

Keeping you informed



Children using the new space on Exhibition Road

Exhibition Road – the future

A while ago we asked you to tell us how you wanted to see Exhibition Road, north of the Cromwell Road, used in the future. The replies we received showed us the spread of different views. We saw that residents were concerned about noise and disruption, people that worked in the area wanted more amenities and the institutions were keen to make visiting the area more enjoyable.

We are pleased that most people said they wanted to see more facilities for pedestrians and less domination by traffic – a main aim of the new design. Art, sculpture and trees were popular, as were events and activities linked to the museums. There was a strong feeling that shops, kiosks and fast food vans should not be allowed.

Exhibition Road changes in character either side of its junction with Prince Consort Road. The southern part of the road is characterised by the museums and cultural institutions and the large numbers of visitors they attract, whereas the northern part is more residential. The new road layout echoes this change with four lanes of traffic in the north and only two lanes in the southern section. It makes sense therefore to treat the two sections differently from each other.

The whole road

We will only allow events covering the whole of Exhibition Road once every two years and only when they mark events that are of London wide, national or international significance.

We will promote the road as the home for a biennial contemporary public art exhibition. These exhibitions will last for no more than three months and be held in the quieter part of the year, between September and March.

Southern end – Prince Consort Road to Cromwell Road

We will agree an annual events programme with the Exhibition Road Cultural Group. The programme will contain no more than six short events a year and all events must be based on the exhibition programmes of the museums and cultural and scientific institutions in the road.

We will not allow food retailing, buskers or street entertainers except in connection with events.

Northern end – Prince Consort Road to Kensington Road

We do not think that the northern end of the road lends itself to being a separate space for events or exhibitions.

For more details of the future of Exhibition Road see www.rbkc.gov.uk/exhibitionroad/yourexhibitionroad

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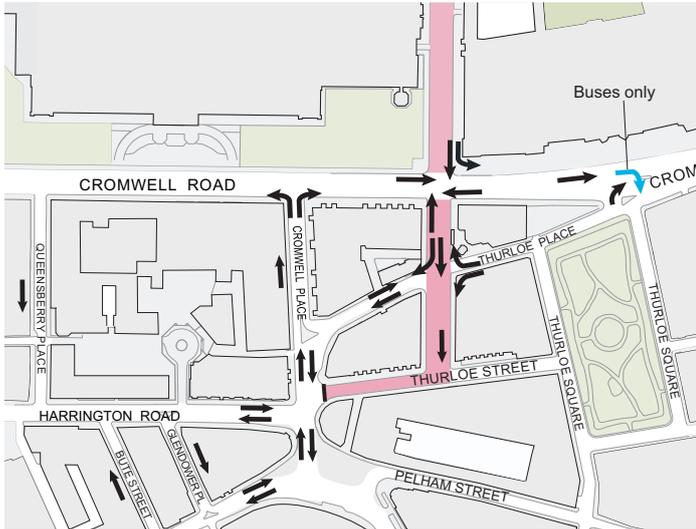


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More Trees

Next month the big planters at the southern end of Exhibition Road will be replaced with four new tulip trees (*Liriodendron tulipifera aureomarginatum*). Tulip trees have attractively lobed leaves and green and orange tulip-shaped flowers in summer.

At the moment the trees are in the nursery waiting for the first heavy frost before they are lifted and delivered to us. When they arrive we will break out the concrete covering the tree pits, plant the trees and finish the paving surrounds. The planters will go to their new home in Holland Park.



A face on the street

Chris Hamshar and Paul Gardner have a wealth of experience of delivering major capital projects within London. They have been involved in important schemes including Trafalgar Square, Kingston Town Centre redevelopment, and the widening and refurbishment of Kingston Bridge. Their experience has ensured the successful delivery of the Exhibition Road Project: a technically challenging project in the heart of one of London's busiest areas. Chris and Paul are the Project Managers for the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, and have been responsible for liaising between the two Local Authorities involved as well as TfL. Paul and Chris are the people who make sure the project is delivered to budget and time as well as making sure that the high quality and attention to detail the designers want is actually achieved on the ground.

New traffic routes

Now the granite is laid and the traffic lights are working we can start getting used to the permanent changes to the way traffic moves through the area. It will take a little time for drivers to get used to the new routes and to the new road layout so we will leave some temporary barriers in place for a short time.

There are 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 makes it safer and easier for pedestrians crossing Cromwell Road.

Alternate routes are:

- Coming from the east traffic can turn left into Thurloe Place from Cromwell Gardens and then turn right into Exhibition Road where it can cross over Cromwell Road
- Coming from the west traffic can turn left into Queen's Gate and turn right into Prince Consort Road to reach Exhibition Road
- Southbound traffic on Exhibition Road wanting to go west along Cromwell Road can use Prince Consort Road and then Queen's Gate where it can turn right onto Cromwell Road. Alternatively traffic can cross over Cromwell Road and turn right into Thurloe Place and use Cromwell Place to turn left onto Cromwell Road.

The traffic layout changes at the junction with Prince Consort Road: north of the junction there are four lanes of traffic, two in each direction. South of the junction the traffic flows on the eastern side of the road only, with just one lane in each direction. This has made it possible for us to give more space to pedestrians where they need it most.

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.

