



City of Westminster

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Riding House Street Public Realm Improvements

Westminster City Council has commissioned FM Conway Ltd, the City Council's Highways service provider, to undertake a consultation on a series of proposed public realm improvements on Riding House Street. It seeks to improve the eastern end of Riding House Street by formalising the existing temporary closure to create a pedestrian zone with open space for the benefit of the school, local residents and businesses. There would be no access to motorised traffic except for emergency vehicles in this section.

The scheme aligns with the City Council's Air Quality Manifesto to create clean emission zones outside/around all schools in Westminster, the Active Streets Programme for local residents and communities, and strategy for open spaces and biodiversity. Creating a pedestrian and cycle zone on Riding House Street ensures that 'physical activity is built in by default at our open spaces, supporting people to be physically active where, when and how they choose.'

The proposal is shown on the enclosed drawing, CSWWES1039-CON-01, and includes the following public realm improvements:

- Formalised permanent road closure at east end of Riding House Street.
- Creation of a pedestrian zone with a flush surface throughout paved with two tone concrete paving.
- Benches and planting to improve public amenity and change the nature of Riding House Street from a road to a functional pedestrian space.
- Removal of the existing zebra crossing as it is no longer required. An informal pedestrian route between All Souls School sites is highlighted in the proposed paving pattern.
- Cycle parking facilities.
- Two-way operation to the east of Nassau Street to maintain access to motorcycle parking and for servicing vehicles.



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Your comments are welcomed at this early stage and all responses to this consultation will be reviewed and reported to the City Council for their consideration in reaching a decision on how to proceed.

The deadline for responding to this consultation is 10th March 2020. Please send any comments or responses to rhs@fmconway.co.uk with the subject title of "Riding House Street Consultation"

Before responding to this consultation please discuss your kerbside delivery needs with your delivery and courier companies to ensure your loading and servicing needs are fully understood.

Yours faithfully,

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