



BURLINGTON GARDENS PROJECT - Experimental reversal of traffic flow in Sackville Street and closure of Vigo Street (west).

JANUARY 2021: NOTIFICATION FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

Scheme overview

In our previous letter, we informed you about the public realm improvements in Burlington Gardens, which are now in progress.

As part of the next phase of Burlington Gardens works in January, we will need to close Vigo Street between its junctions with Savile Row and Sackville Street. To retain access to properties, this closure will also necessitate the reversal of the existing southbound one-way working in Sackville Street so that it operates in a northbound direction, and the introduction of one-way working westbound in Burlington Gardens between its junctions with Savile Row and Cork Street. A contra-flow cycle route will be provided in this length of Burlington Gardens to facilitate east-west cycling movements.

The above changes will be implemented using Experimental Traffic Orders and will come into operation on **8th February 2021**.

The experiment, which will last for up to 18 months, will enable the City Council to determine whether the changes satisfactorily deliver the expected improvements in traffic management suggested by the traffic modelling, including the closure of a traditional rat-run for vehicles using Vigo Street, a reduction in vehicle speeds, and the introduction of an improved pedestrian and cycle connection.

If the experiment is successful, the changes will be made permanent under a planned future public realm scheme which will provide wider footways, increased pedestrian space at the junction of

Sackville Street with Vigo Street, and an improved parking and loading layout.

Works

Works to close the western side of Vigo Street and reverse Sackville Street will be in place for **8th February 2021**.

Westminster City Council's Service Provider, FM Conway, will follow working practices that are safe and efficient and in line with COVID19 guidelines. Standard working hours are 8.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday, and 8.00am to 1.00pm on Saturday. Noise will be minimised where possible.

These works will coincide with the Burlington Gardens works for which the junction with Savile Row will be closed for traffic, as communicated in previous letters.

Pedestrian access to all businesses and buildings will be maintained at all times.

Restrictions to parking and vehicle access

As part of the Experimental Traffic Orders, the taxi rank and loading bay at the north-eastern end of Vigo Street will be combined into a single 17.5-metre dual-use facility which will be available for loading between 7.00am and 1.00pm throughout the week, and for waiting by taxis only at all other times.

Some local parking and loading suspensions will also be required to facilitate the works. These will be kept to a minimum and clearly signed so, if you

usually park in the vicinity of Sackville Street, please look out for suspension notices and then move your vehicle to help ensure the works can be completed as quickly as possible. The diversion routes will be advertised closer to the time of construction.

Important information about your basement

Please note if your property is within the works area: the basement / vault to your property is a separate structure from the public highway and keeping it in a watertight condition is the responsibility of the owner or freeholder. If the basement / vault has not been properly damp proofed and / or tanked it is not secure from water ingress. Please be advised that neither the Service Provider nor the City Council will be responsible for any damage resulting from water ingress in such circumstances.

Next steps

The scheme will be implemented on a trial basis, by means of Experimental Traffic Orders made under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, so that its operation and impact on the surrounding area can be monitored and, if necessary, modified or withdrawn without delay.

The Experimental Traffic Orders will continue in operation for a maximum period of 18 months. After the measures have been in force for a minimum period of at least six months without change, the City Council can consider whether the scheme should be retained on a permanent basis, depending on the success of the measures.

Any person wishing to object to the scheme being made permanent may do so within the first six months from when it becomes operational (8th February 2021). Any objections or other representations should be sent in writing to WSP, Room 603, 52 Grosvenor Gardens, London, SW1W 0AU, or by email to tmo.westminster@wsp.com. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

Further information

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience that these works may cause. Should you require further information, please contact FM Conway on 01732 600 700.

