

GOVERNMENT OF GIBRALTAR

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Eastern Beach - Summer 2010.

The Government is aware that, due to false and unfounded rumours which are circulating throughout Gibraltar, there is public concern that this coming summer the extensive road works connected with the construction of the new road and tunnel will prevent the traditional enjoyment of Eastern Beach and its amenities. These rumours appear to be mainly centred on the availability of car parking and access to the beach itself by beach users. These rumours are untrue. The Government wishes to reassure beach goers that the usual amenities will be available, including road access and parking at both Eastside Reclamation and Aerial Farm.

The Government will keep disruption due to the road works to a minimum. While the road works are ongoing, traffic will be unable to reach the airfield crash barrier to turn around. Instead, a new temporary roundabout will enable traffic to travel normally along Eastern Beach Road upto a point beyond (North of) the ex Mediterranean Hotel building.

In order to help those beach users that use the northern end of Eastern Beach, the Government will be constructing a wooden walk way along the back of the beach beyond this point, to facilitate access.

The Government would also like to inform the public that limited beach facilities will continue to be available at Eastern Beach during the coming weekends up to the start of the bathing season. Prior to the 12th June, toilets facilities will be available at weekends. A full service will be available as from the start of the official bathing season on June 12th.

Works will continue on the new road throughout the summer months. Although inconvenience to the public will be kept to a minimum the Government apologises for such inconvenience as is inevitable. Once the new roads are ready, and together with the Embellishment of Eastern Beach Road itself, there will be a significant improvement both to traffic and beach amenities.

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