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Dear Madam

Fisherton Street Bridge, No. C12/360, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Salisbury District Planning Department
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Mouchel Parkman are Wiltshire County Council's Term-Consultants and have been asked to carry out a pre-design investigation into the above bridge. The attached map shows the location of the structure.

The bridge has been assessed as part of a countrywide assessment programme and has been given a sub-standard rating in some areas. The pre-design investigation we are undertaking will determine the best way to manage or strengthen the structure. In the meantime, we would like to reassure you that the bridge is being regularly monitored to ensure that it does not represent an unacceptable risk to the travelling public.

Work is not scheduled for the current financial year and it may be several years before it will be brought into the County Council's rolling bridge strengthening programme.

Part of the process to decide how best to maintain the structure, is to gather as much relevant information as possible, which is why we are writing to you at this stage.

We would be pleased to hear from you if there are any factors that you believe we should consider in planning the work, either relating to the bridge itself, the land around, or the traffic which uses it. It would also be useful to learn of any local reoccurring, one-off events or seasonal constraints that you believe may have a bearing on the timing of the works.

Although it is too early to state how road traffic will be managed during the work, the disruption and delays brought about by a temporary road closure will be kept to a minimum and in general single lane shuttle working is used wherever possible. In the

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event that a temporary road closure is needed, pedestrian / equestrian movements through the work site will normally be maintained.

We will contact you again in the event that a road closure appears necessary.

We enclose a pre-paid envelope for return of your comments and hope that you will be able to give an input to the scheme. We would appreciate it if you could return any relevant information as soon as possible.

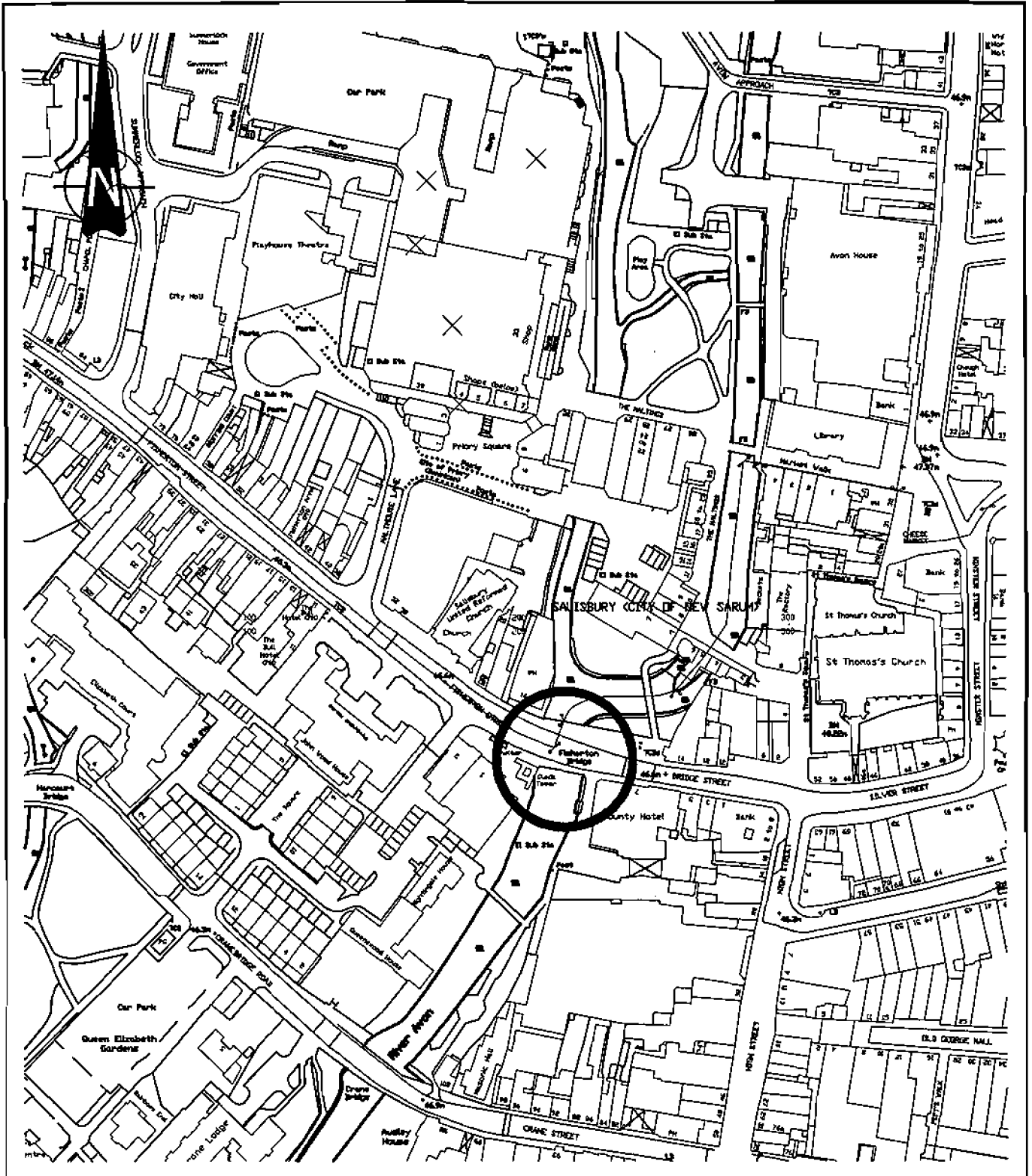
If you know the names and addresses of the adjacent landowners, that too would be helpful.

