

**Church Street and Marylebone Area Forum**

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Dear Area Forum Member

Thank you to all who attended the recent Church Street and Marylebone Area Forum and helped us to make decisions that affect your area. Your views are important to us, so I'd like to take this opportunity to let you know what we are planning to do in response to your feedback.

If you would like more detail on the workshop discussions and ward budget spending visit [www.westminster.gov.uk/neighbourhoods](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/neighbourhoods) or contact our Area Forum Team.

At our last area forum meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, three workshops were held to give you the opportunity to comment on the council's Parking Review, the one-way closure of Oxford Street and the impact of the Olympics. Unfortunately I was unable to attend this forum due to a prior commitment. I would like to thank Cllr Audrey Lewis for chairing the meeting in my place.

**Parking Policy Review**

Barry Smith, Operational Director of the City Planning Group, outlined the objectives of the Westminster Parking Policy Review 2010-11. These are to understand the needs of residents, local businesses and visitors in relation to future parking policy. You suggested that we should focus primarily on the needs of you and your visitors and that the structure of the Controlled Parking Zones should be reviewed. The consultation questionnaire can be completed online at <http://www.westminster.gov.uk/services/transportandstreets/parking/review-of-parking-policies/> or a form can be requested by contacting [parkingreview2010@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:parkingreview2010@westminster.gov.uk)

**Olympics**

Tim Owen, Events and Contingency Planning Assistant Director, explained the likely impact of the London Olympic Games on Westminster. The council is used to hosting large scale events and is working with Olympic partners including the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA), LOCOG, Transport for London and Visit London to ensure the interests of residents and businesses are represented.

Roads and other services will be affected before and during the Games but the city will continue to operate on a business as usual basis. We will make sure you are informed of developments and you said you would like printed materials to be available in libraries and One Stop Services, which are now in place. You also said you would use the website as a source of information and would like the opportunity to sign up for email updates. Information is now available at [www.westminster.gov.uk/olympics](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/olympics)

### **Oxford Street One-Way Closure**

Dan Beesley from London Underground explained that Bond Street Station will be upgraded to relieve congestion, improve accessibility and include a connection to the Crossrail station. To complete this project, engineering work will need to be carried out, particularly the strengthening of gas and water mains. This will require the closure of one lane of Oxford Street.

Grahame Ludlow from TfL explained that several options were available to TfL when deciding how to accommodate this project, including full closure of Oxford Street, eastbound or westbound closure or a shuttle service. An eastbound closure has been chosen as this will provide most options for traffic. Two diversion routes, both to the north of Oxford Street, are currently being considered for eastbound traffic, including buses.


### **£50,000 for your Ward – Ward Budget Updates**

#### **Marylebone High Street, Bryanston and Dorset Square, and Church Street**

Councillors are currently seeking ideas about how to spend this year's ward budgets. You made some suggestions at the area forum and further suggestions can be made through the contact details at the bottom of this page. If you would like to find out about how ward budgets were spent last year, please go to [www.westminster.gov.uk/wardbudgets](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/wardbudgets) To find out which electoral ward you are in, please visit [www.westminster.gov.uk/wardfinder](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/wardfinder) or contact the team.

### **Your next Church Street and Marylebone Area Forum**

I look forward to welcoming you to the next area forum on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February, from 6.30-8.30pm at Council House, 97-113 Marylebone Road, NW1 5PT. If you would like to raise a topic at the next forum, or for further information, please contact the Area Forums team using the contact details on the front page of this letter.



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