

**KIRKINTILLOCH LINK ROAD  
CONSTRUCTION PHASE  
RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER No. 11  
12 FEBRUARY 2009**

Dear Resident

**KIRKINTILLOCH LINK ROAD  
VARIOUS ISSUES RELATING TO WORK IN THE VICINITY OF WOODHEAD  
AVENUE AND INDUSTRY STREET**

The Link Road contractor is now close to completing construction of a piling platform in the old railway cutting which runs close to your property. The next stage is for the contractor to start construction of the piled retaining walls which define the edge of the new road. I enclose for your information an indicative sketch (Sketch No. RNL / 11 / 1) showing, in cross-section, what works are being carried out.

**Proposed Works**

You will see from this sketch that the final level of the proposed Link Road will be around the same level as the bottom of the existing railway cutting. The infill material, which is currently being placed, is part of a piling platform needed to assist in the construction of the retaining walls which lie at each side of the Link Road in this area. Once the retaining walls are constructed the infill material will be removed to allow construction of the road at the lower level as indicated on the indicative cross-section.

**Vibration Monitoring**

During construction to date some concerns have been expressed by residents about potential property damage resulting from vibration. I expect that when the work starts on the piled retaining walls residents will continue to feel vibration. I therefore write to provide you with more detailed information on how your property is being protected from vibration damage.

The Contractor is legally obliged to carry out all of the works within industry standard vibration limits. These limits are set out in the specification of the works and are based on research which shows that vibration levels below these limits will not cause damage to property. In order to ensure that the vibration limits are not breached the contractor sets up a portable vibration monitor on the site boundary at the closest property to where he is working. This monitor has a warning light which flashes if the vibration from the works comes close to the allowable limits. Operatives are under instructions to cease work if the vibration monitor's light flashes.

Vibration within the above limits is easily detectable. It is therefore common for residents to have understandable concerns about the effects on their property even within these safe limits. I hope the information in this newsletter will help to allay these concerns. However, if you wish more information about vibration and its effects I will be happy to arrange for a member of the Design Team to discuss this issue with you.

### **Industry Street Closure / Turning Head**

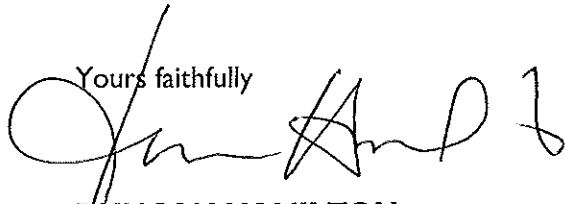
Industry Street has recently been closed to through traffic. This closure is required to allow completion of public utility service diversions, demolition of the existing Industry Street Bridge and the construction of a new bridge. It is anticipated that Industry Street will now be closed continuously until the end of October 2009. In order to assist vehicles which must access each end of Industry Street, a temporary vehicle turning area is currently being constructed between No. 23 Industry Street and the bus lay-by on Parliament Road (see attached Sketch No. RNL / 11 / 2). This area is being provided so that bin lorries, emergency vehicles, delivery vehicles etc. have somewhere to turn when accessing the closed off section of Industry Street. Every effort will be made to discourage parking in this area. Your assistance in keeping the area clear 24 hours a day would be much appreciated.

### **Noise Mitigation Measures**

The enclosed cross-section indicates the approximate location of a noise mitigation fence. The layout and specification of the noise mitigation measures are currently being finalised by the designers. Thereafter, the proposed measures will be discussed with East Dunbartonshire Council to ensure that they meet all of the appropriate legal and technical requirements. As soon as agreement on these proposals is reached with the Council I will provide each householder with a proposal for consultation and discussion. This proposal will be accompanied by full information about the projected noise levels associated with the proposed road and the effects of the proposed noise mitigation measures.

