

Keeping you informed

South Kensington – the future

Now the new traffic layout around the station is settling down and the repaving work is well underway it's time to look to the future. The Council needs to decide how the two newly created areas of public space in South Kensington might be used. We want to include local residents, businesses and visitors to the area in a discussion about the opportunities the new spaces give us all.

How do you want the new areas to look and feel?

Do you want the areas to feel relaxed or lively? Should they feel exclusive? family friendly? elegant? edgy? who do we want to attract? or discourage?



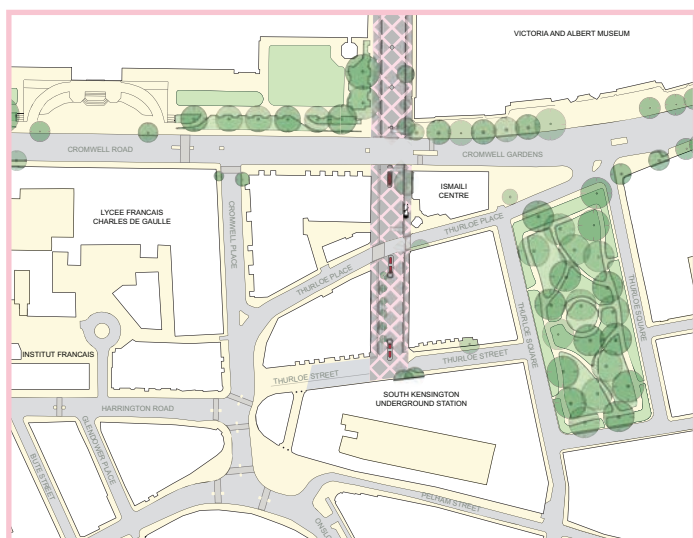
Should we have open air cafes? Permanent public art or changing art installations? Should there be more trees or flowers? Temporary markets? Entertainment?

Visit our website and tell us what you think.

We want you to let us know your views, hopes and aspirations for this area.

We have opened a new area on our website www.rbkc.gov.uk/yoursouthkensington where you can post your response. Or, if you prefer, you could send an e-mail to yoursouthkensington@rbkc.gov.uk or write to Shirley Long, The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Room 114, Council Offices, 37 Pembroke Road, London, W8 6PW.

We look forward to hearing from you.



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Major gas main works starting in April.

National Grid is carrying out a major gas mains replacement project along the A4 Cromwell Road/Brompton Road that will affect traffic in Knightsbridge and Kensington.

Works in the Exhibition Road area will include a connection outside the Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints church starting 19 April for approximately ten days. This will reduce residents' parking outside the church.

Following on from this National Grid will excavate along the centre of Exhibition Road for about three weeks. This will not have any effect on traffic or parking as their works will be contained in our traffic management area.

Further works will be carried out in July and August and we will bring you more news of these nearer the time.

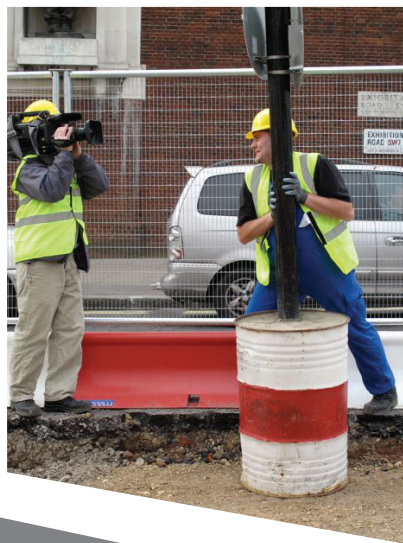


A face on the street

This month's member of the Balfour Beatty team is Krzysztof Kopecki, who operates the biggest piece of machinery on site.

His 13 tonne excavator is a powerful and versatile machine and needs plenty of room to manoeuvre, so here in Exhibition Road it is in its element. He loads the broken up tarmac, concrete and stone from the old road surface onto 20 tonne trucks to be taken to a recycling centre. There it is processed to make a crushed 'Type One' sub base that becomes the base for the new road. It is not necessarily our own material that gets returned but the result is the same – the material is not sent to landfill. When the new 'Type One' is delivered, Krzysztof uses his machine to level it out ready for the concrete slab to be put on top.

As well as contributing to the sustainability of Exhibition Road, Krzysztof, who has been operating an excavator for ten years, admits he likes the feeling of power!



Making news in Europe

Everyone's interested in the Exhibition Road project. The project has been featured many times in the UK media but now we are getting international acclaim.

German national TV channel, ZDFare visited Exhibition Road last month to film a documentary about streets of the future. The documentary, featuring projects in Tokyo and California as well as our own Exhibition Road, discusses innovation in street design. Andreas Stamm, a well known German television presenter, interviewed Councillor Nicholas Paget-Brown and the Balfour Beatty team. Andreas was passionate about the project and has promised to return for a follow up when the street is finished. We will post the programme on our website as soon as we have a copy.

This newsletter is delivered to all homes, businesses and organisations in the Exhibition Road area. Every month we will let you know how the project is progressing, as well as introducing you to some of the people and the work they are carrying out on this £25 million project.



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