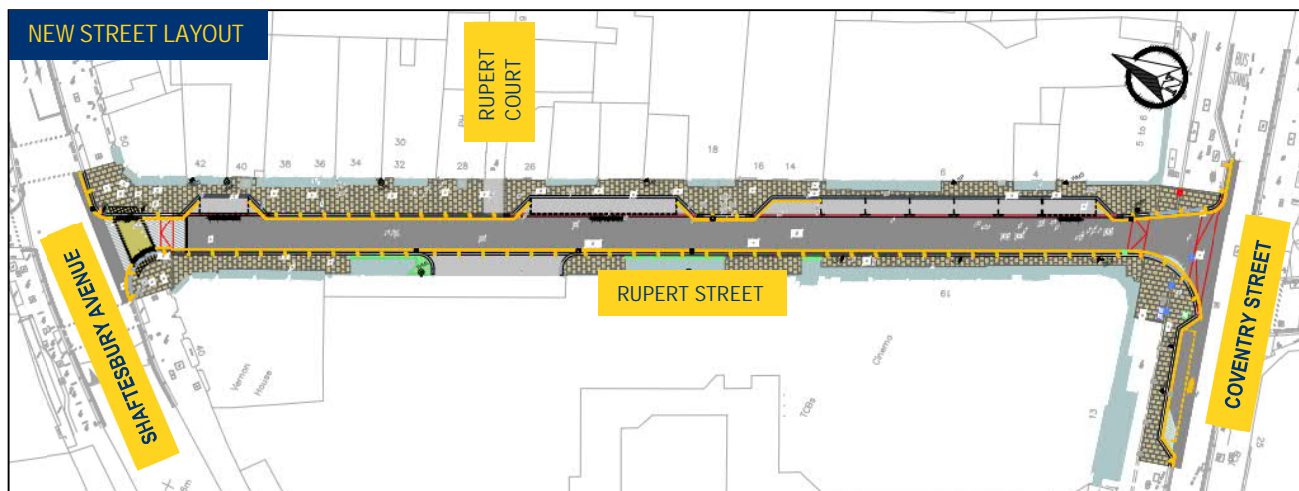


Rupert Street Public Realm Improvement Project

FEBRUARY 2020: UPDATED NOTIFICATION FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES



Project overview

Westminster City Council is proposing public realm improvement works along Rupert Street from Coventry Street to Shaftesbury Avenue. The scheme is proposing to widen the pedestrian footway along the eastern side of the street, reallocate the loading and parking provision and upgrade footway materials. These works will provide significant benefits in terms of pedestrian comfort and safety, including:

- Wider and less cluttered footways, reducing pedestrian congestion and raising the profile of commercial frontages;
- Use of high-quality natural materials throughout the scheme enhancing the public realm space;
- Raised parking and loading pads levelled with footways to reduce the visual dominance of the carriageway within the street;
- Realigned raised table junctions to aid reducing vehicle travel speeds to create a safer environment for travelling public;
- Upgraded lighting, mounted on buildings where possible.

Works

Works will begin on the **25th February 2020** and will continue for approximately six months.

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

Restrictions to parking and vehicle access

Some temporary road closures will be required. Exact dates and diversion routes will be advertised closer to the time. Please note that from the end of February, Rupert street will operate as a cul-de-sac (with access from Shaftesbury Avenue or Coventry Street depending on the construction phase) to enable business servicing and local access only. Once construction is complete, the traffic operation will resume to normal.

Some local parking and loading suspensions will also be required. These will be kept to a minimum and clearly signed so, if you usually use the parking bays within Rupert Street, please keep an eye out for suspension boards and then move your vehicle to help ensure the works can be completed as quickly as possible.

Temporary pedestrian access arrangements

When footway renewal works are taking place, some footways will be temporarily closed for safety reasons. Alternative routes will be provided and clearly signed.

Pedestrian access to all businesses and buildings will be maintained at all times.



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Programme of works

The works will take place in phases to keep disruption to a minimum, with occasional overlaps.

Phase 1: End of February 2020 (approx. 8 weeks)

Construction of the southern part of Rupert Street, from house no. 16 to Coventry Street. A road closure will be required to undertake the works. However, the street will operate as a cul-de-sac with access from Shaftesbury Avenue only to enable business servicing and local access.

Phase 2: Mid-April 2020 (approx. 6 weeks)

Construction of the middle section of Rupert Street, from Rupert Court to house no. 16. The road closure will continue during this phase, as well as the operation of the northern part of the street as a cul-de-sac. The southern part of Rupert Street already constructed in Phase 1 will be opened to traffic and would also operate as a cul-de-sac.

Phase 3: End of May 2020 (approx. 10 weeks)

Construction of the northern part of Rupert Street, from Shaftesbury Avenue to Rupert Court. During this phase the street will operate as a cul-de-sac with access from Coventry Street only to enable business servicing and local access.

Resurfacing*: July 2020 (approximately 1 week)

Carriageway resurfacing works on Rupert Street.

**This phase requires a temporary road closure. Further details will be advertised nearer the time.*

Please note that exact dates may be subject to change.

It is possible that the works date 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. Pedestrian access to properties will be maintained at all times.

Important information about your basement

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.

Further information

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience that these works may cause. Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact FM Conway on 01732 600 700.

