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Chairman's Message



George Waite
Chairman of
The Belgravia Society
and ESRA

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On behalf of the Belgravia Society, I thank our Member of Parliament, Nickie Aiken and the Leader of Westminster City Council (WCC) Councillor Rachel Robathan, and their respective assistants and teams, for all of their dedication and hard work.

They have really pulled out all of the stops during this unprecedented time and continue to provide support and good counsel. They listen to our requests during their regular virtual meetings and have provided real follow-up, not rhetoric.

They must also cope with the government's efforts to stimulate business, such as the new 'Business and Planning Bill-Licensing Relaxation'. We all need to support our local businesses, but there does need to be a balance, and we are most grateful to Councillor Heather Acton (Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Licensing), who recently wrote: "...We want to see the strong resurgence of business within Westminster, but we need to work with residents and businesses to make sure residential amenity is protected as Westminster reopens."

WCC has really taken a proactive role in ensuring the difficulties of coping with Covid 19 are dealt with efficiently and with imagination. Please take the time to

visit the WCC website (communications@westminster.gov.uk). It is current, informative and covers a myriad of activities and initiatives:

- **Joining Shop Local:** Nearly 400 businesses have signed up to the Shop Local campaign.
- **Westminster Business Unit consultations:** To help businesses with the full scope of requirements they need to consider as they reopen, the Westminster Business Unit is offering bespoke appointments on reopening, as well as a full range of other business issues.
- **Free School Meals registration – Covid Summer Food Fund:** The impacts of Covid-19 means more families are struggling to afford essentials and experiencing food insecurity, some for the first time. Many parents and carers don't know their children are eligible for free school meals.
- **Eat Out to Help Out Scheme:** The government has launched a new "Eat Out to Help Out" scheme to offer a discount to diners and encourage them to eat at local restaurants.
- **Community Contribution Fund:** Since the Covid-19 outbreak, the City of Westminster Charitable Trust (COWCT) has financially supported 21 local



voluntary and community organisations in Westminster who are providing frontline services. Grants of up to £25,000 are still available for projects that produce innovative ideas on how to reduce rough sleeping, tackle social isolation and loneliness, and help young people reach their potential.



7/7 Memorial Service

We must not forget the tragedy of the bombings which took place 15 years ago in our City. The Leader of the Council, Rachael Robathan, paid tribute to the 52 people killed in the July 7 bombings.

“It was my privilege to lay a wreath on behalf of London Councils and the City of London to mark the anniversary of the 7/7 bombings and the lives lost. Our thoughts are always with the survivors and families. It was a day of grief and of extraordinary bravery shown by emergency services and ordinary Londoners.” ■



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Close to home



One of the great joys of living in Belgravia is its access to the rest of London. Whatever transport you want is available. We have a choice of a mainline station, over 20 bus routes, underground, cycling, taxis and, these days, even an electric scooter (only if they are hired at the present time).

However, there is the other way of getting round, namely, walking. Since lockdown began in early March, I have not used any of the other means of transport – just old-fashioned walking. The great thing is we have the privilege of having so much to see in the wonderful parks and gardens around us. It has always been the case that

I have been a lazy photographer – most of my photographs are taken within two miles of home and only when the sun shines. I acknowledge this is a slight exaggeration but certainly applies to the last four months.

I have already been extolling the joys of Belgrave Square Garden, but I ventured a little further to St James's Park and the flowerbeds around Buckingham Palace. The latter are truly works of art and I always made a practice of visiting them in April when they are usually planted with the most amazing tulips. While listening to the radio, I heard that there was a special flower display now honouring the NHS in the flower beds. I was delighted to see them and you can see

Viewing St James's Park and its lake, and seeing the trees, in particular the willow tree, is a glorious reminder of how beautiful parks are.

One thing I did not expect to see was sparring boxers!
(Top right)



the display in the photograph above right. Those who care for the Royal Parks do the most amazing job and they are always worth going along to see.

This time, apart from the NHS planting, there are copious geraniums interspersed with other plants and colours. Of course, we also get the benefit of seeing the memorials and statues around the area; the Victoria Memorial was beautifully lit by the sunshine and look particularly good.

St James's Park covers some 58 acres (23 hectares), and has many different species of birds and signs giving visitors information about them.

The park is, of course, well known for its resident pelicans. Pelicans made their first appearance in St James's Park when the Russian Ambassador to the Court of St James's presented a pair to Charles II. I understand no new pelicans have been born in St James's Park, however recently, another three juveniles have been added to the three resident pelicans. The existing residents are called Isla, Tiffany and Gargi, and the three newcomers are Sun, Moon and Star. They are all fed regularly and many people go to watch, however, the pelicans are inclined to take fish from the lake if they can find them, and I have read that one used to fly over to London Zoo to steal fish as well!

The Royal parks are actually private property but are maintained by a charity and the public have free access to them. They are a wonderful benefit to us all and we are free to enjoy them. ■



News from Nickie Aiken MP



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As you know from our previous issues, Nickie holds fortnightly online meetings for the local amenity societies, tenants associations and residents associations. Sadly, owing to another meeting that clashed with Nickie's, we could not attend this week. It is interesting to note what Nickie is doing as our MP and she tells us that being a first time MP is a real learning curve. However, as a back bencher she has access to ministers, which is enormously helpful to put things forward which will benefit us, her constituents.

