

The Marylebone Association Newsletter March 2019



Dear {Contact_First_Name}

Association News

Marylebone is very different this month having seen one of the largest changes to take place in our neighbourhood. The Baker Two Way Project finally happened. Our thanks go to Paul Neville who was our committee member for Traffic and City Management over the long period of its gestation. Paul attended countless meetings expressing different views of the community as the Two-way project plans evolved over many years.

Remember - only four days left to tell Heathrow that you don't want Marylebone to be under any new flight paths! Please complete the feedback by [following this link](#).

Marylebone News

Baker Street and Gloucester Place Two Way



Last weekend the switch over to two way traffic occurred. After 40+ years of one way traffic, it will take a while to get used to! Obviously, please look in both directions when crossing the road - it is worth waiting for a green man. The scheme will take a while to bed in and further works are still to be undertaken including more tree planting and central islands that are still to be added. Work has now stopped for 6 weeks but all work should be completed by June. The lack of pedestrian crossings at George Street and Gloucester Place has generated much of the initial feedback and we understand this is being reviewed. It is worth remembering that the scheme is meant to be traffic neutral. Please let us know your views particularly on any displaced traffic problems. TfL has not managed the bus information very well, signs at the bus stops and spider maps are all need updating. We expect these will get addressed in the coming weeks. Please do let us know what you think of the scheme over the coming weeks/months as you get more familiar with it. The latest update from the Council can be found on our website [here](#).

Marylebone High Street Low Emission Neighbourhood Scheme



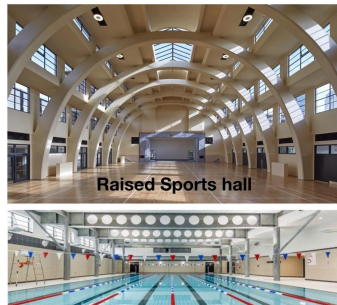
As part of the Marylebone Low Emission Neighbourhood scheme, works are taking place along Marylebone High Street (no road closures are planned). The photo on the left shows the completed "rain garden" on the High Street.

From Monday 18th March, Paddington Street (outside the gardens), will be closed to traffic for approximately two weeks to facilitate drainage works. During this time, westbound traffic will be diverted along Nottingham Street, Marylebone High Street and Marylebone Road; whilst eastbound traffic will be diverted through Chiltern

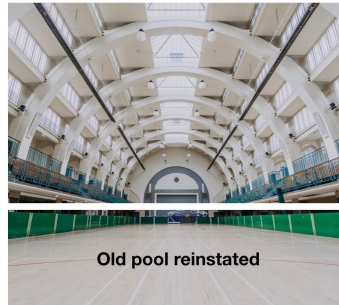
Street, Manchester Street, Blandford Street and Marylebone High Street.

For more information please visit the project website www.marylebonelen.org. or email info@maryleboneLEN.org. You can subscribe to receive regular construction updates, using the following link: <http://eepurl.com/clYBi9>

Poplar Treatment for Seymour Leisure Centre?



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Will we get the Poplar treatment? An idea first raised by the Marylebone Association to create more space for the Marylebone Library by co-locating it at the Seymour Leisure Centre, might be moving a step closer. A very similar scheme in Poplar Leisure Centre has been successfully undertaken and we would very much like to see it replicated in Marylebone. It has the potential to solve our swimming pool issues along as well as providing more space for the Library and maintaining a soft play area for small children.

Westminster Cabinet approves new Oxford Street District plans

Last week Westminster City Council's Cabinet approved an update to the 'Place Strategy and Delivery Plan for the Oxford Street District' and the proposed budget of £150 million to support the scheme.

The Council consulted on its draft Strategy between 6 November and 16 December. This promoted a set of 15 overarching place-based principles and 96 projects, generating the highest ever number of responses to a Council led consultation: 2,154 people completed consultation responses, with support from 66% of respondents overall and 73% of residents. However, the overall support did not extend to certain proposals to close Oxford Circus and restrict other parts of Oxford Street to non-bus traffic. The Marylebone Association generally welcomes the new Westminster Council approach to the whole district but has expressed concern about this part of the plan and objected to it in the recent consultation, as did our neighbouring Amenity Societies in Mayfair, Fitzrovia, Soho and elsewhere. These societies are all members of the Better Oxford Street group and its response to the plans can be found [here](#).

The budget will go forward for approval at the April Cabinet, then following further design development, stakeholder engagement and traffic modelling, Westminster Council anticipates commencing work on the first tranche of projects in Autumn. A copy of the Cabinet report is available [here](#) and the updated Plan is available [here](#).

Phoneboxes lose Permitted Development Rights

The High Court has quashed a planning inspector's consent for a new telephone kiosk in central London after a judge ruled that such structures served a 'dual purpose' of both communications and advertising and therefore should not benefit from permitted development rights. Over the last two years Westminster City Council rejected 170 applications for new telephone kiosks. If all of these applications had been approved there would be one phone box every 15 metres along Edgware Road! Processing these applications is time-consuming and costly. Well done to Westminster City Council and our own Cllr Richard Beddoe for fighting this issue on behalf of residents. A great result for Marylebone but also for London and the whole country.

