

**Look both ways when crossing the road**

**Use the pedestrian crossings**

**Tottenham Court Road & High Holborn have two way traffic**

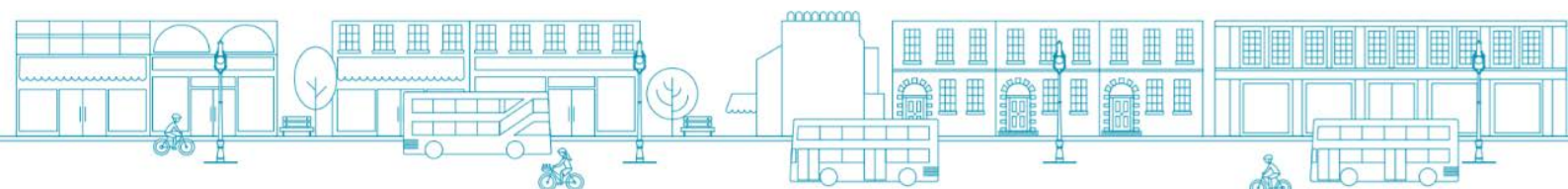
Project Update – 20th January 2021

### Key summary / information

- West End project started Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018
- Sign up to our [monthly newsletter](#)
- [Latest work updated](#) weekly online
- [Scheme maps](#) available on our website
- Traffic movement map for Tottenham Court Road 2019 [available online](#)
- Final scheme maps [available online](#)
- Deliveries Guide [available online](#)
- Programme for Gower Street/Bloomsbury Street and Princes Circus [available online](#)

### New for this month

- Change to two way traffic on Gower Street / Bloomsbury Street
- Update on Howland Street cycle lane
- Traffic maps updated and [available online](#)
- New webpage on [two – way traffic changes](#)



## **Gower Street and Bloomsbury Street to go two way to traffic**

We will be introducing two way traffic to Gower Street and Bloomsbury Street between Grafton Way and High Holborn from the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021. This will mean changes for pedestrians, drivers and cyclists. The northern end of Gower Street will remain one way to facilitate HS2 works and we will be in contact again once we are able to make the final full change to two way traffic.

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 the full traffic restrictions on Tottenham Court Road will become permanent. Areas of Tottenham Court Road will be restricted to buses and cyclists only on Mondays - Saturdays 8am-7pm.

Our website [includes maps](#) on how you can drive around the area inside and outside of the restricted hours.

We have identified back up dates should we need to postpone this work including alternative dates in February and March. Please check our website or sign up to our electronic newsletter for the latest information.

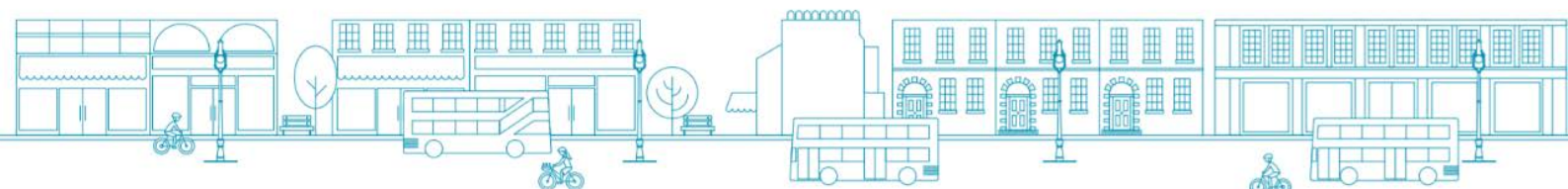
- Gower Street and Bloomsbury Street change to two way traffic from the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021
- Two way traffic will run between Grafton Way and High Holborn
- Areas of Tottenham Court Road restricted to buses and cyclists only Mon-Sat 8am-7pm from the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021
- Cycle lanes on Gower Street will be open for use
- Pedestrians should remember to **LOOK BOTH WAYS** when crossing the road
- The new pedestrian crossings are the safest way to cross the road

## Advice for pedestrians

- Please take care when crossing Gower Street and Bloomsbury Street and remember to **look both ways for traffic and cycles**.
- Use the pedestrian crossings
- We will have stewards on the street to remind people of the change for the first few days

## Advice for cyclists

- The road layout will have changed so please take extra care, take note of all signs and watch for pedestrians and drivers who may not yet be used to two way traffic.
- You can use the new segregated cycle lanes on Gower Street and Bloomsbury Street in both directions. Please note that up until the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 the



northbound lane has been open for cyclists to use without traffic – this will now have traffic in so cyclists may feel safer using the segregated cycle lanes.

- When using these lanes please be aware of loading vehicles pulling in and out of the integrated timed loading bays, which can be used between 10am and 2pm for loading.
- Tottenham Court Road will also have areas restricted to buses and cyclists only Monday – Saturday 8am -7pm.
- TfL have quiet cycle routes listed on their website to explore these visit [www.tfl.gov.uk/maps/cycle](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/maps/cycle)
- To learn to cycle for the first time, improve your cycling skills or for a bike loan to help get you on your way visit: [www.camden.gov.uk/cycling](http://www.camden.gov.uk/cycling)

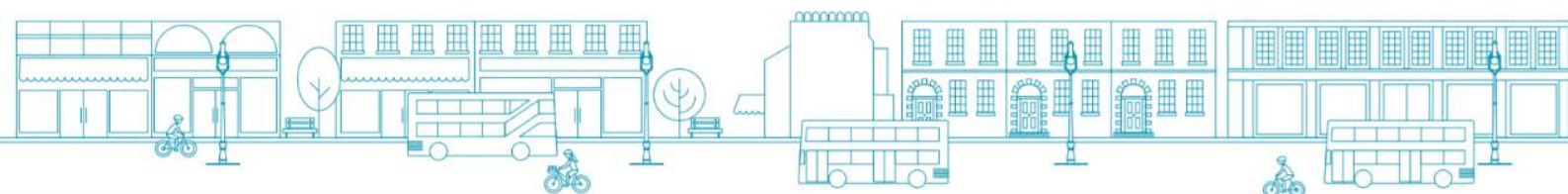
## Advice for drivers

- The road layout will have changed so please take extra care, take note of all signs and watch for pedestrians and cyclists who may not yet be used to two way traffic.
- The new traffic restrictions on Tottenham Court Road start on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021. There will be areas restricted to buses and cyclists only Monday – Saturday 8am -7pm.
- Signage will be up on the roads to help you so take extra time and care and follow all signage while you get used to the changes.
- We will have TfL staff on site to assist drivers for the first few days of the two way traffic. In particular please note the following key changes:

You cannot travel north on Gower Street further than Grafton Way. All northbound traffic will be signed to turn left onto Grafton Way.

During the restricted hours the easiest way to go north is via Gower Street:

- If you are using Oxford Street to travel north you should carry along New Oxford Street and use Bloomsbury Street / Gower Street
- If you are approaching Cambridge Circus you should use Shaftesbury Avenue to reach Bloomsbury Street / Gower Street
- If you do approach the southern end of Tottenham Court Road you will be forced to turn right onto Great Russell Street



## **Tottenham Court Road – Howland Street cycle lane update**

Work to redesign and reconfigure the cycle lane on Tottenham Court Road into Howland Street has begun. We expect the work to be completed in February. We will then trial a reopening of the cycle lane. Construction updates will be added to our website as normal.

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