

Keeping you informed

Bartok's coming back



We had to move the much loved Imre Varga statue of the Hungarian composer Bela Bartok from its home on the traffic island when we unravelled the one way system in South Kensington. We have been keeping it safe until we could relocate it to a new site.

On 2 November the Council's Planning Committee approved a new site for the statue on the pavement in Old Brompton Road near the junction with Pelham Street, in front of Malvern Court. We are designing a new, more suitable plinth and hope to have the statue back in South Kensington early next year.

The two metre high bronze statue was donated to the Royal Borough by the Hungarian Cultural Society and the Peter Warlock Society. The statue commemorates the composer's many visits to this country. When visiting London the composer stayed at 7 Sydney Place, where you can find a blue plaque celebrating his residency.



Now we can really see how the striking chequered granite will look

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Tell us your views

In last month's newsletter we opened the discussion about the future of Exhibition Road and asked for your views. If you haven't replied yet, please do so before 10 December which is the closing date for responses.

Exhibition Road is home to residents of two boroughs, a temporary home to students, a place for studying and working, and the location of some of the most important visitor attractions in the country – a unique collection of residential, cultural and educational institutions that attract more visitors each year than Venice.

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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.



(Above and Right) The new Barclays Cycle Hire docking station in Thurloe Street is being well used

A face on the street

This is Bogomil Kovachev who is an Engineering Manager for Balfour Beatty. Together with his team of four site engineers and two section engineers he is responsible for the engineering activities and works on site. He ensures that construction is in accordance with the design and is kept to a high standard. Much of Bogomil's time is spent identifying and resolving design problems. Recently he proposed some different foundations for the lighting masts when ducts and pipes turned up in unexpected locations and made the original proposals unworkable.

Bogomil, who is originally from Bulgaria, has been with Balfour Beatty for six and a half years and has been involved with the Exhibition Road project from its early stages, well before work started in the street. That's why he finds it so rewarding when people stop to admire the completed sections of the road.