CS11: Court of Appeal uphold Westminster's Judicial Review

The Court of Appeal have upheld High Court judge Sir Ross Cranston's ruling that the controversial CS11 cycle route is unlawful in its current form and denied Transport for London (TfL) permission to appeal further. TfL will be forced to go back to the drawing board as they have now exhausted all legal options available to them. Last September Sir Ross ruled in favour of Westminster Council who had challenged the route in a judicial review at the High Court. His ruling focused on a lack of modelling of the traffic impacts of constructing just the Swiss Cottage portion of the route. In his 16-page judgement, he said TfL's plan to start work at Swiss Cottage before they had consent for the entirety of the scheme was unlawful – as CS11 was planned as one continuous route. Cllr Tim Mitchell, Westminster's environment and City Management Chief said it was "time for TfL to get around a table with us". He added: "We're pleased with another decision supporting the council and residents' right to be heard on CS11. We're worried that CS11 in its current form will cause traffic congestion and lead to poorer air quality. We fully support safe cycling and are making major investments for cyclists within Westminster. We're not anti-CS11 or cycling, but we want TfL to take the time to deliver something that works for both cyclists and residents."

Luxborough Street Campaign

A campaign to save a sports pitch from the bulldozer says that a petition signed by 800 people has been completely ignored by Westminster councillors, according to the [West End Extra](#).

Cllr Rachael Robathan, the Council's Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Regeneration, said: "We're still talking to local residents about potential options for this site and no decisions have been made. A second round of consultation events will be held in order to understand residents views on any proposals.. we will carefully consider everyone's view before reaching any decision on the future of this site."

We will keep you informed of any upcoming consultation event. If you would like more information on the campaign visit www.luxboroughSQS.org

Rough Sleeping

[Streetlink](https://www.streetlink.org.uk) (<https://www.streetlink.org.uk>) is an online tool that allows members of the public to report rough sleepers. Streetlink then delegates the report to a local team (in this case our Westminster Outreach service). If the rough sleeper is new to the streets and is not already being supported, the Outreach team will visit the sleep site to verify the report and start working with the rough sleeper. It should be noted that this does not necessarily guarantee the sleeper will work with the support offered straight away, often an entrenched sleeper or sleep site will already been known to the team and those who are working on the case. However, it does ensure that members of the public have the opportunity to report concerns and get some reassurance that the services are aware and working toward a solution.

Marylebone Food Festival

The second annual Marylebone Food Festival is set to take place from 24 to 28 April. All the details can be found here: www.marylebonefoodfestival.com

Victoria Coach Station move to Royal Oak, Paddington

More than 2,000 people have signed petitions against moving the Victoria Coach Station to a site at Royal Oak, near Paddington. The Marylebone Association remains strongly against TfL's plans as the move would result in thousands of polluting coach moving through and around our neighbourhood.

Property News

The [Daily Mail](#) revealed that Paddington Street in Marylebone was the third most expensive street in the UK in 2018 with an average price of £12million! Whilst this must be true as it was in the Daily Mail, we are not sure that the photo of Paddington Street they chose for their article was looking in the right direction!



We feel that sales at Chiltern Place and The Chilterns could be the real reason for Paddington Street's greatly elevated status.

Openings and Closings

Santander is closing on Marylebone High Street: Santander has announced plans to close 140 branches across the UK by the end of this year. Their branch at 27 Marylebone High Street, will close on 16 May 2019

Cancer Research opens new premium charity shop: Cancer Research UK has relaunched its Marylebone, London charity shop as a premium boutique to bring high-end fashion to charity shopping.

The Original MEATliquor W1: is to relocate just down the road to the Match Bar space in Cavendish Square.

Association Events

Chinese Feast

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

Enjoy a sumptuous feast at this elegant restaurant in the glass roofed courtyard. We will be treated to a selection of starters, a second course of Roasted Peking Duck or Crispy Aromatic Duck followed by a selection of main courses, finishing with a fruit platter, on a typical Chinese style sharing basis, all at the special price of £30. A limited bar service will be available for pay as you go. A service charge of 13.5% will be added. You do 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.

68 Dean Street Tour

Sat, 16 March 2019 2:00 PM *68 Dean Street, London W1*

Please note: this event is now fully booked but to go on the waiting list for cancellations see below.

Almost everyone who has ever lived in a period house has wondered at some point what did it look like when it was first built? Who were the people who lived here and how did they live? Now there is an opportunity to find out. On our visit to 68 Dean Street in Soho we will hear how master-carpenter John Meard (who also worked with Wren) built this house for his own family back in the early 18th century. Restored (but not modernised) it provides a unique insight into life at that time. Our visit will last approximately 1-1 ½ hours. Cost is £18 pp. All places are now booked but to go on the waiting list for cancellations please contact rosemary.forgan@marylebone.org or by phone on 020 7916 9353

Coffee Morning

Wed, 17 April 2019 10:30 AM *The Arch Hotel, 50 Great Cumberland Place, W1H 7FD*

An opportunity to join us in the elegant Martini Room, to meet new members and old friends. £5 per person. No need to book - everyone welcome.

Regular Association Events

(For more details click on the event)

Book Club

Tue, 05 March 2019 6:30 PM *The Natural Kitchen, 55 Baker Street, in the Atrium at the back*

Pub Evening

Mon, 11 March 2019 6:30 PM *The Prince Regent, 71 Marylebone High Street W1U 5JN*

Scrabble Club

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

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

Marylebone Events

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Dartmouth House Tour

Mon, 04 March 2019 6:30 PM *37 Charles Street, London W1J 5ED*

Marble Arch Place Neighbourhood Liaison Forum

Mon, 11 March 2019 5:30 PM *Allenby Plumer room, Victory Services Club, 63-79 Seymour Street W2 2HF*

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