

Stakeholder Briefing 8: October 2018

Project Update – 15th October 2018

Key Summary

- West End project started Monday 5th March 2018
- Programme started with a series of minor works in the area
- Phase 2 and 3 work now underway (eastern and western side of Tottenham Court Road)
- Weekly [Update of works](#) continues
- [Scheme maps](#) available on our website
- Sign up to our [monthly newsletter](#)
- Junction of Tottenham Court Road and Bayley Street to be permanently closed
- Works start around the Post Building, Museum Street
- Maps 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 and the main map [updated on the website](#)

The West End Project started on Monday 5th March and has been progressing on schedule. There are many different works going on in and around the West End Project area – this includes investigation works by the HS2 project at the northern end of Gower Street. To recognise our works all our operatives have the Eurovia and West End Project logo on their working areas and high visibility PPE.

Works Programme

The weekly update on construction continues.

In preparation for the pocket park, the Tottenham Court Road junction with Bayley Street will be closed permanently for vehicles from the 9th October.

Access for cyclists will be maintained both during the works and afterwards. The Santander cycle stands in this location will be suspended during our works but reinstated in this location once the area is completed.



We have upgraded the pedestrian crossing across Gower Street at the UCL entrance to give more time for pedestrians in this location ahead of the arrival of the new intake of students.

The closure of Bedford Avenue has been rescheduled while further developments to the design for the pocket parks are undertaken. This pocket park will be completed by the end of the project and dates for the work will be shared once available. The designs for all the pocket parks will be shared once completed.

We have finished the corner of Grafton Way and Tottenham Court Road around the UCLH site. This work was scheduled to take place later in the year but we are working closely with UCLH to limit the disruption in this area and so have accelerated our programme in this area to help accommodate their works. Now we have completed the new paving in that section we will continue to lay new paving on Tottenham Court Road between Grafton Way and University Street. There has been some emergency utility work in this area, we will be reinstating the new pavement next week.

In order to work at that location we are delaying the work due to take place between Hanway Street and Oxford Street. This will be rescheduled to take place during phase 3 between October and December this year. The programme has been updated to reflect this and is provided with this briefing and is also [available online](#).

We are currently working in the following areas on Tottenham Court Road:

Grafton Way to University Street

Torrington Place to Alfred Mews
(90% complete)

Corner of Chenies Street (see
section below for more information)

Junction of Tottenham Court Road
and Bayley Street (see note on road
closure above)

Goodge Street to Tottenham Street

Windmill Street to Goodge Street



Current Disruption

We continue to keep 2 lanes of traffic running on Tottenham Court Road at all times. Pedestrians are being diverted as we work on laying new paving stones. All business and residential access is being maintained at all times. Where pedestrian crossings need to be temporarily closed signage is in place to direct pedestrians to their nearest safe crossing point. Please take care when crossing Tottenham Court Road and use the designated pedestrian crossing points only.

The loading bay outside Heals and Habitat will be suspended starting from the 6th August as we work in this area. Once the new loading bays are completed they will be fenced off from use while the granite sets cure.

Deep drainage excavations are also taking place on Gower Street which involves two lane closures.

Tottenham Court Road junction with Chenies Street

Where we are working on the corner of Tottenham Court Road and Chenies Street we have discovered that the utility services are much closer to the surface than expected.

We have been working closely with various utility companies and have been advised that the final relocation services will take place on the weekend of the 20th October. After which we will be able to work on laying the new pavement. This will start in approximately 4 weeks' time as we reapply for the appropriate licences.



The Post Building

From the 24th September we will be starting work in the area around the Post Building on Museum Street. We are coordinating all our work with the site developers Laing O'Rourke. Our work will take place in the following areas:

- the junction of High Holborn, Museum Street and Drury Lane
- the junction of New Oxford Street, Museum Street and Bloomsbury Way
- the sections of footway on High Holborn and New Oxford Street adjacent to the Post Building
- the footways on both sides of Museum Street, between High Holborn and New Oxford Street

The work involves renewing the traffic signals at both junctions, which includes putting in underground ducts. There will also be new dropped kerbs, changes to kerb lines and all the footways in this area will be repaved.

When complete, the High Holborn/Museum Street/Drury Lane junction will have controlled (push button operated) pedestrian crossings on all four arms of the junction. The New Oxford



Street/Museum Street/Bloomsbury Way junction will have a new pedestrian crossing on its Bloomsbury Way arm.

The programme below is subject to the progress of Laing O'Rourke and any adverse autumnal weather:

- 24th September to 9th November: signal works at the High Holborn/Museum Street/Drury Lane junction
- 8th October to 27th October: repaving works on the New Oxford Street footway
- 12th November to 8th December: repaving works on High Holborn footway
- 29th October to 8th December: signal works at the New Oxford Street/Museum Street/Bloomsbury Way junction
- 3rd to 22nd December & 7th to 19th January: repaving works on to both sides of Museum Street

We have completed the creation of a pedestrian route between the corner of Denmark Street and New Oxford Street through the St Giles Square. We are currently in discussion with the developer on when we are able to open that route to the public.

We are now working on the centre of the square and hope to plant the trees in October.

Green Spaces Engagement

Thank you to all of those who attended one of the events or sent their feedback on the designs. The deadline for comments has now passed. Over 350 people participated in the process and all feedback has now been collated and fed back into the design process.

Whitfield Gardens is planned to be the first green space to be implemented and the timeline for this will be shared once available.



Eurovia Compound at Alfred Place

Our Contractor Eurovia are using temporary welfare locations on Tottenham Court Road which follow the working locations. In addition Eurovia also have a compound for welfare facilities and storage on Alfred Place.

Please note if you have any queries on the project when you are in the area **please do not speak directly to the operatives working on site**. All queries should go to the drop in centre at the Building Centre during open hours, via the 24 hour contact number or email address listed in the keep in touch section below.

West End Project Information Drop in Centre

During September and October the sessions will be as follows:

Tuesdays 3pm – 6pm / Thursdays 10am – 1pm

During November and December the session will be:

Tuesdays 3pm – 6pm

The final session will be on the 18th December and we will reopen on the 8th January.

If you would like to attend but cannot make these times please contact us to make an appointment at a time to suit you – email via westendproject@camden.gov.uk

Key Timings

Initial works start	5 th March 2018
Eurovia drop in centre open	From 18 th May 2018
Busses move to Tottenham Court Road	Spring 2019
Project complete	Spring 2020

Working hours

The contractor's main working hours are between 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday (till 6pm on New Oxford Street) and 9am till 1pm on Saturdays (from 8am on New Oxford Street). There are no Saturday working sessions currently timetabled. During the project, some work may take place outside of these core hours or on Sundays, but this will be kept to a minimum.

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