

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: BOND STREET PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet Member for Built Environment, Cabinet Member for City Management and Customer Services, Cabinet Member for Sustainability and Parking, has made the following executive decision on the above mentioned subject for the reasons set out below.

Summary of Decision

1. That Members noted the initial stakeholder engagements which took place in July 2016 and the amendments that are proposed to the feasibility design in order to address stakeholder comments. These amendments are shown on the proposed initial design drawings for the Bond Street Public Realm Improvement Scheme as shown on general arrangement drawings Nos. 70009316-01-GA (sheets 1 to 6) in **Appendix B** to the report which are submitted to Members for approval.
2. That Members approved the proposed parking and loading arrangements for Bond Street as shown on the General Arrangement drawings and as proposed on the associated Traffic Management drawings Nos. 70009316-01-TMO (sheets 1 to 8) as shown in **Appendix E** to the report.
3. That approval is given to commence the advertisement of the Street Notices and the Traffic Management Orders associated with the proposed parking and loading arrangements for Bond Street.
4. That approval is given to carry out a programme of stakeholder consultation on the proposed parking and loading proposals in association with the formal advertisement of the Street Notices. This aims to ensure that residents and businesses fully understand the proposed changes and are given the opportunity to comment.
5. That Members noted that there will be a further report to Members late in 2016 which will detail the responses made during the advertisement and consultation of the Traffic Management Orders. Subject to the consultation responses and Members' views on these, it is intended that this further report will seek Members' approval to the final funding arrangements, as required by the Cabinet decision in June, and to implement the Bond Street project to an approved delivery phasing plan commencing in early 2017 and that leads to the completion of works in late 2018.

Reasons for Decision

1. The proposed highway modifications identified in the report will improve the streetscape for pedestrians and provide a safe environment for cyclists. They will deliver substantial improvement of the public realm and maintain Bond Streets' status as a global centre for luxury retail and the international art market.
2. The initial stakeholder engagement period indicates that beneficial minor amendments can be made to the currently approved feasibility design which will address stakeholder comments without detrimental effect on the original concept design.
3. Changes are required to the parking and loading arrangements on Bond Street to ensure successful implementation of the proposed public realm improvements. These require a formal, on-street advertisement and it is proposed that there is additional consultation with residents and businesses to ensure that there is a full understanding amongst these key stakeholders of the measures being proposed.
4. The project is crucial to meet the pedestrian demands resulting from the opening of the Elizabeth Line in December 2018. The project programme is therefore set to ensure completion prior to the Elizabeth Line's opening. This report is in line with the programme and content set out in the June report to Cabinet that will meet these expectations.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Cabinet Member stated that he knows the Directors of the New West End Company and the Directors of a number of retailers and landowners in the area.

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