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## Works Notification for Local Residents and Businesses

Westminster City Council are soon to start delivering public realm improvements in the Strand Aldwych area. Works start in early January 2021 and will finish in late 2022.

**The Strand Aldwych project** will transform this traffic dominated gyratory into a pedestrian-focused destination with strong links to the surrounding districts. The new public realm will balance the needs of the everyday for the local community with a world-class scheme. The vision is for the area to become a global creative and cultural quarter which will be an international beacon for creativity, enterprise and learning.

### The scheme aims to:

- **Provide better movement of traffic** – Improved journey times and safety for many routes by removing the gyratory, having two-way traffic in Aldwych and removing it from part of Strand
- **Improve the public realm** – Creating an attractive public space on the Strand and a better pedestrian experience on Aldwych
- **Improve links for walking and cycling** – Providing better connections to the surrounding areas and improving safety for 14 million people who visit each year
- **Improve air quality** – Addressing air quality across the whole project area, reducing traffic in some areas, mitigating the effects of traffic in other areas and working with partners to influence, lobby and explore opportunities for positive change
- **Support culture, education and innovation** – Creating opportunities to showcase the area's wealth of cultural and educational talent and encouraging opportunities for collaboration
- **Support the area's economy** – Enhancing its vibrancy, productivity and creativity by celebrating its unique character

### **IMPROVEMENTS AROUND THE ARUNDEL COURT DEVELOPMENT**

Westminster City Council are also delivering public realm improvement works around the Arundel Court development (between Arundel St, Surrey St and Temple Place). Both schemes will be built in a coordinated approach. The Arundel Court scheme will include:

- Lighting and footways will be enhanced around the development. Safety will be further improved by relocating the pedestrian crossing on Temple Place and adding a Zebra crossing
- Flow of traffic in the area will be improved, tying into the Strand Aldwych by reversing the one way system on Surrey Street and introduction of drop-off bays at the new hotel frontage on Temple Place
- The scheme will incorporate natural stone throughout the footways and additional trees will be planted

## WORKS

### PROGRAMME OF WORKS

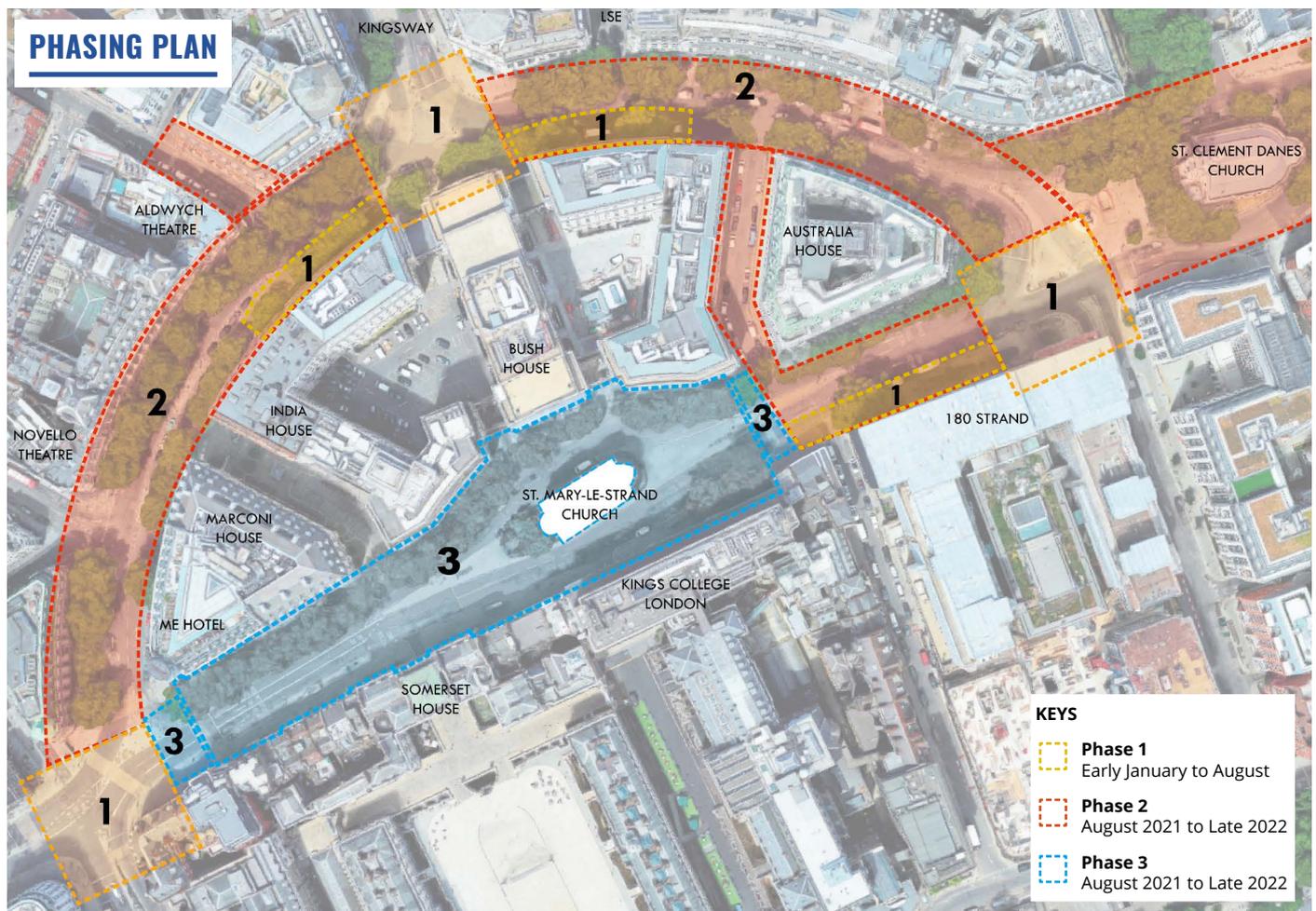
Works will begin on the 4th January 2021 and will continue for approximately 24 months. The scheme will be delivered in 3 main stages:

