

Mid Baker Street looking north – existing conditions



Mid Baker Street looking north – artists' impression of current proposals showing two way traffic, wider footways and opportunities for more greenery. All proposals will be subject to further detailed design development.



Melcombe Street

Marylebone Lane

Marylebone Road crossing – existing conditions



Marylebone Road junction – artists' impression of current proposals showing a wider, direct pedestrian crossing. All proposals will be subject to further detailed design development.



Westminster City Council, in partnership with Transport for London, is leading the Baker Street Two Way Project supported by The Portman Estate and the Baker Street Quarter Partnership.

BAKER STREET & GLOUCESTER PLACE

The project aims to transform not just Baker Street and Gloucester Place into more pleasant streets, but also the surrounding area too into a place that everyone can enjoy. We want to create a space that residents, visitors, travellers and workers like spending time in, but most importantly can move about in easily and safely.

Baker Street and Gloucester Place were originally residential streets, however over time Baker Street has evolved into a main thoroughfare, lined by retail and office buildings. The current one way traffic system on Baker Street and Gloucester Place was implemented in the 1960s and creates multiple lanes of fast moving traffic on both streets. As a result the dominance of vehicles has divided streets and disconnects people from surrounding communities. To help alleviate this problem and to create a solution more in-line with current needs, we are proposing returning to a two way traffic flow.

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Across London, similar out-dated large one way traffic systems are successfully being returned to safer, well-planned two way streets that provide benefits for all users.

You can view the detailed plans for the proposals and share your views with us via the online questionnaire at:

www.bakerstreettwoway.co.uk

This public consultation gives you the chance to have your say on our proposal to return two way operation to Baker Street and Gloucester Place. Using modern traffic engineering techniques, under the proposed project vehicle flow should be smoother and less congested, without attracting more traffic to the area. This would reduce the dominance of vehicles along both streets and provide greater access, connectivity and useable space for local residents, businesses, workers and visitors. The proposals would also reduce the impact of convoluted journeys that are caused by the current one way system.



Councillor Robert Davis DL
Deputy Leader
Cabinet Member for Built Environment
Westminster City Council



**EXISTING CONDITIONS** 

## **BENEFITS OF THE PROJECT**

As part of the project we want to deliver a range of complementary measures that will provide added benefits for the area, including:

- Less cluttered footways along Baker Street and Gloucester Place, and footway widening in some areas to reduce pedestrian congestion.
- Better pedestrian signage/way finding throughout the area to make it easier and more convenient to move around.
- Improvements to over 50 signal crossing locations throughout the area, with 23 new controlled pedestrian crossing locations, and more opportunity to cross safely.
- More places for people to park their bicycles, the introduction of advanced cycle stop lines at traffic signals and new formal cycle lanes on Gloucester Place, making the area easier and safer to cycle through.
- Easier vehicle access to local businesses, which in turn will help them grow and serve the community.
- Improvements to the public realm, including new footway and carriageway materials, as well as new street lighting.
- More trees and greenery where possible.

## **CONSULTATION TIMELINE**

The public consultation is running for ten weeks up until 31st July 2015. You can view the detailed plans for the proposals and share your views in the online questionnaire at www.bakerstreettwoway.co.uk

We will be issuing newsletters to update you on how the scheme is developing. We will also be holding a series of public exhibitions to explain the project:

St Cyprian's Clarence Gate, Glentworth Street

- > Wednesday 10th June 4pm–6pm
- **>** Thursday 11th June 4pm-6pm
- > Saturday 13th June 12pm-4pm