Yours faithfully



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Enc Location Plan
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Fishterton Street Bridge - WCC Bridge No. C12/360
 Grid ref: SU 142 299
 Location: Fisherton Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire
 Post Code: SP2 7RG

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James,

As requested in our telephone conversation earlier this week please find below an explanation of the current position and future plans for our "work" on Fisherton Street bridge.

We have been commissioned by Wiltshire County Council to do an initial feasibility study, this will look at options to rectify the known problems at the bridge. These problems, as currently understood, relate mainly to water penetration in certain areas of the structure.

As part of this study, which is desk-based at the moment, we carry out public consultations to invite feedback which may influence how our engineers approach the problems. We would like to know of any issues of general concern. Through this consultation we are already aware of the "Salisbury Vision" project and the presence of the local traders' association and would find comments regarding the area and any specific issues that those who live/work near the bridge extremely useful. Our aim, particularly at this site, must be to carry out the works (whatever they may be) with as little disruption as possible to the public and surrounding area. We are fully aware of how busy the area is from both a pedestrian and vehicular point of view.

The feasibility desk study will probably be completed in the next 3-6 months and at this point it will be decided if physical exploration works are required. This, if necessary, is likely to be in the form of very localised trial excavations in certain areas of the bridge. Again, to keep disruption to a minimum, we would hope not to disturb vehicle traffic and carry out any work to minimise disruption. If exploration work is required it will be expected to be of relatively short duration (2-5 days probably).

The results from the exploration work and the feasibility study will be considered and a decision made (by WCC) on how to best rectify the problems at the bridge. Before this stage it is not possible to determine the effects of the work or the extent of work required, only that the works will be carried out with due consideration to the comments received during consultation.

I feel that once the scope of the necessary work is known it would be an ideal time to meet to discuss the proposals. I would expect this would be within 6-12 months but this is an estimate which could change.

The more detailed design stage would then follow before any construction work. We would carry out further consultation before site work commences. There is currently no set date for any works to be carried out on site but I would imagine that the main works would not take place before 2009 and are likely to be 2009/10. This again is subject to change and as you will appreciate there are many influencing factors on the dates (environment, disruption, financial etc etc).

I hope this goes some way to informing you of the process that needs to be gone through and the likely timescales. I also hope it will put you at ease that all the influencing factors will be considered and the works will be planned to be carried out with minimal inconvenience.

If you do have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me again. If you would like an update on progress at any point then please just ask.

Regards

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