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Dear Smithfield Occupiers

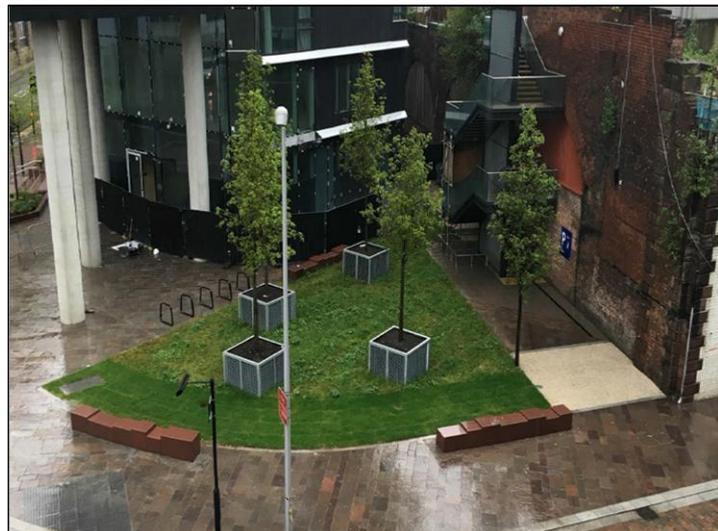
Subject: Work at Smithfield, Stoke-on-Trent

We are pleased to share with you news about Genr8 and Stoke-on-Trent City Council taking steps to improve the public realm in and around Smithfield.

As part of the wind mitigation strategy for Smithfield, and our ongoing commitment to making the site an inclusive and people-centric space, we plan to carry out a combination of hard and soft landscaping works around Smithfield, taking the form of the following:

- Semi-mature tree planting;
- Installing trees within steel and timber tree planters;
- Timber seating integrated with timber tree planters;
- Low removable planters; and
- Shrub planting.

Examples of how the steel and timber tree planters will look shown below:



Genr8 and Stoke-On-Trent City Council are in the process of arranging events at Smithfield, similar to the Beats and Eats Event held on the 20th September 2019, and has designed the layout of the landscaping works with this in mind.

The below plan and key indicate where the planters will be placed:



Due to the tree planters' locations on site any vehicles parking in the disabled parking bays outside 1 Smithfield can gain access from Warner Street, as outlined above.

The proposed works will not only significantly reduce the levels of wind around Smithfield but will also make up part of the site's landscaping – creating an aesthetically pleasing environment with plenty of greenery. Seating will be installed to hopefully increase dwell time and encourage pedestrians to enjoy the space.

To minimise disturbance to office workers at 1 & 2 Smithfield, the equipment and materials will be delivered to site on the week commencing 11th November 2019 with majority of the trees outside 1 Smithfield being installed over weekend (15th – 17th November 2019).

Along with the installation of the tree planters, general improvements and upgrades will be made to the public realm, including the removal of weeds and dead plants and the replanting of trees, flowers and a wildflower meadow along with works to external light fittings and the water feature. The general improvements of the estate will be carried out early next year with details to be circulated closer to the time.

We hope that these measures will serve to make Smithfield an even more enjoyable place to live, work and play.

Should you have any questions or concerns or would like some more information please feel free to contact the team at Genr8 on 0161 833 9097.

Many thanks,

Genr8 and Stoke-On-Trent City Council