invitation to Coffee With the Neighbours meeting

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, 27 May from 19:30 to 20:30 in the Academic Club, Oudezijds Achterburgwal 235. The Neighbours event offers an opportunity to meet the new contractor working on the former CREA building and learn about the various activities and planning schedule.

Start of renovation work

Preparations for work on the former CREA building on the Grimburgwal have been completed. As mentioned, we will be starting renovation work on the building in May of this year. The building will accommodate the Arts and Culture programme from the summer of 2015 onwards.

Contractor Friso Bouwgroep has been selected to renovate the building. Friso Bouwgroep will start setting up the work site in mid-May. This will include the installation of security fencing. The size of the work area will be kept to a minimum. If the area proves to be too narrow for loading and unloading, the contractor will apply for a permit to enlarge the site at the City Centre urban district.

Initial activities will consist of installing foundation piles beneath the building. This work will be carried out indoors. The piles will be wound into the ground in order to minimise inconvenience for the surrounding environment. We have opted for this method because it reduces noise disturbance. Once these activities have been completed, the contractor will start demolishing the conservatory and extension between the former CREA building and adjacent building.

There will be more intensive construction traffic between 07:00 and 11:00 for the duration of the renovation work. In certain exceptional situations, materials may have to be delivered or collected outside of this time window. The contractor will then apply for an exemption from the City Centre urban district. You will be informed of any such developments through our website, www.uva.nl/binnenstad. Clear agreements have been reached with the contractor on the basis of the Accessibility, Liveability, Safety and Communication (ALSC) framework, which was developed in close collaboration with various local representatives.

The document is available on our website, and can be found under the heading 'Publications'.

The UvA will strive to minimise any inconvenience as a result of the work. Unfortunately, we cannot rule out inconvenience altogether, and ask for your understanding in this matter.

Planning

The renovation of the former CREA building is scheduled to last eleven months. The building will be completed in the spring of 2015. The Faculty of Humanities' Arts and Culture programme will take up residence in the new building in the summer of 2015.

More information or any questions?

If you are unable to attend the Coffee With the Neighbours meeting on 27 May but have any questions about our plans and activities, please contact City Centre area manager Chérie van der Meer by calling 020-525 77 24 or sending an email to omgevingsmanager-binnenstad@uva.nl. You can also visit www.uva.nl/binnenstad.

I look forward to welcoming you on 27 May.

Yours sincerely,

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