

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: ST JAMES'S PALACE FORECOURT PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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

Summary of Decision

1. That approval is given for the final design for the St James's Palace Forecourt Public Realm Improvement Project as shown on the General Arrangement drawing no. 7009910-03-SK-06 shown in **Appendix B** to the report.
2. That Traffic Management Orders are made to introduce the revised parking and loading controls as shown on the Traffic Management Order drawing no. 70019910-02-TMO-02 shown in **Appendix C** to the report.
3. That approval is given to construct the proposals for the St James's Palace Forecourt Public Realm Improvement Project in line with the proposed Project Delivery Programme as set out in Section 8 of the report.
4. That spending approval is given of £1.989m, which is funded by The Crown Estate together with TfL, a s.106 contribution, and other private sector sources.
5. That the Director of City Highways, City Management and Communities be authorised to enter into agreements with The Crown Estate and others on behalf of the Council to secure the contributions before works commence.
6. That the Director of City Highways, City Management and Communities is given delegated authority to make any additional changes to the Traffic Management Orders needed for the project and to make any necessary changes to the St James's Palace Forecourt Public Realm Improvement Project designs as presented in this report, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Public Realm and the Cabinet Member for City Highways on condition that these changes do not exceed the overall approved capital expenditure of £1.989m.
7. That the Cabinet Member for Planning and Public Realm and the Cabinet Member for City Highways agreed the above mentioned decisions to the extent that the matters fall within their respective Terms of Reference.

Reasons for Decision

1. Supported by The Royal Household, the proposed highway modifications seek to deliver a high quality public realm scheme in the forecourt area in front of St James's Palace which that will benefit place making whilst providing improvements to pedestrian comfort and safety.

2. The scheme aims to:

- Improve the setting of St. James's Palace;
- Enhance pedestrian permeability through improved, wider footways and pedestrian crossings;
- Improve the safety of pedestrian movements with the introduction of a new zebra crossing on Marlborough Road;
- Improve traffic conditions by channeling traffic through the area by the implementation of streetscape improvements, including the creation of a lozenge shaped island which will reduce speeds;
- Provide a new formal right turn on Marlborough Road into Pall Mall eastbound and reduce "u" turns;
- Raise the profile of commercial frontages;
- Improve the public realm through the use of high quality natural materials in the island and footways; and
- Support the delivery of security measures proposed on Marlborough Road.

2. The results of the Ward Member consultation, stakeholder engagement and Traffic Management Consultation indicate that the project is considered beneficial.

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