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## Exhibition Road to host London's most sophisticated street party

Running over the first nine days of the Olympic Games from 28 July to 5 August 2012, the 'ROAD SHOW' will feature the work of emerging young artists, thinkers and musicians and will be the place for Londoners and visitors to unwind and recharge during the Olympics. The new Exhibition Road streetscape will be used for games, dance, scientific experiments and debates, music, acrobatics and aerial displays, new writers' commissions and visual art installations.

"The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea wants to contribute to the success of the London 2012 Olympics. That's why three years ago we commissioned a festival to celebrate the Games and the creativity of the Royal Borough. ROAD SHOW is the result of our commitment to promoting our people, our place and the new public space of Exhibition Road. Exhibition Road is of national and international importance, housing iconic scientific and cultural collections. Its institutions lead research in both the arts and sciences, reflecting the legacy of the 1851 Great Exhibition. ROAD SHOW uses the themes of innovation, risk taking, creativity and human endeavour, to create a very special street party to welcome the world and mark an important moment in the history of our city" says Councillor Sir Merrick Cockell, Leader of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.



Key elements of the festival will be delivered on customised trailers that will not harm the new streetscape or obstruct residents' access.

In addition, the Royal Borough is an official London 2012 competition venue with the indoor volleyball competition at Earls Court, and hosts part of the road cycle races route. See more about the Royal Borough's Olympic plans at [www.rbkc.gov.uk/london2012](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/london2012)

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# Albertopolis at the V&A

A new display of previously unseen objects from the V&A and the Royal Institute of British Architects collections opens at the Victoria and Albert Museum on 26 November. The exhibition charts the development of South Kensington and the Exhibition Road Cultural Quarter from 1851 to the present day and focuses on how the site became the architectural embodiment of Prince Albert's ambitious cultural aspirations. Admission is free and the exhibition runs until 29 April 2012. More details of events and happenings in the area can be found at Exhibition Road Cultural Group's website [www.exhibitionroad.com](http://www.exhibitionroad.com)

## A world class streetscape

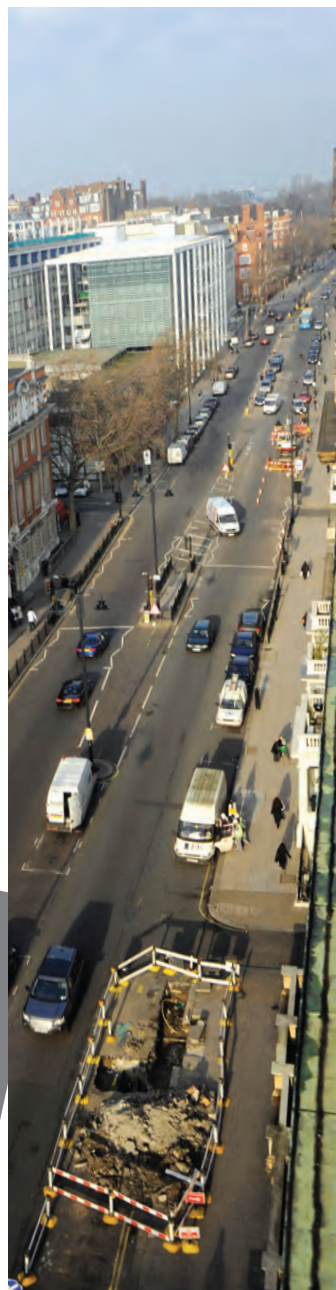
All the work on Exhibition Road is nearing final completion. We are removing the last few temporary barriers bit by bit as drivers become used to the new layout and the 20mph speed limit. Over the coming months we will monitor driver and pedestrian behaviour and carry out traffic and speed surveys so we can fine tune the road.

The project will be officially opened by the Mayor of London early next year, but will be completed in December this year, on time, and to budget.

Just to show how different the road looks here are two photos taken from the roof of the V&A – the one on the left was taken at the beginning of the works in January 2010 and the other earlier this month.

## New faces on the street

Now the work force have done their work, packed up and moved on to new projects, they are being replaced by new 'faces on the street' – the very ones we designed the road for.



**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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