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The new lighting masts are coming

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The new lighting scheme for Exhibition Road consists of 28 lighting masts spaced about 25 metres apart along the middle of the road from Kensington Road to Cromwell Road. The very tall, slender columns have been specifically designed for this project so they complement the grand buildings around them.

Each lighting mast incorporates three types of light sources. The main lighting will come from three recessed luminaires fitted around the mast at about 12 metres high.



These will provide an even, 'white light' over the whole road. 'White light' enriches the appearance of colours and contributes to personal security as it improves facial recognition. It also enhances the look of textures and finishes so it makes the streetscape look better too. In addition to the main lighting there will be a cluster of LEDs mounted at low level and a LED beacon at the top of each mast to add sparkle.

We have just started putting in the first of the new masts and will do the rest in stages throughout the summer. As the masts are over 20 metres high, we need to use a crane to lift them into place, so we do this work at night when closing the road is less disruptive.

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THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA



South Kensington permitted traffic movements



Traffic arrangements

So far we have unravelled the one way system around South Kensington station and removed through traffic from the section of Exhibition Road south of Thurloe Place. This has made access to key routes more direct and created a much better environment for pedestrians. We have also introduced a left turn from Brompton Road onto Cromwell Gardens so traffic from the Brompton Cross area can go west without having to use Pelham Street and South Kensington.

We still have some temporary restrictions in place while we work on the main section of Exhibition Road, but when the work is completed at the end of this year we will bring in some permanent changes that will change the way traffic moves through the area.

Exhibition Road will return to being a through route for two way traffic, but with a 20 mph speed limit.

There will be no turns for traffic at the junction of Exhibition Road with Cromwell Road except for the left turn out of Exhibition Road to go east. This will make it safer and easier for pedestrians crossing Cromwell Road.

There will be alternative routes for traffic to reach Exhibition Road from Cromwell Road and Cromwell Gardens. Drivers will soon determine their preferred routes for regular

journeys and through traffic will be more likely to stay on the main roads through the area.

There is a plan showing the new traffic arrangements and suggested alternative routes at www.rbkc.gov.uk/exhibitionroadtraffic

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.



MAYOR OF LONDON

A face on the street

This is Patrick Joseph Boyce, better known as PJ, who works for Danny Sullivan and Sons Ltd who are groundwork sub-contractors for Balfour Beatty. In the photo PJ is making the road base foundation. Each 25 metre bay contains 120 tons of concrete. PJ and his team work with a concrete pump that pours at a rate of 24 tons per hour. When the concrete is released the team must act fast to level it out with spades making sure no air holes are left. They then smooth the drying concrete with boards for an even surface. The concrete takes 72 hours to cure before it is ready to have the granite blocks laid on it. PJ is originally from Donegal and has worked in the construction industry for over 40 years.