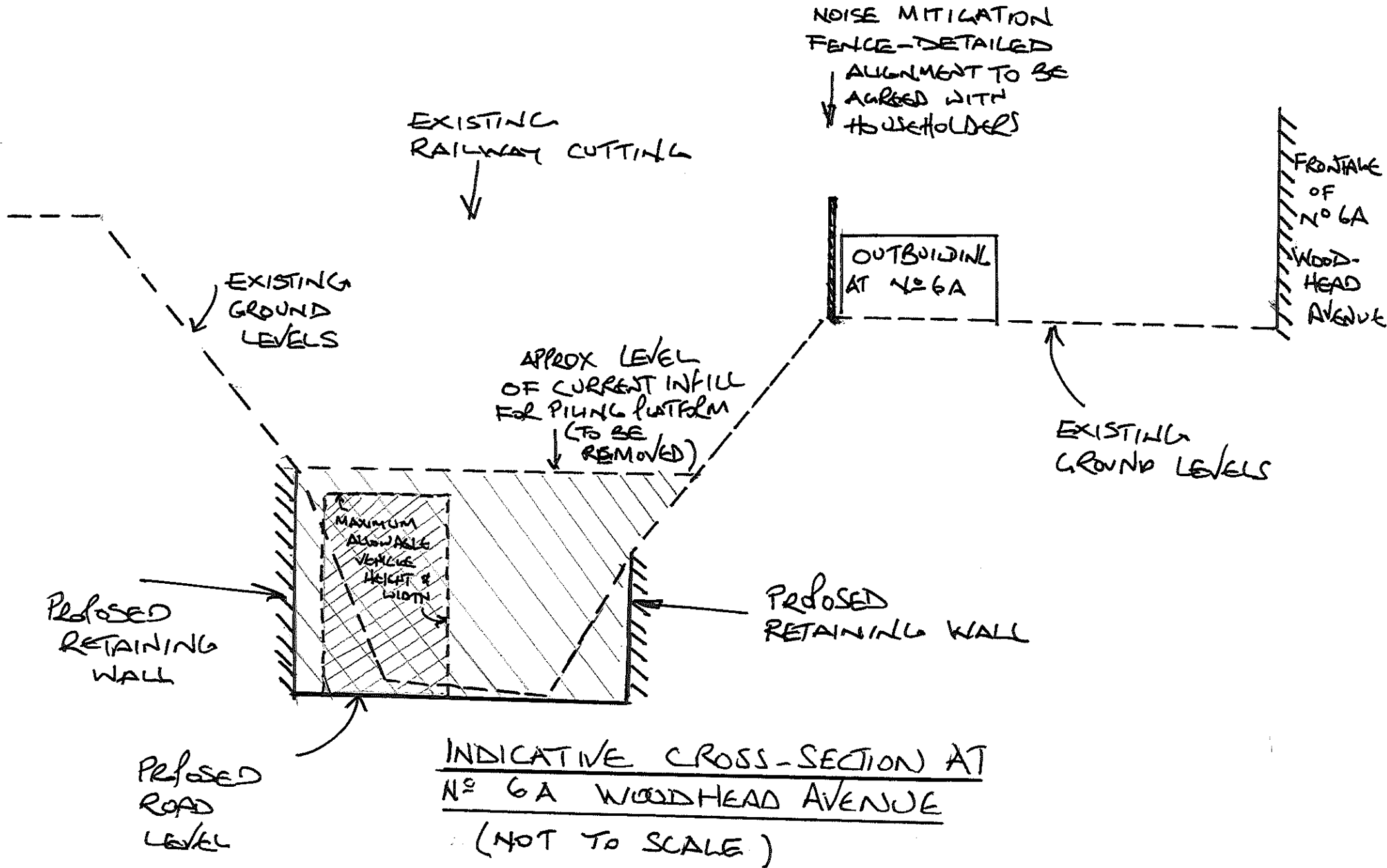
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Yours faithfully



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SKETCH N° RNL/111/1



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Land at Industry Street, Kirkintilloch.



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