

The Marylebone Association Newsletter February 2019



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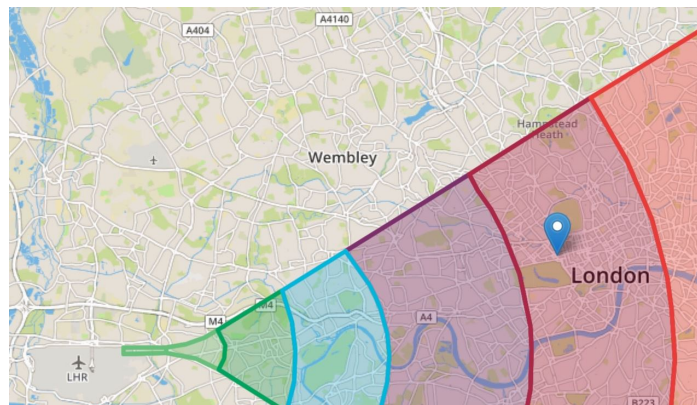
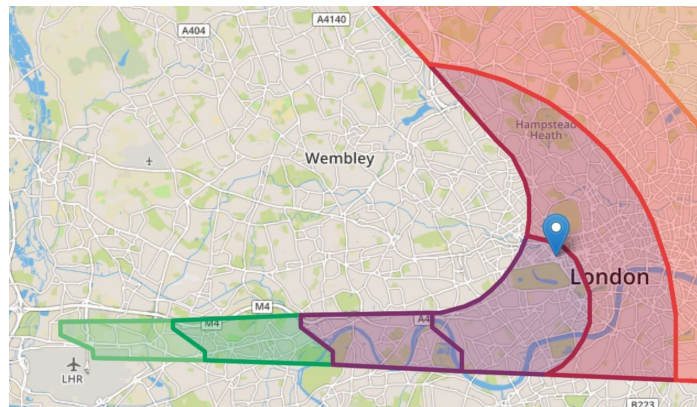
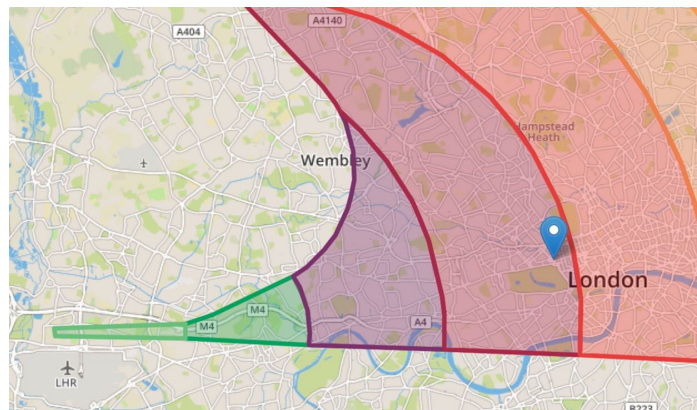
Seventy members enjoyed wine & canapés at our annual January party held at the Oriental Club last Wednesday. Our thanks go to Sheila Green for organising a splendid evening. Business members of the Association are reminded that our next get together is on Monday 4 February at the Pickled Hen, Marriott Hotel on George Street.

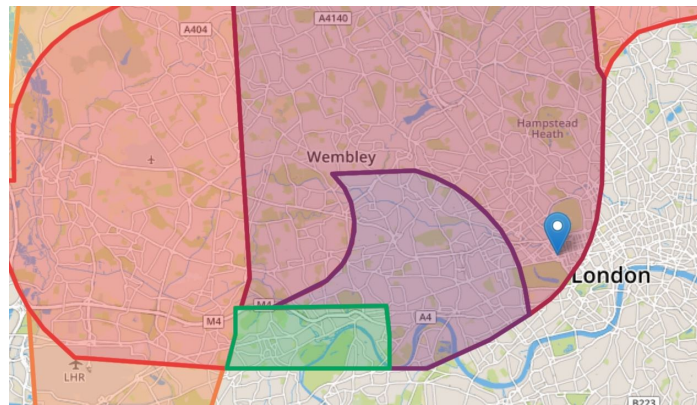
Marylebone News

Marylebone could be under the Heathrow flight path by 2022

Heathrow airport has started the process of consulting on new flight paths. Four of the options could see Marylebone being blighted by aircraft noise. Worryingly, one of these does not even involve the 3rd Runway and could come into effect in under three years time with planes flying over our heads at 3,000ft, waking us as early 5am. These new flight paths will be narrower and more concentrated than they are today. If we do end up under a flight path our quality of life and local property values are likely to significantly impacted.