Park Plaza Sherlock Holmes, 108 Baker Street

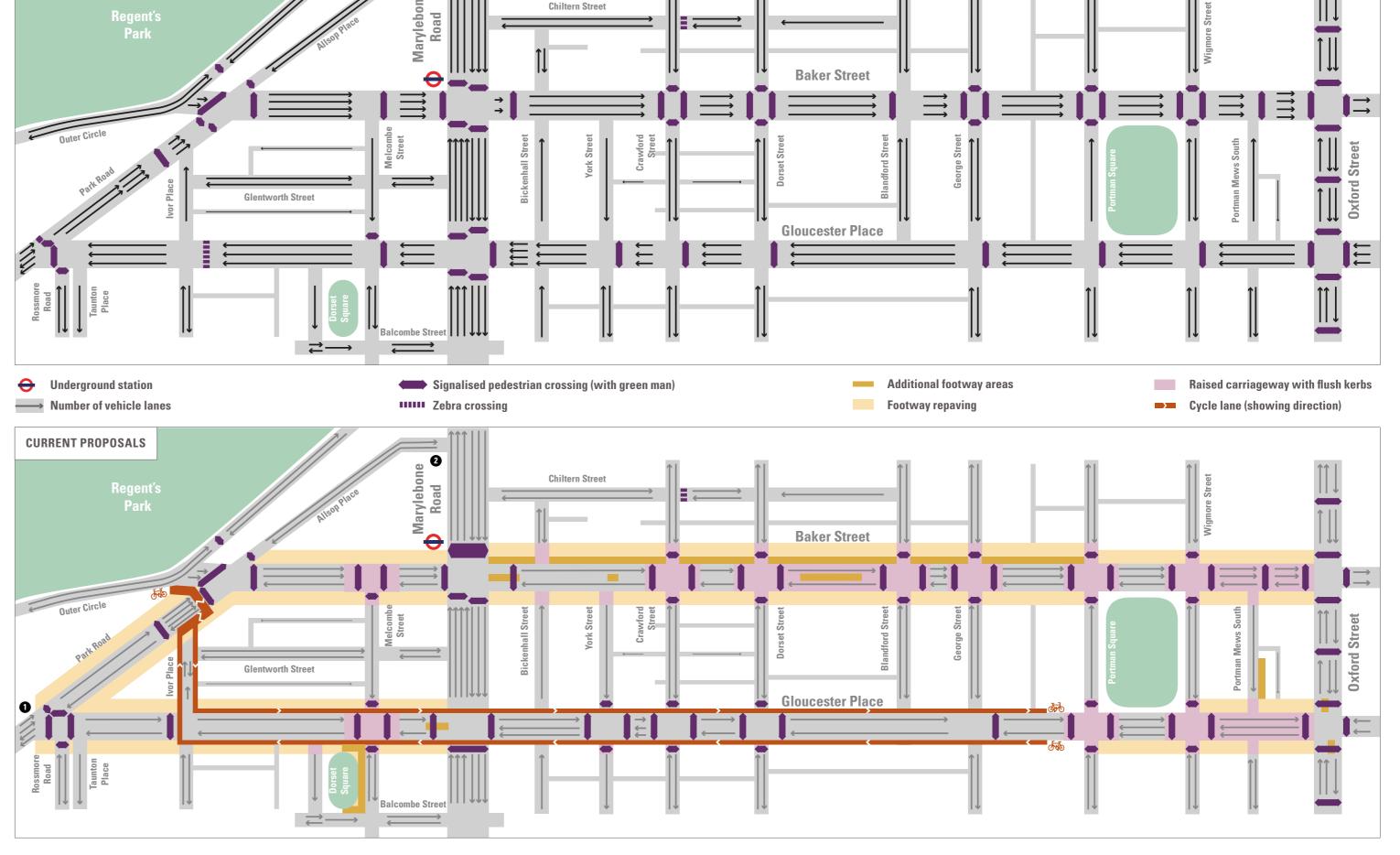
- > Thursday 2nd July 4pm-7pm
- > Saturday 4th July 12pm-4pm

Later in 2015 Transport for London will also carry out a separate consultation regarding proposed changes to bus services, including new bus stop locations.

In September 2015 there will be a separate statutory consultation on changes to parking and loading facilities along the streets affected.

Then, in November 2015, Westminster City Council's Cabinet Members will consider the results of this consultation and make a decision on whether to proceed with detailed design and implementation of the scheme.

You can request a paper copy of the questionnaire by contacting <a href="mailto:bstw@westminster.gov.uk">bstw@westminster.gov.uk</a> or by telephone on 020 7641 1428.



Further detailed drawings showing individual streets, junctions and turns can be viewed at <a href="https://www.bakerstreettwoway.co.uk">www.bakerstreettwoway.co.uk</a> Within the wider project, two options are being proposed to help improve the overall right-turning capacity southbound onto Marylebone Road:

Improvements to the junction of Rossmore Road with Park Road/Gloucester Place; New right hand turn at the junction of Allsop Place/Marylebone Road, along with the improvements to Rossmore Road junction. For more information, please go to www.bakerstreettwoway.co.uk/documentation