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WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

BAKER STREET & GLOUCESTER PLACE TWO WAY TWO WAY PROJECT

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Dear Sir / Madam

I am pleased to be able to update you on progress of the Baker Street Two Way project and inform you that we will shortly be ready to switch to two-way traffic flow at Baker Street and Gloucester Place.

Work is now completed on the key junctions and the surrounding streets. Resurfacing works have also been undertaken on many of the junctions. The next stage will see a series of temporary road closures to allow two-way traffic flow to be introduced, before the final works are completed.

The switch to two-way working on Baker Street and Gloucester Place is proposed to be undertaken from 21-24 February 2019, subject to suitable weather conditions. Both roads will need to be closed in phases during this period, whilst road markings are painted and temporary central islands are installed. As this work is dependent on the weather, the switch could potentially be delayed if there is bad weather such as heavy rain.

As a result, the decision on whether the work can be undertaken on 21-24 February will be confirmed on Tuesday 19 February, based on the weather forecast.

Any changes to the programme will be communicated through our email updates, the project website and social media. If you do not currently receive our email updates, please subscribe at www.bakerstreettwoway.co.uk/#contact

Please find enclosed a leaflet providing more detailed information, including the phasing of the road closure, diversions, other methods of travel by public transport, alternative dates if bad weather should cause a delay and contact details for the project team.

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This leaflet is being delivered to local residents, businesses and organisations throughout the area, to ensure everyone is aware of the scheduled dates for the closure. In addition, we are in close communication with a wider group of contacts, such as emergency services, freight companies, other local authorities and many more, to ensure they have all the necessary details.

To ensure we reach as many people as possible, the council and its partners will also be communicating this information through a wide variety of other methods: emails, newsletters, social media, on street flyering, posters, street marshals and travel ambassadors, and more.

We apologise for any disruption during this period and thank local residents, businesses and organisations for their continued patience and support. The delivery of a safer, more accessible road network and improved public realm is vital for residents and businesses in the local community. The safety of all pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles during the works is our top priority, so we are working closely with our partners to ensure all appropriate measures are in place.

Please share this letter and enclosed leaflet with other friends and colleagues who may find it useful. If you have any queries, please visit the project website at www.bakerstreettwoway.co.uk or contact the team at BakerStreet2W@wsp.com.

Yours sincerely

Tim Mitchell

Councillor Tim Mitchell
Cabinet Member for Environment and City Management
Westminster City Council

Artist's impression: Park Road junction

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES: ROAD CLOSURES 21-24 FEBRUARY 2019 FOR THE TWO-WAY SWITCH

INTRODUCTION

Our work to reintroduce two-way traffic flow on Baker Street and Gloucester Place and improve the area for pedestrians and cyclists is nearing completion. Work is completed on nearly all the junctions on Baker Street, Gloucester Place and surrounding streets. Resurfacing works have also been undertaken on many of the junctions. The next stage will see a series of road closures to allow two-way traffic flow to be introduced, before the final works are completed.

