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Dear Mr & Mrs Loftus

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Balustrade at Chester Terrace

I write further to our previous communications on the site investigation works for the Chester Terrace balustrade.

The CEPC's appointed independent structural engineers have established the balustrade is suffering from ongoing movement. This has caused significant deterioration over the last six months resulting in further sections of the balustrade being loose when pressure is applied. For this reason, following discussions with the CEPC's insurers, we have decided to barrier off the full length of the footpath adjacent to the balustrade along with selected sections on the garden side. This work will mean that the footpath on the road side and in parts of the garden adjacent to the balustrade will be not be useable. The three set back parking bays adjacent to the balustrade will not be useable as the space needed for open vehicle doors without the footpath will mean vehicles protruding in to the carriageway. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

We ask that residents, their guests, contractors or anyone else do not touch the barriers or the balustrade at any time. Please take extra care to explain this to any children and keep a particular eye on them and any pets whilst they are near the balustrade. Signs will be placed on the barriers. If you encounter an issue with the barrier or balustrade please phone the CEPC's 24hr traffic and security line on 07774 938 715 or 07854 890 756.

We anticipate this work will be undertaken during the week commencing 9 November 2020. The garden will be closed during the works but will reopen thereafter. Again, we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. As to longer term repairs to the balustrade, the Working Group, which includes Commissioners, a resident/ratepayer and myself, is continuing discussions with the independent structural engineers regarding possible options to resolve the issues affecting the balustrade. Alongside the works described above, sections of the balustrade will be deconstructed so that their construction can be ascertained to assist with discussion of the repair options.

We shall revert in due course with a further update on progress.

Yours sincerely

Nick Packard
Director (Clerk & Treasurer to Commissioners)