

Keeping you informed

New electric vehicle on site

Balfour Beatty, the contractor responsible for building Exhibition Road, are using a new electric powered van on the Exhibition Road project. You will see the new white Mega van whizzing up and down the road carrying engineering staff and their surveying equipment. The new van is compact and manoeuvrable, so it takes up less room than a traditional van and, most importantly, it has no tail pipe emissions. That means it does not add to local air pollution. When work is finished for the day the van is simply plugged in to an electricity socket to charge overnight ready for the next morning.

Balfour Beatty has a Sustainability Vision of reaching a 50 per cent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, through efficiency measures and alternative technologies, by 2020.

We know that residents are worried about air pollution, because you've told us so. The two worst air pollutants are nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter suspended in the air, caused by road transport. That's why we are pleased to see our project partners doing their bit to help our environment.



The new Electric Mega Multitruck

Bela Bartok sculpture

The Council's planning application to return Imre Varga's sculpture of the composer Bartok to South Kensington was due to be heard on 7 September. Unfortunately the application has been deferred until later in the year. We'll let you know the outcome of the Planning Committee's deliberations in a later edition of this newsletter.

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Traffic Management arrangements confirmed

Transport for London (TfL) have published the results of their South Kensington Bus Consultation. They have decided that:

- there will not be a stop outside No.10 Cromwell Place
- the permanent location for the 430 stand will be outside the V&A museum and not on Cromwell Place, although the road works prevent this happening until 2011
- the 345 will no longer stop at the Natwest stop on Cromwell Place
- The C1 will continue to go both ways along Thurloe Place.

You can find TfL's full report at: www.tfl.gov.uk/corporate/projectsandschemes/13941.aspx



Councillor Paget-Brown, the Cabinet Member for Transport, Environment and Leisure Services promised the residents of South Kensington that he would not make the experimental traffic management order, which governs traffic operations, permanent until TfL had made a decision on the final location of the bus stops and bus routes. He is now going to confirm the traffic management order. The Key Decision Report (ref: 03391/10/T/A) is on the council website at: www.rbkc.gov.uk/howwegovern/keydecisions/decision.asp?DecisionID=3391

TfL have confirmed that they no longer need a bus stop and bus stand on Cromwell Place, so we would like to make use of the area by changing the double yellow line restrictions to parking for residents, blue badge holders and visitors' motorcycles. We will propose another Key Decision report (ref: 03392/10/T/A) with the detail of the changes we want to make, on 28 September and you will be able to find it will be on the Council's website at: www.rbkc.gov.uk/howwegovern/keydecisions/decision.asp?DecisionID=3392



A face on the street

This month we feature a Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea member of the site team: the Project Supervisor for the Exhibition Road project; Peter Weeden. Peter's job is to protect the interests of residents and the project's funders. Together with his site based team he makes sure that workmanship and materials are of the highest quality that this prestige project deserves. He works with the Project Manager to get the best possible service from the contractors and to ensure that they work to time and budget.

Peter also coordinates changes to traffic management to ensure the contractors can keep working to schedule. He carefully considers the safety of all road users before he approves the contractor's temporary traffic management plans. Many of you will already know Peter by name – when we write to residents and businesses about changes to the traffic arrangements Peter is our named contact for anyone who needs more information or individual assistance.

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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