

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Baker Street Two Way Project

I am pleased to inform you that the Baker Street Two Way project has been approved and work to implement the scheme will begin shortly. This project will open Baker Street and Gloucester Place to two-way traffic and is part of the City Council's commitment to maintain a world-class Westminster. The project also complements the Mayor of London's long-term vision to make London's streets healthier, safer and more welcoming by encouraging more people to walk and cycle.

The works are planned to start on site from 24th of July 2017 and will be completed in stages in order to mitigate any disruption. The junction modification works will continue until late 2018 and will be followed by a switch from one-way to two-way working in early 2019. This change will be widely communicated and signposted prior to going live. Enclosed is a phasing map which contains more information.

The scheme, which is being delivered in partnership with Transport for London, Baker Street Quarter Partnership and The Portman Estate, will transform Baker Street and Gloucester Place. By reintroducing two-way traffic, improving the area for pedestrians and cyclists, planting more trees and improving street lighting, the scheme will make the Baker Street area more accessible and pleasant where people can get about easily and safely, relax and spend time.

The need to keep the proposed scheme under review after implementation was identified through an extensive three-stage consultation and in discussions with local groups. As a result of this a monitoring strategy has been developed to monitor the traffic flow and air quality in the area, both before and after the scheme is implemented.

Planning your travel during the works

Baker Street and Gloucester Place will continue to operate one-way and remain open to traffic while the works continue, although temporary changes will apply, including temporary lane closures, turning restrictions and some parking, loading and bus stop suspensions.

Pedestrian access to properties will be maintained throughout the duration of the works and access for emergency vehicles will not be affected. Shops and businesses throughout the area will remain open. Cyclists will still be able to travel along Baker Street and Gloucester Place though adjacent roads may offer a more pleasant journey while works are on-going.

Roads in the surrounding area are expected to be busier than usual while works are in place. Please plan ahead and allow extra time for your journey.

For more information about how your journey may be affected, please visit TfL's travel advice webpage – www.tfl.gov.uk/baker-street-roadworks

Further detail about the planned works, programmed until November 2017, will be sent to affected residents and businesses prior to the works commencing. Weekly site updates will be sent via email to those who wish to receive them.

If you wish to be added to our circulation list, please register via the scheme website <http://www.bakerstreettwoway.co.uk/#contact>.

Should you require further information following these updates, please do not hesitate to contact the scheme Communications Manager via BakerStreet2W@wspgroup.com.

Yours sincerely



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Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Business, Culture and Heritage

Encl: Works Phasing Plan

Baker Street area works: Monday 24 July 2017 – Late 2018

- Phase 1: July 2017 – Late 2017
 - Phase 2: Early 2018 – Summer 2018
 - Phase 3: Summer 2018 – Late 2018
- Correct as of June 2017

