

## **Stakeholder Briefing 1: February 2018:**

Soft Works Starting March 5<sup>th</sup> 2018

### Key Summary

- 2 year West End transformation project starts Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018
- Programme begins with a series of minor works in the area
- Only minor disruption is expected for these initial works
- Timetable for main works to follow
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### The West End Project

The West End Project is Camden Council's £35 million public realm project which is set to transform the heart of the West End making it safer and more attractive for residents and visitors while boosting business.

The project was approved in 2015 and since then Camden Council has been working in partnership with Transport for London, Crossrail, City of Westminster Council, BeeMidtown, The Fitzrovia Partnership and London First. We received over 1000 responses to the original consultation from residents, businesses and local interest groups which helped to shape the project. We continue to work closely with local resident associations, businesses and special interest groups to ensure the project delivers the transformation that the area and its community deserves.

The project focuses on the area around Tottenham Court Road, Gower Street, Bloomsbury Street, Princes Circus and St Giles. The one way system on Tottenham Court Road and Gower Street will be replaced with two-way streets, junctions will be upgraded, new protected cycle lanes added, footpaths widened and new public and green spaces created.

Key changes to the area to be implemented:

- Tottenham Court Road becomes two way. Access for busses and cyclists only between Mon-Sat 8am – 7pm
- New park on Alfred Place
- Whitfield Gardens redesigned with the Fitzrovia mural restored
- Improved public space on Huntley Street with new public spaces between Percy Street and Windmill Street
- New diagonal crossing at junction of Tottenham Court Road and Oxford Street
- Gower Street/Bloomsbury Street becomes two way for all vehicles all buses moved to Tottenham Court Road
- New public space at Princes Circus
- New plaza at Centre Point / Crossrail station

Camden Council has appointed Eurovia as its main contractor and the highways works are expected to be completed by the end of 2019.

### Project Update – February 2018

The West End Project is due to start on the 5<sup>th</sup> March.

In advance of the 5<sup>th</sup> March signs warning traffic of the West End project will go up in strategic locations around the area and some initial investigation works will take place. We are notifying all residents and businesses in the area of the upcoming works via letter which will be delivered from the 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Initial works will start on Tottenham Court Road followed by Gower Street and then Princes Circus and include:

- Removing pedestrian barriers and traffic signal poles
- Removing and conserving historic street lamp posts along Tottenham Court Road
- New granite paving laid on New Oxford Street around Centre Point
- Digging trial holes to investigate road structure across the project area
- Basement surveys

The contractor's main working hours will be between 08:00 and 17:00 Monday to Friday and 09:00 to 13:00 on Saturdays. During the project some work may take place outside of these core hours or on Sundays, but this will be kept to a minimum. Additionally, some small scale preparation work will take place in the area prior to the 5<sup>th</sup> March.

These initial works will be completed by the end of June. We will issue a further briefing ahead of the main works phase.

### Expected Disruption

These initial works are likely to only cause minor disruptions including:

- Temporary traffic lights as signals are removed
- Short term closures to side roads off Tottenham Court Road
- Single lane closures and bus stop and bus lane suspensions on Tottenham Court Road and Gower Street
- On New Oxford Street the available pavement space will be temporarily narrower as the new paving is laid
- Short term lane closures and pavement closures will be needed across the area to facilitate the digging of test holes
- Temporary parking and loading bay suspensions

### Eurovia Office

Our Contractors Eurovia will have a presence throughout the project on Alfred Place. This will include a compound for their welfare facilities and store. There will also be an office where the public will be able to meet with a Eurovia representative face to face. More detail on this will be shared as it becomes available.

## Upcoming timeline

Residents and businesses notified via letter drop	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
Press release to media	16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
Initial works start	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Eurovia site office open	Tbc
Main works start	Tbc 2018
Busses move to Tottenham Court Road	End of 2018
Tottenham Court Road and Gower Street Two Way	End of 2019
Project complete	Start of 2020

## Information to share

Attached with this briefing is an introduction to the project which you are free to share with your staff, customers etc. Please advise them of where they are able to get further information from as per the below.

## Keep in touch

You can keep in touch with us during the project in a number of ways – please do let us know if you have found this briefing useful. Further information will be available via our website as the project continues.

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