The World Health Organisation recommends that annual average night-time exposure should not exceed 40 decibels (dB). Heathrow claims that some of the aircraft noise will be over 65 decibels. Potentially, we could be looking at up to 47 flights per hour. If you don't like the sound of all this, then it time you made some noise about it.





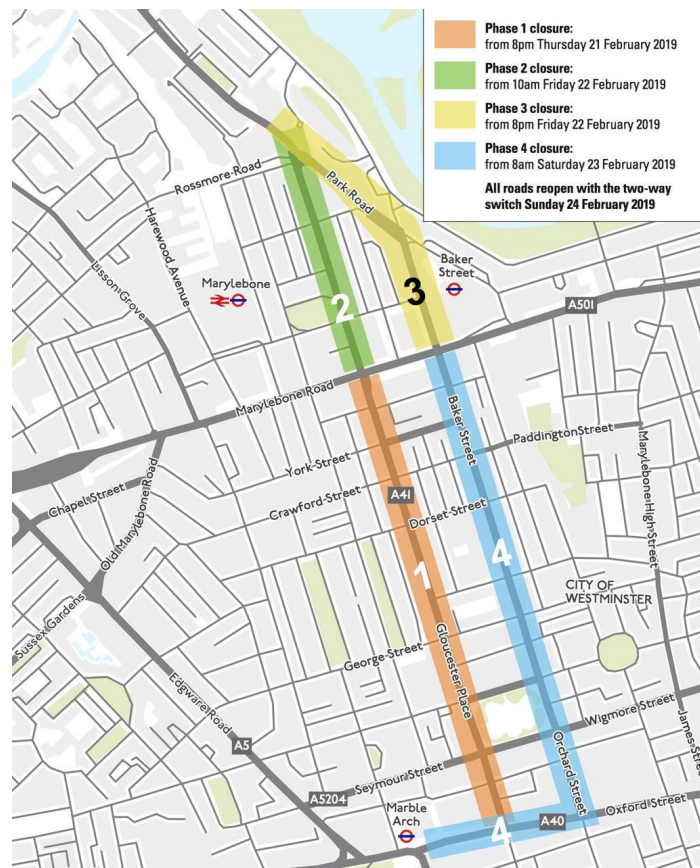
Currently, Heathrow is consulting on the "design envelope" a geographical area within which it is technically possible to position one or more flight paths. Marylebone is within these envelopes, and therefore at risk of having a flight path designed over our community. We need to inform Heathrow and the CAA why our area should not be selected as suitable for flight paths.

Some of the arguments for flight paths to avoid our area include:

- Our old Georgian properties have single glazing and poor sound insulation, our air quality is already bad enough.
- The area already suffers from evening noise pollution and people in the West End tend to sleep in later compared to the suburbs.
- We already have enough noise and disruption impacting our health and our daily quality of life without having aircraft noise as well.
- We already suffer from prolonged helicopter noise policing demonstrations near the BBC and in other central areas.

Please take this opportunity to explain in your own words what it will mean to your quality of life if they put the flight path over our heads. Email: feedback@heathrowconsultation.com and cc airspacemodernisation@caa.co.uk or complete the online consultation [here](#).

Baker Street & Gloucester Place Two-way Switch 21-24 February 2019



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.

Any changes to the programme will be communicated through our email updates, the project website and social media. Visit the project website at: www.bakerstreetwoway.co.uk

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.

Enford Street to become a "School Street"

It is proposed to close Enford Street to motor vehicles between 8.00am and 9.00am and between 2.45pm and 3.45pm on Mondays to Fridays, during school term time. The closure would be controlled through the installation of removable bollards at the junction of Enford Street and York Street. The traffic signs would not be visible during school holidays, and advanced warning signs would be placed to advise drivers of the closure.

It is also proposed to introduce double yellow line "at any time" waiting and loading restrictions at the junction of York Street with Enford Street and the south-western arm of Wyndham Place to prevent obstructive parking. All the details can be found [here](#).

