



# **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE – SEE BELOW**

# Look both ways when crossing the road Use the pedestrian crossings Tottenham Court Road is now two way to traffic

Project Update – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (April briefing)

### Key summary / information

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

#### New for this month

- Coronavirus update
- Resurfacing update
- Whitfield Garden update

#### Coronavirus (COVID-19) update

Due to the impacts of Coronavirus (COVID-19) our West End Project contractors Eurovia will be closing down the main sites of Gower Street and Princes Circus starting from today. Over the next week they will be backfilling to make all areas safe and all work will then stop. Barriers will remain around areas on Princes Circus but all other areas will be cleared.

The site will continue to be monitored by a small team on site and the 24 hour contact number and email address will still be active should you need to get in touch.

This pause will have an effect on the programme and updates will be added to the website as the full impacts become clear. At present our enclosed site at Whitfield Gardens run by Idverde will continue, but this is being monitored daily.

Work this week includes:

- All trial hole sites on Gower Street will be backfilled and made safe by the end of Saturday.
- The deep drainage works are being paused on New Oxford Street. Here the team will reinstate the tarmac and aim to have this completed by the end of today.
- At Princes Circus barriers will remain around the sites which cannot be closed around the areas being worked on by the Shaftesbury Theatre development.

## Resurfacing works

All resurfacing works have been cancelled until further notice.

# Whitfield Gardens Update

Work is currently continuing in Whitfield Gardens. Idverde are closely monitoring the situation and reviewing daily. The team have completed digging to the new level and are protecting the roots of the trees from damage. The first sample furniture has arrived and initial work to the mural has been completed. Further restoration of the mural has been delayed due to the impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) but will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

#### **HS2** work on Gower Street

HS2 have paused their works on Gower Street due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) you can find out more on their programme and sign up for updates via their website <a href="https://hs2ineuston.commonplace.is/news">https://hs2ineuston.commonplace.is/news</a> and their current programme can be <a href="found-here">found-here</a>.

#### Tottenham Court Road / Howland Street cycle lane update

We have added a temporary advanced stop line (ASL) for cyclists to make cycling in this area more comfortable until the lane reopens later this year.

We again thank cyclists for their patience while we have investigated and delivered a number of different options to try and keep this cycling facility open. Our website will continue to



be updated with updates on this cycling facility.

### **Eurovia compounds**

Our contractor Eurovia are using temporary welfare locations which follow the paving work areas. In addition Eurovia also have a compound for welfare facilities and storage on Alfred Place and in Princes Circus. We are also storing material for Gower Street / Bloomsbury Street works on Bedford Avenue. These sites will remain in place while work is stopped but machinery will be removed.

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 via the 24 hour contact number or email address listed in the keep in touch section below.

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