TWO-WAY SWITCH

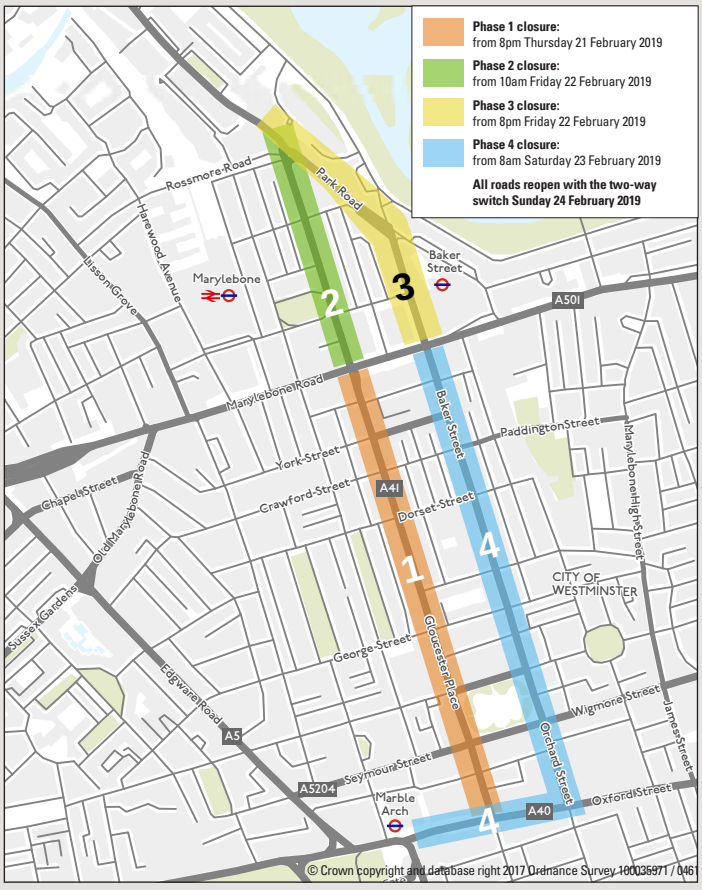
The switch to two-way working on Baker Street and Gloucester Place is proposed to be undertaken from 21 to 24 February. Both these roads will need to be closed. Subject to suitable weather, this closure will begin at 8pm Thursday 21 February and run until Sunday 24 February. The work will be done in four phases.

Phase 1: Gloucester Place and Portman Street, between Oxford Street and Marylebone Road, will close at 8pm Thursday 21 February.

Phase 2: Gloucester Place, between Marylebone Road and Park Road will close at 10am Friday 22 February.

Phase 3: Park Road and Baker Street, from Rossmore Road to Marylebone Road, will close at 8pm Friday 22 February.

Phase 4: Baker Street and Orchard Street from Marylebone Road to Oxford Street, and Oxford Street from Marble Arch to Orchard Street will close at 8am Saturday 23 February.



Subject to the weather, roads will reopen on Sunday 24 February with two-way traffic flow. Pedestrians, cyclists and all vehicles should look in both directions.

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WORKS DURING THE SWITCH

Construction activity will include painting the road markings and installing temporary central islands. For safety reasons, permanent central islands cannot be built during this period.

DIVERSIONS DURING THE CLOSURE

Traffic will be diverted via Edgware Road and St John's Wood Road while Gloucester Place and Baker Street are closed. All other local roads will remain open, however roads are expected to be busier than usual so please plan ahead and allow extra time for your journey. Access to emergency vehicles will not be affected and marshals will be in place to help direct traffic.

Where possible, you are advised to consider using public transport. Journeys are likely to be quicker and easier on foot or by tube. Bus services will continue but some will stop short of their destination or be diverted. Routes will be realigned on Baker Street and Gloucester Place after the roads reopen. Visit **www.tfl.gov.uk/baker-street-roadworks** for more information.

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS DURING THE CLOSURE

To ensure safety, travel ambassadors will be in the area to help pedestrians during and after the switch. Access will be maintained throughout the works.

LOCAL BUSINESSES

Shops and businesses will be open as normal. Businesses are advised to arrange deliveries and collections outside of the closures as access will be limited.

Artist's impression: Middle of Baker Street looking north

WEATHER CONDITIONS

The switch to the two-way operation will need a period when there is no extreme weather to allow changes to road markings. Therefore, there is the potential for bad weather such as heavy rain to delay the switch.

The decision on whether the work can be undertaken on 21-24 February will be confirmed on Tuesday 19 February, based on the weather forecast.

In the event of work being postponed, two alternative weekends have been identified:

Thursday 28 February to Sunday 3 March or
Thursday 7 March to Sunday 10 March.

Any changes to the programme will be communicated through our email updates, the project website and social media.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Following the switch to two-way, there will be a period of six weeks when works will be paused to allow traffic to get used to the new layout.

After this, the remaining works will be completed, including:

- building permanent central islands
- resurfacing on Baker Street between Dorset Street and Blandford Street
- applying coloured, high friction surfacing at all junctions
- works at Portman Mews South

All works are scheduled to be finished by June 2019.

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