Marylebone Forum - CIL Spending Consultation

The Marylebone Forum are at present consulting on how £670,000 of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) should be spent. You can have your say [here](#).

The Crown Estate's ideas for Oxford Circus

The Crown Estate is exploring different options for changes to Oxford Circus. The Marylebone Association has met with them to discuss these ideas and explain our concerns about traffic displacement, pollution and safety issues in the area. We will keep you informed of developments.

Royal Oak Coach Station would impact the Marylebone Road

Transport for London (TfL) has been told by the Mayor of London to identify a new location for the Victoria Coach Station when the building lease expires and Crossrail 2 commences. We understand that the only location TfL is considering is a strip of land along the railway tracks by Royal Oak, where TfL propose to build a coach station and then luxury tower blocks above, polluting the neighbourhood and blighting the landscape. Marylebone Road, leading to the A40, is the most polluted road in London and adding a coach station would only exacerbate the problem of air pollution. To find out more and sign the petition click [here](#).

Planning Shake-Up

Cllr Richard Beddoe confirmed last week at a Full Council meeting that the recently agreed public speaking rights at planning committee will take effect from 12 February 2019. Westminster Council has said it will continually review how this is working in practice, with a more formal review taking place in six months. Residents and the Marylebone Association will now have the right to speak about on individual application.

Opening and Closings



The excellent delicatessen **Fratelli Greci** on Seymour Place has reopened following a refurbishment. **A.O.K Kitchen and Bakery** is opening later this month where the old Hardy's restaurant was on Dorset Street. **Xier** will be opening on Thayer Street where Pizza Express once was. **Ooty** Indian

restaurant is taking the place vacated by Galvin Bitrot de Luxe on Baker Street, opening 14 February. Yosma on Baker Street has closed and is going to become **Cafe Cinquanta**. The old Dover Castle pub in Weymouth Mews is set to reopen as [The Jackalope](#) pub.

Planning and Listed Building [permissions](#) have been granted for alterations to the Duke of Wellington Pub on Crawford Street. The proposals include the repositioning of the entrance so that it is centred on the Crawford Street elevation, and they also show an increase in the size of the dining room on the first floor. We hope to see it brought back to life as soon as possible.

Association Events

[Marylebone Association Business Evening](#)

Mon, 4 February 2019 6:30 PM *Pickled Hen at the Marriott Hotel Marble Arch, George Street.*

Marylebone Association Business Members Only - detail sent separately.

[Coffee Morning](#)

Wed, 27 February 2019 10:30 AM *108 Marylebone Lane, W1U 2QE*

Our first coffee morning in 2019. Everyone welcome – no need to book. £5.00 per person.

[Chinese Feast](#)

Thu, 7 March 2019 7:00 PM *Bright Courtyard Club, 43-45 Baker Street, London W1U 8EW*

Enjoy a sumptuous Chinese feast at this elegant restaurant in the glass roofed courtyard. We will be treated to a selection of starters, 2nd course and a main course on a typical Chinese style sharing basis followed by deserts, tea or coffee, all at the special price of £30 inclusive of service (but not alcoholic or soft drinks). A limited bar service will be available. You will need to book in advance, but individual payments will be taken on the night by the restaurant. To reserve your place, please contact Lois German by email on lois.german@marylebone.org or by phone on 0207 487 2706.

Regular Association Events

(For more details click on the event)

[Book Club](#)

Tue, 5 February 2019 6:30 PM *The Kings Head, Westmoreland Street, W1*

[Pub Evening - The Larrik](#)

Mon, 11 February 2019 6:30 PM *The Larrik, 32 Crawford Place, W1H 5NN*

[Scrabble Club](#)

Tue, 12 February 2019 5:00 PM *The Natural Kitchen, 55 Baker Street, W1*

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Tue, 26 February 2019 5:00 PM *The Natural Kitchen, 55 Baker Street, W1*

Marylebone Events

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[Hospitality Recruitment Fair](#)

Tue, 5 February 2019 10:30 AM *Greenside Community Centre, 24 Lilestone St, NW8 8SR*

[Community Dinner and Talk](#)

Tue, 12 February 2019 7:15 PM *The Annunciation Marble Arch, Bryanston Street, W1H 7AH*

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