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To the Residents,

**RE: Program Update and Summary of Work Progress, Appletree Grove Estate Stages 1, 2 and 3**

We write to provide an update on construction progress for Stages 1 & 2 and to reflect on achievements made in Stage 3 works at Appletree Grove Estate

**Appletree Grove – Stages 1 & 2**

Earthworks in Stages 1 and 2 are progressing well with the sunny weather helping us along. Rock excavation will be a significant part of the works going forward and this has commenced already.

Recent hot weather has dried the site and recent strong winds have contributed to dusty conditions. KCE is actively managing this by use of watercarts and mulch cover until landscaping and revegetation can be completed. Wind directions and speeds are being monitored and in some cases, we may need to change our work activities to reduce the effect of strong winds.

Part of the contract works in these stages includes the full reconstruction and widening of Withers Street stretching from George Booth Drive to the existing homes in Withers Street. Concrete paths and cycleways and the new Tramway Park form part of these proposed works. Please be advised that traffic may be affected during road construction in the near future and may result in some delays and traffic flow changes.

The coming weeks will see us continuing with pipeline construction for stormwater and sewer along Withers Street, continuation of bulk earthworks and further landscaping to the basins in Stage 2. Glider poles are also set to be erected along George Booth Drive to assist with the safety of our local wildlife moving between existing and future conservation areas.

**Appletree Grove – Stage 3**

Challenging weather conditions early in the project and significant rock excavation significantly impacted the timeline and progress of this stage of work. As of Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013, Stage 3 of Appletree Grove Estate has been opened to the public for new and existing local residents to explore.

The partnership of Hammersmith Management, KCE and Brown Consulting would like to thank you for your patience and understanding during the construction period of Stage 3 and we hope that the new neighbourhood with its improved drainage, heritage features and upgrade to Appletree Road are regarded as improvements to the area. Here, pedestrian refuges and bus shelters now provide extra safety for school children and the road widening offers additional parking spaces.

We would also like to inform you that changes to the circulation of the newsletter may mean this could be the last update you receive via the post if you are no longer near the construction works. Should you ever wish to find out the latest project updates, please refer either to the Appletree Grove website or local noticeboards at the High School and shops.

If you have any questions regarding this project or wish to remain on the distribution list for future newsletters, please feel free to contact me on (02) 4922 5000.

Yours faithfully,  
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