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Dear Property Owner (insert address)

A628 Dodworth Road / Broadway Junction Highway Improvement Scheme:

Noise Insulation Scheme

As you will be aware, as part of the planning approval for the A628 Dodworth Road/Broadway Junction Highway Improvement Scheme, detailed noise modelling work was carried out. This was to assess the predicted noise impact of the planned highway scheme, based on the forecast traffic conditions 15 years from the highway opening.

A number of properties, including **(insert address)**, were identified as already experiencing adverse noise levels, consequently as per the Noise Insulation Regulations 1975 (as amended in 1988), the minor predicted increase in noise (based on the current planning application layout) over the next 15 years could be considered as significant.

We are now contacting the identified property owners/occupiers to advise you that the noise insulation scheme has been approved by the Local Planning Authority and to provide you with the details of the next steps in the process.

The list of addresses currently identified is not being made publicly available at this stage as the noise modelling exercise will be carried out again within six months of the road scheme being fully operational to reassess the predicted impact, based on forecast traffic conditions 15 years after opening and based on the final-built scheme design. This remodelling could affect the final list of property addresses that are eligible under the Noise Insulation Regulations.

Once the final list has been identified, if affected owner/occupier are interested in having noise insulation measures installed, Barnsley Council will arrange for a qualified contractor to survey the property. The survey will identify any noise insulation measures required, based on eligible room identified and whether existing measures already meet the relevant specification.

Following the survey, the contractor will prepare a report setting out the package of noise insulation measures proposed at the property and submit this to Barnsley Council for agreement.

The scheme is not mandatory and property owners will have the choice as to whether they want some, all, or none of the measures recommended to be installed. The council will then arrange for the measures agreed with the property owner/occupier to be installed free of charge by a specialist appointed contractor.

If the eligible property is rented, the offer to have noise insulation measures installed under the scheme will be made to one party, either the landlord or tenant. If the tenant receives the offer, they must make sure that they are aware of their obligations under the terms of their tenancy regarding alterations to the building before accepting it. Barnsley Council will try to reach an agreement between all parties (tenant and landlord) where possible-regarding any offer and acceptance of noise insulation measures under this scheme.

The noise insulation offer will include some or all of the following items:

- i. **Secondary glazing for qualifying windows in eligible rooms, plus supplementary ventilation if required**
 - Secondary glazing will usually comprise of another pane of glass in its own frame (wood, metal or plastic) 100-200mm inside the existing window. It can be opened for cleaning or ventilation.
 - Secondary glazing is different to double glazing. Double glazing consists of two panes of glass in the same casing, typically around 20mm apart, which replace the existing window. If a property already has double glazing, this will not affect eligibility under this scheme.
 - Following a property survey, the owner/occupier will be advised how effective any currently installed double glazing is in reducing external noise compared to the offer of secondary glazing.
 - The owner/occupier does not have to accept the offer of insulation if they consider they do not need it.
 - The owner/occupier, at their own discretion and accepting the measures in place to reduce the noise impact, may choose only to have ventilation units and blinds installed.
 - Secondary glazing works best when closed, so additional ventilation, provided by means such as a small electric ventilator fan located on an outside wall, is usually required to allow windows to be kept closed

- ii. **Blinds on windows that attract sunlight**
 - On some properties, long periods of sunlight can make rooms too hot to keep windows closed. Subject to the agreement of the owner/occupier, blinds will be fitted between the main window and the secondary glazing to reduce this.
 - If the owner/occupier chooses not to accept blinds as part of the noise insulation package, the possible impacts will be explained to them. Blinds will not be fitted after installation of the noise insulation package or if the owner/occupier changes their mind later.

- iii. **Insulation treatment for doors (if required)**
 - A "secondary" door may be installed, if required following assessment, to improve noise insulation. If the property's design prevents this, other methods may be considered, such as a sealing strip between the existing door and its frame.

As stated above, the scheme is not mandatory and property owners will have the choice as to whether they want some, all, or none of the measures recommended to be installed. The scheme will also cover the making good of the existing fabric and decoration (not including curtains) after the installation of noise insulation measures, but unfortunately it cannot be used for work needed to remedy any existing building defects, including replacing existing windows if these are in a poor state of repair.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the noise insulation scheme approved by planning. In addition, all information including frequently asked questions is available on the dedicated project webpage that can be found on Barnsley Council's website www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/regeneration/key-projects/m1-junction-37/

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathy McArdle', followed by a horizontal line.

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