



Cabinet Member Report

Decision Maker:	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Business, Culture and Heritage
Date:	26 October 2017
Classification:	For General Release
Title:	Oxford Street District Transformation Consultation (Phase 2)
Wards Affected:	Bryanston and Dorset, Marylebone High Street, West End
Key Decision:	Yes
Financial Summary:	No financial implications
Report of:	Director of Policy, Performance and Communications

Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to progress to a second public consultation on detailed designs and proposals to transform the Oxford Street District in the West End.
 - 1.2 Westminster City Council (WCC), the Greater London Authority (GLA) and Transport for London (TfL) held a first joint consultation on the transformation of Oxford Street and surrounding district from 24th April to 18th June.
 - 1.3 This stage one consultation did not set out detailed design proposals, but instead allowed respondents to comment on the transformation of Oxford Street in principle and to share their views.
 - 1.4 In the related Cabinet Member decision taken on 21st April 2017, it was stated that a further Cabinet Member Report will be prepared once the first stage of consultation and subsequent design work is complete. Dependent on its outcomes, a second consultation was then to be held to seek views on detailed proposals, which would be informed by the outcomes of that first consultation.
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- 1.1 Further approval was to be sought to progress to a second consultation on the detailed design and implementation of any proposed scheme.
 - 1.2 There were 11,953 responses to the first consultation in total, including almost 2,000 responses from City of Westminster residents. Respondents raised around 1,100 separate issues which have been considered by the TfL-

WCC joint Oxford Street project team. These included 'in-principle' comments supporting or opposing the transformation of Oxford Street, comments about the effects of the scheme and suggestions for design or management changes.

- 1.3 A comprehensive consultation report has been published and describes in full the outcomes of the first consultation, including all of the issues raised by respondents and the project team's response. The consultation report can be read at:

www.westminster.gov.uk/oxford-street-consultation-results

- 1.4 Of those respondents who completed TfL's online questionnaire or submitted their views in writing:

- 43 per cent (3,227 respondents) selected 'I support the transformation of Oxford Street and I am comfortable with the changes that would be necessary to make this possible'
- 19 per cent (1,418 respondents) selected 'I support the transformation of Oxford Street but I have concerns about the changes that would be necessary'
- 30 per cent (2,278 respondents) selected 'I do not support the transformation of Oxford Street'
- Three per cent (197 respondents) selected 'I am unsure whether or not I support the proposals'
- Five per cent (372 respondents) did not answer the question

- 1.5 The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Business, Culture and Heritage will sign off all consultation materials ahead of the launch date and all consultation documents will be made available to the public to review through the council's website as well as via Transport for London's on line consultation portal.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That approval be given to progress with the second public consultation on detailed proposals to transform the Oxford Street District, to run from 6 November to 17 December 2017. This will include 'in principle' consultation regarding Oxford Street East.

3. Reasons for Decision

- 3.1 The first consultation was significant and intended to inform the design of a scheme that will deliver the transformation of a key area within the West End, home to many thousands of residents and economically vital to the ongoing prosperity of the city. There were almost 12,000 responses to the consultation, which have been analysed in order to inform a detailed proposal which the public will be invited to comment upon in the second stage consultation ahead of any final decisions being taken.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 There are no legal implications.

**If you have any queries about this Report or wish to inspect any of the
Background Papers please contact:**

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

For completion by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Business, Culture and Heritage

Declaration of Interest

I have <no interest to declare / to declare an interest> in respect of this report

Signed: _____ Date: _____

NAME: **Councillor Robert Davis MBE DL**

State nature of interest if any

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(N.B: If you have an interest you should seek advice as to whether it is appropriate to make a decision in relation to this matter)

For the reasons set out above, I agree the recommendation(s) in the report entitled
Oxford Street District Consultation (Phase 2)

Signed

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Business, Culture and Heritage

Date

If you have any additional comment which you would want actioned in connection with your decision you should discuss this with the report author and then set out your comment below before the report and this pro-forma is returned to the Secretariat for processing.

Additional comment:
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If you do not wish to approve the recommendations, or wish to make an alternative decision, it is important that you consult the report author, the Director of Law, Director Finance and, if there are staffing implications, the Director of People Services (or their representatives) so that (1) you can be made aware of any further relevant considerations that you should take into account before making the decision and (2) your reasons for the decision can be properly identified and recorded, as required by law.

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Appendix A

Other Implications

1. Resources Implications

There are no resource implications arising from this report.

2. Business Plan Implications

No implications.

3. Risk Management Implications

There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

4. Health and Wellbeing Impact Assessment including Health and Safety Implications

The proposals identified in this report are considered to have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the community.

5. Crime and Disorder Implications

The measures in this report are not expected to have any implications.

6. Impact on the Environment

No implications.

7. Equalities Implications

The scheme will not negatively impact those with mobility difficulties.

8. Staffing Implications

There are no staffing implications arising from this report.

9. Human Rights Implications

There are no matters arising under the Human Rights Act 1998.

10. Energy Measure Implications

No implications.

11. Communications Implications

No implications.