

## **ACCESS TO HALLÉ ST PETER'S / HALLÉ AT ST MICHAEL'S AUTUMN 2016 ONWARDS**

### **To all regular users of Hallé Venues in Ancoats**

As many of you will be aware the area of Ancoats is undergoing a transformation with many building developments already on site. In matters particularly relevant to us, three more major sites, all new residential schemes being developed by the Manchester Life Development Company, immediately adjacent to Hallé St Peter's are now underway.

Inevitably there will be an impact on our operations, and some inconvenience to visitors to Hallé St Peter's and Hallé at St Michael's while these projects are on site.

### **ACCESS AND ROAD CLOSURES.**

The construction on the sites adjacent to Hallé St Peter's mean a number of roads being closed for long periods of the projects and access to Hallé St Peter's will become more limited as a result. We have produced a map based on the information we have received from Manchester Life on the scheduled road closures which demonstrates the best routes to the Hallé Venues during this disruption. That map is attached with this memo.

The access requirements of the Hallé trucks have been taken into consideration and we will be able to access Hood Street to load and unload instruments etc during the construction period. Access requirements for larger vehicles will be discussed and agreed on a weekly basis between the Manchester Life and Hallé Venues teams and requests for access should be made via the Hallé Venues team.

### **PARKING:**

From Summer 2016 – the Manchester Life Development Company have taken the SIP car park on Jersey Street for all their contractor parking – they have five major developments taking place in Ancoats at the same time and will be on site until at least late 2018. Accordingly this facility will be lost to the general public, including Hallé users during this time.

I am aware that this is the most reasonably priced car park locally so to lose it for a long period is disappointing. Discussions continue to see if it would be possible for our visitors to use this car park in the evening – after 6pm and there is an agreement in principle however there are a number of issues relating to insurance liability and authorisation that must be addressed before we can proceed.

The road closures will inevitably impact on the general availability of parking, particularly on the street, with a number of pay and display bays also being lost. We must be extremely mindful to observe restrictions particularly relating to residents' bays on George Leigh Street and Sherratt Street. It would appear that utilising the numerous car parks off Great Ancoats Street and Newton Street and off Oldham Road, to the South West and North West of our venues respectively, provide the most straightforward options.

We are in regular discussions with Manchester City Council and the various agencies and developers operating locally to establish what parking provision is available. If there are to be any major changes to the current arrangements we will keep you informed.

### **PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

With parking in Ancoats currently at a premium visitors are strongly encouraged to use public transport when visiting Hallé St Peter's or Hallé at St Michael's whenever possible. Ancoats is a 10 minute walk from Manchester Piccadilly Train Station, Piccadilly Gardens and Shudehill Bus Terminals and Metrolink stops and a 15 minute walk from Victoria Station. Please note: The access footbridge to New Islington Metrolink from Ancoats is currently closed to the public.

### **BIKE RACKS:**

There are bike racks for visitors to Hallé St Peter's located on the Hood Street side of the building. The racks are covered by the Hallé St Peter's 24 hour CCTV surveillance cameras.

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