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Parking and deliveries in South Kensington

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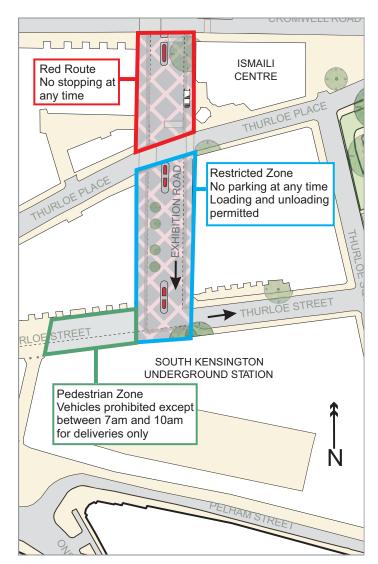
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We have finished the improvement works in South Kensington and the area is already welcoming visitors, but we need to make sure the space works well for everyone. Local businesses are important to the area and we appreciate that they need deliveries. To make sure shops and cafés can run their businesses, and the area remains a pleasant area for everyone, we have to manage parking and loading properly.

The new arrangements are:

- Exhibition Road south of Thurloe Place is a Restricted Zone which means parking is prohibited at all times but loading and unloading is allowed
- The western arm of Thurloe Street is a Pedestrian Zone. Vehicles may not enter this area unless they are loading and unloading and only between 7am and 10am
- Exhibition Road between Thurloe Place and Cromwell Road remains part of the Red Route network as before



Vehicles are prohibited at all times on the paved square on the south side of South Kensington station.

Civil Enforcement Officers patrol the area regularly and will issue parking tickets to drivers contravening the restrictions.



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Ahead of schedule

As you can see work is moving on apace in Exhibition Road. We have installed all the lighting masts in Exhibition Road and all the concrete road base has all been laid. Parts of the road are already operating as they will when the contractors hand over the finished road later this year. We just need to finish the last areas of granite paving, install the traffic signals and lighting on Cromwell Road and put in the rest of the street furniture. We said we would finish by the end of the year and we will – we expect to be substantively complete by the end of next month

More parking for **RBKC**

After seeing the plan of the new road layout in last months' newsletter, some RBKC residents were concerned that there would not be enough residents' parking at their end of Exhibition Road. Before we started the project we promised to do our best to keep the same number of residents' parking spaces after the work was complete, as there was before. However, because of the space needed for the cycle hire station, which was not included in our original calculations, the proposal we showed last month had three less spaces than were available before the scheme. We have looked at the proposals again and by moving some of the seating we have found space for another three residents' parking spaces; bringing the total number in the Royal Borough stretch of the road up to match the previous allocation.

We are now carrying out the statutory consultation on the Traffic Management Orders for the whole of Exhibition Road, for more details please see our website at **www.rbkc.gov.uk/exhibitionroad**



A face on the street

I'm Shirley Long and I have been dealing with communications for the Exhibition Road project since we began construction in January 2010. As well as bringing you this newsletter every month I send fortnightly bulletins to subscribers, maintain the website, liaise with the project team, residents, local businesses and organisations. I was involved in the earlier stages of the project and remember carrying out the initial consultations on the South Kensington traffic scheme back in 2002. So it's wonderful to see the job through to fruition. Exhibition Road has been a great project to work on. It has brought together a talented team of designers and engineers with a spirited and dedicated work force. They have worked together to create a truly accessible space while balancing the needs of a variety of users, and keeping the road open while they worked. At times we saw that the hopes and aspirations of some people were the worries and fears of others, but on the whole support has been very strong. Now, as we see the road starting to look like those computer generated images that I published so long ago, I must admit to a certain sadness that the project will soon be over - residents I'm sure will be delighted!

Restricted Zone

The whole of Exhibition Road, except the small section that is part of Transport for London's Red Route, will be classed as a Restricted Zone. This means that parking is not allowed anywhere except in marked bays and allows us to enforce these restrictions without covering the new road surface with ugly yellow and white lines.

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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