



City of Westminster

## OXFORD STREET DISTRICT

30 September 2021

Dear Residents and Businesses,

### **Changes to traffic direction on Berners Street and Newman Street start on 6 October 2021**

The Murphy Careys Joint Venture (MCJV) is undertaking works on behalf of Westminster City Council to deliver significant improvements to pedestrian safety and the public realm in the Oxford Street District. This project includes changes to Berners Street and Newman Street.

These changes will allow the Council to monitor and assess the changes, and listen to feedback from stakeholders, before any changes are considered for permanent inclusion. Please submit any feedback you may have about these changes via the email address found at the end of this letter.

**Changes will be made to the traffic direction on two streets** to help improve pedestrian safety, improve the traffic flow in the wider district, reduce congestion, improve the experience for cyclists travelling through the area and facilitate further improvements to Berners Street, Newman Street and Eastcastle Street. The changes are as follows:

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| <b>Berners Street</b> | Berners Street will switch from one-way in a southbound direction to one-way in a northbound direction. |
| <b>Newman Street</b>  | Newman Street will switch from one-way in a northbound direction to one-way in a southbound direction.  |

### **Works**

In preparation for the changes in traffic direction, the following works will take place from 6 October and be completed on **24 October 2021**:

- Widening of the footpaths at three junctions: a) Newman St / Mortimer St, b) Berners St / Mortimer St, c) Eastcastle St / Berners St.
- Installing new traffic lights at four junctions.
- Replacing signage and road markings to reflect the new direction of travel.

Works will take place on the dates overleaf during the hours of **08:00 – 18:00 Monday – Friday, and on Saturdays from 08:00 – 13:00.**

On **Monday 11 October**, an extension to the working hours is required, with works taking place during the hours of **6:00 – 18:00**. Works will also take place specifically on **Sunday 24 October from 08:00 – 16:00.**

The traffic switch itself is scheduled to take place over 23 and 24 October 2021, at which point, junctions will be temporarily closed until the change in traffic flow is complete. Please note that this is subject to favourable weather conditions; the traffic switch may need to be rescheduled in the event of inclement weather.

Subject to conditions, work will complete on 24 October 2021 and the roads will re-open the same day with the new direction of travel implemented.



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### Temporary Road Closures

In preparation for the change in traffic direction on Berners Street and Newman Street, some temporary road closures are required:

- **6 – 22 October:**
  - **Berners Street at Mortimer Street junction.** Local vehicle access and egress to Berners St will be available via Eastcastle Street.
- **23 – 24 October:**
  - **Wardour Street at Noel Street junction.** Northbound traffic will need to follow diversions along Noel Street and Poland Street.
  - **Eastcastle Street between Wells Street and Newman Street.**
  - **Newman Street at Oxford Street.** Please note: when this junction reopens, it will be a south bound-only route.

Diversions will be in place and traffic marshalls will be onsite at all junction closures to assist with any questions. **Further details of the temporary road closures can be found at [www.westminster.gov.uk/osd](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/osd)**

Please call me or send me an email using the below contact details at the bottom of this letter, with details of any expected deliveries during this period from 6 – 24 October and we will ensure arrangements are in place to facilitate your access. Our traffic marshalls will be able to provide access and guidance along the street. Please also inform your suppliers of the temporary access arrangements.

### Access

Pedestrian access to all properties will be maintained during the works. Where possible we will allow access by vehicles for deliveries to businesses in the area.

All parking spaces in the affected areas will be suspended on 23 and 24 October. **Please ensure you remove your vehicle by 22 October.** Please note that any vehicles not relocated by this date will be removed.

### Important Notice

If your property has a vault / basement that extends beneath the footway and possibly the carriageway, the works being undertaken may cause water ingress or dampness to appear when the ground is disturbed if the vault / basement has not been properly protected by tanking or other damp proofing. Please note that neither the Council, nor the contractor, will be responsible for any such damage resulting from these works. It is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure that the vault / basement is suitably protected against such damage. If you are the occupier, but not the owner of the property, you should make the owner aware of this notice.

### How to Get in Touch

Should you require further information, please visit [www.westminster.gov.uk/osd](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/osd) or you can contact me directly via email on [stakeholderteam@murphycareyjv.co.uk](mailto:stakeholderteam@murphycareyjv.co.uk) or by phone on **07791 125 276**; I am the Community Liaison Officer for this project.

Yours faithfully,

**Rob Burton**

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