

Stakeholder Briefing: January 2019

Project Update – 25th January

Key Summary / Information

- West End project started Monday 5th March 2018
- [Latest work updated](#) weekly online
- [Scheme maps](#) available on our website
- Sign up to our [monthly newsletter](#)
- Traffic movement map for Tottenham Court Road post bus switchover will be released shortly a follow up briefing will be sent

New for this month

- Taxi driver protest disruption
- Howland Street road closure planned
- Extended Saturday working hours
- Tree felling in Princes Circus
- Survey launched – share your views on the project so far

Programme progress

We have currently suspended one bus stop – bus stop C on the western side of Tottenham Court Road. We have a temporary bus stop in place outside Planet Organic (pictured right) which is approximately 90m north of the original site.

The following buses use this stop – 14, 24, 29, 134, N5, N20 and N29.



The cycle lane from Tottenham Court Road into Howland Street is also temporarily closed while we undertake work in this location.

The junction of Tottenham Court Road and Bayley Street is now permanently closed to vehicles. Cyclists are still able to use this junction in both directions.

For the latest on our current working areas see our website for the weekly update.

From Thursday 31st January the junction of Tottenham Court Road and Howland Street will be closed to traffic. This is so we can work on new cycle and traffic infrastructure. A diversion route will be in place via Grafton Way and Whitfield Street.

Gower Street

Deep drainage work is continuing on Gower Street / Bloomsbury Street. We are now working on manholes and deep drainage connections on Gower Street near Euston Square station. The footway will remain open to pedestrians and initially we will be working in one lane only. This section will take approximately 3 weeks to complete. At the point at which we take two lanes of traffic for these works the parking bays outside UCLH will be suspended.

The Post Building

Since the 20th September 2018 we have been working 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.

This part of the work was completed at the High Holborn junction before Christmas and the new signals are due to be switched on, on the 11th February, once Laing O'Rourke no longer need to occupy the right-turn lane on High Holborn. The junction will then have controlled (push-button operated) pedestrian crossings on all four arms of the junction.

Works have now started on the New Oxford Street/Museum Street/Bloomsbury Way junction. When complete the junction will have a new pedestrian crossing on its Bloomsbury Way arm. Our current programme would see the junction complete by early April.

Works have also started this week to repave the



footway on Museum Street, opposite the Post Building.

The programme for the remaining work is subject to the progress of Laing O'Rourke and adverse weather. The footway on the Post Building side (northern half) is due to be handed over on 4 February, with the remainder handed over two weeks later. The New Oxford Street and High Holborn footways are expected to follow soon after.

St Giles Square

- 5 semi-mature trees were planted in the square on 28th & 29th November
- The square has also been partially opened to the public. A mixture of complete and temporary-surface routes enable walking between St Giles High Street, New Oxford Street and Tottenham Court Road Station's southern plaza entrance. Paving works are due to complete by the end of February.

Taxi Driver Protest

The taxi driver protest ongoing on Tottenham Court Road since January 21st. This is being led by a taxi splinter group rather than an official union.

The Metropolitan Police Roads policing team are have allocated resources and continue to monitor the situation. We have liaised with all the local emergency services and UCLH. The level of ongoing disruption expected is unknown as it depends on the number of taxi drivers who attend. The protest is in response to a call from some taxi drivers to allow taxis the same access as buses throughout Tottenham Court Road's restricted areas once the scheme is in place.

Extended Saturday Working Hours

From the 26th January to the end of spring 2019 we will be increasing our working hours on Tottenham Court Road to include Saturdays between 9am and 5pm. We are adding these extra hours to ensure that we complete Tottenham Court Road as efficiently as possible.

We aim to complete the majority of the noisy works before 1pm, such as breaking into the ground or cutting paving. Acoustic barriers will be in place to reduce the noise and each area we use for cutting stones will be enclosed in these barriers. While there may still be some noise after 1pm will aim to keep this to a minimum and focus instead on quieter repaving works.

Tree Felling in Princes Circus

As part of the works to Princes Circus for the West End Project we are removing two trees in the area. These are the two large trees which are within the gated park at the south end of Princes Circus outside the Shaftesbury Theatre. Notices have been affixed to the trees and the removals are scheduled for the 27th January. We are planting new trees across the project area including nine mature trees in St Giles.

Share Your Views on the Project so far

We are looking for your feedback on the communication, engagement and delivery of the West End Project so far. You can take part by completing a short online questionnaire (only 10 questions!) which can be found here:

<https://consultations.wearecamden.org/corporate-services/west-end-project-6-month-review/>

By giving us your feedback you can help to shape the way that we communicate with stakeholders as the project continues. Thank you in advance for your input, the survey is open until the end of March.

Eurovia Compounds

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 be directed to the Information 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 January and February the session will be:

Tuesdays 3pm – 6pm

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

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 5pm on Saturdays (from 8am on New Oxford Street). 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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