**Pre-Switch - January 2021 to August 2021** - Works in the main three signalised junctions along Aldwych to prepare them to receive two-way traffic in the future: Strand - Waterloo Bridge, Aldwych - Kingsway and Strand - Arundel Street. This will take place between early January and August 2021. During this time there will be no major road closures, although a number of bus stops will be temporarily closed to facilitate the works. Wellington Street will close temporarily at the Strand junction (the cyclist-only section) for approx. 4 weeks, although a cyclist diversion route will be clearly signed.

**Aldwych switch to two-way - August 2021** - Switch to two-way: During a long weekend late August, Strand and Aldwych will be closed to traffic to facilitate the switch of Aldwych to two-way traffic and the closure of Strand to create the new public space. A leaflet, in summer 2021, will explain details about the switch-over process, road closures and likely impact to residents and businesses in the area.

**Post-Switch - August 2021 to Late 2022** - From August 2021 to late 2022, works will focus on the remaining areas of the scheme, including the Aldwych - Catherine Street and Aldwych - Melbourne Place junctions, the St Clements Danes Church area and works along Strand to create the new public space. During this phase, a number of minor road closures would be required, including Catherine Street, Drury Lane, Houghton Street, St Clements Inn and Surrey Street. A new pedestrian and cycle zone will be in place in Strand between Surrey Street and the Waterloo Bridge.

The following image shows where works will focus along the scheme, with Phase 1 being completed prior Aldwych switching to two-way traffic, and Phases 2 and 3 being completed after.





Pedestrian access to all businesses and buildings will be maintained at all times. It is possible that the works dates may slip for operational reasons such as weather delays between now and the planned start date. Should there be a need to postpone the works we shall inform you at the earliest opportunity.

Westminster City Council's Service Provider, FM Conway, will follow working practices that are safe and efficient and in line with COVID-19 guidelines. Standard working hours are 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday, and 08:00 to 13:00 on Saturday. Noise will be minimised where possible.

## **RESTRICTIONS TO PARKING AND VEHICLE ACCESS**

Please visit the website ([www.strandaldwych.org/](http://www.strandaldwych.org/)), and sign up to our fortnightly emails by emailing "**sign me up**" to [StrandAldwych@wsp.com](mailto:StrandAldwych@wsp.com).

Exact routes will be advertised closer to the time via the fortnightly email update.

Some local parking and loading suspensions will also be required to facilitate the works. These will be kept to a minimum and clearly signed. If you usually park in the area, please look out for suspension notices and then move your vehicle to help ensure the works can be completed as quickly as possible. The changes to parking will be shown on the website and you will be alerted if you subscribe to the regular email updates.

Information can be found at the following web-page: [www.strandaldwych.org/](http://www.strandaldwych.org/)

## **CONTACT US**

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## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience that these works may cause. Should you need to report urgent issues, please contact **FM Conway on 01732 600 771**

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR BASEMENT**

Please read carefully if your property is within the works area. The basement / vault to your property is a separate structure from the public highway and keeping it in a watertight condition is the responsibility of the owner or freeholder. If the vault / basement has not been properly damp proofed and / or tanked it is not secure from water ingress. Please be advised that neither the Service Provider or the City Council will be responsible for any damage resulting from water ingress in such circumstances.

## **PLO**

There will be a Public Liaison Officer on-site regularly. Bob Burton (FM Conway), will be working within the Government Guidance for COVID-19, and will be available to set up a meeting if you feel there is something that you would like to discuss in person. If the Government Guidance for COVID-19 prevents Bob from being on-site please email [StrandAldwych@wsp.com](mailto:StrandAldwych@wsp.com) with a contact telephone number and Bob will call you back.

If you notice something that you would like to report, that isn't related to the public realm improvement scheme (for example you have an issue with waste collection), please go directly to Westminster City Council's Report It Tool:

[www.westminster.gov.uk/report-it](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/report-it)

## **TEMPORARY PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS**

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