

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: BAKER STREET TWO WAY - REPORT ON TMO CONSULTATION AND NEXT STAGE OF IMPLEMENTATION

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet Member for City Highways and the Cabinet Member for Business, Culture and Heritage, have made the following executive decision on the above mentioned subject for the reasons set out below.

Summary of Decision

1. That the Traffic Management Order Objections report be noted along with the project team's response.
2. That approval be given to proceed with implementation of the proposed scheme as outlined in General Arrangement drawings in Appendix B to the report and to make traffic orders to facilitate this implementation.
3. That approval be given for capital expenditure of £13.04 million necessary to implement the scheme, which is to be funded by external parties. Previous Cabinet Member reports have approved expenditure of up to £2.34 million. There is currently a funding gap of £0.84 million and elements of the project have been identified that will not be delivered if the funding gap remains. These works are not integral to the two-way working and are programmed towards the end of the project, during which time alternative funding sources will be pursued.
4. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of City Management and Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for City Highways, to approve minor modifications to the scheme should they become necessary.
5. That the Cabinet Member for Business, Culture and Heritage and the Cabinet Member for City Highways agreed recommendations 2.1 to 2.4 to the report to the extent that the matters fall within their respective Terms of Reference.

Reasons for Decision

1. The proposed scheme will reduce the dominance of traffic by removing one-way gyratory and re-introducing two-way traffic on Baker Street and Gloucester Place; improve accessibility especially for public transport; improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists and provide public realm improvements. It will provide an opportunity to rebalance road space and traffic signal time to provide greater benefit to pedestrians and cyclists, while maintaining appropriate traffic capacity and discouraging high speeds.
2. Two rounds of public consultation and a statutory Traffic Management Order consultation have now been undertaken to seek views on these proposals.
3. Various concerns raised during these consultations have either been addressed by making changes to the proposed scheme or responses provided in the previous Cabinet Member reports.

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