With Nickie's efforts along with that of WCC, the Soho Society and Covent Garden Association, the government was persuaded to accept the amendment to prevent off-sales of alcohol after 11pm which was originally set to happen as part of the temporary measures to support business recover from lockdown. We know such a measure would have caused chaos in the West End.

Having an MP that knows Westminster so well and understands the problems and can act as an advocate in Parliament for us is a huge bonus. It does, of course, benefit the rest of the country as well.

Nickie has been campaigning too for the theatres. She was delighted when the government announced £1.57 billion to safeguard the future of Britain's theatres, galleries and music venues. Those of the attendees at her online meetings who worked in the industry were desperate for help to

enable the venues to survive. They said it was a great step, although they felt more would be needed for opening cultural venues.

Nickie has also been a leading proponent of a new bill relating to domestic abuse and wanted an amendment which would also include children. They are very much affected by violence in the home and that had not been included in the draft bill. There is cross-party support for this and it is likely to get through.

We have asked her if there was any news of Crossrail 2. She thought this was not at the forefront of the government's agenda, especially as Crossrail 1 was not yet complete. If she hears anything, she will let us know. We may make our own enquiries.

Nickie wrote to the Mayor's office about the traffic schemes. Needless to say, there has been no reply. ■

Please note, Nickie is taking a well-earned holiday during the first two weeks in August.



Planning Advice

If you get a notice of a planning application near you and you want advice, telephone our dedicated helpline:
07578 969509

Police cuts



We have just learned from our GLA representative, Tony Devenish, that London's Mayor, Sadiq Khan, is planning to cut funding to the Police by £110m – enough to pay for 1,692 police officers. Already, our local police station is due to close.

The Police must be given more, not less, in order to protect the people of London. We know police resources are too low to carry out their normal duties but also now they cannot prevent increasing public disorder for the thousands affected by illegal “raves” causing misery and violence.

By contrast, Tony tells us that 557 TfL bosses earn over £100,000 per annum. They have not even finished Crossrail 1 and have caused major traffic chaos with their ill-advised lane closers and are driving away visitors to central London with the Congestion Charge now 7 days a week, and extended to 10pm thus increasing the cost. This undermines all efforts to support businesses and creates more pollution as traffic piles up.

Shaun Bailey who is a candidate for Mayor in the next mayoral election and a GLA member has launched a petition asking the Mayor to reverse his plans. If you would like to sign it go to: www.stopkhanspolicecuts.com ■



Invitation to the next Belgravia Society committee meeting

We would be delighted for you to join our video meeting. Please let us know by email if you wish to be linked to the meeting:

info@thebelgraviasociety.com

We can only accept a limited number, so first come, first served.

There is **no meeting in August**, so our next (video) meeting is **8th September 2020**.

Complaints to Westminster City Council

If you have a complaint for Westminster City Council, you can “Report it” at

www.westminster.gov.uk

Failing that, you should telephone 020 7641 6000 and ask to speak to the appropriate department.

Also, do contact your Councillor; they are always there to help (see page 20 for contact details).

If you are not sure which Ward you are in, go to the WCC website and click on “Westminster’s Councillors”. Then either type in the relevant information or click on “Find the Ward you live in”. Then put in your address for the result.

Wanted!

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Do you enjoy writing?
We would be delighted to receive articles and short stories about Belgravia/our neighbours/London and beyond – all voluntary, of course.

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P Cycle hire only

Direction of travel after lockdown

BY ANDREW GEDDES

As mentioned in last month's Magazine, the explosion in cycling has been nothing short of extraordinary in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. Those without a banged-up bike in the shed will struggle to source one, given the high demand and low supply from China and Taiwan. Some retailers are now also offering refurbished second-hand bikes because of the demand.

TfL and Westminster Council, both eco-friendly champions even before the crisis, have witnessed this surge in cycling and unexpectedly must fast-forward improvements in our streets and habits. For many in the post-Covid era, the answer may lie in shared-cycle schemes, electric scooter rentals or owning an electric vehicle. We even see some of the courier companies regularly using electric vehicles within Belgravia and some e-cargobikes for other deliveries.

There is of course the opportunity to hire bicycles such as Santander, or even e-bikes such as Lime and others. Lime looks to have added an extra 20,000 customers in the last few months and may soon be adding e-scooters, alongside other companies. Covid sanitising precautions may change some of the availability.

The UK has been slow to legalise e-scooters while other countries have already resolved this last year. As of Saturday 4th July this year it became legal for hire companies to rent out e-scooters in the UK. This is for a 12 month trial, so the government has corrected the anomaly where the use of e-scooters had been illegal on roads and cycle tracks, but only for rentals. There are certain conditions such as a minimum age of 16, a full or provisional driving licence, with these conditions to be reviewed towards the end of the trial. It appears that while the law has changed it will need each individual council to approve the operators for the hire scheme. The matter of privately owned e-scooters has yet to be addressed, however. In central London homes with limited space, such as



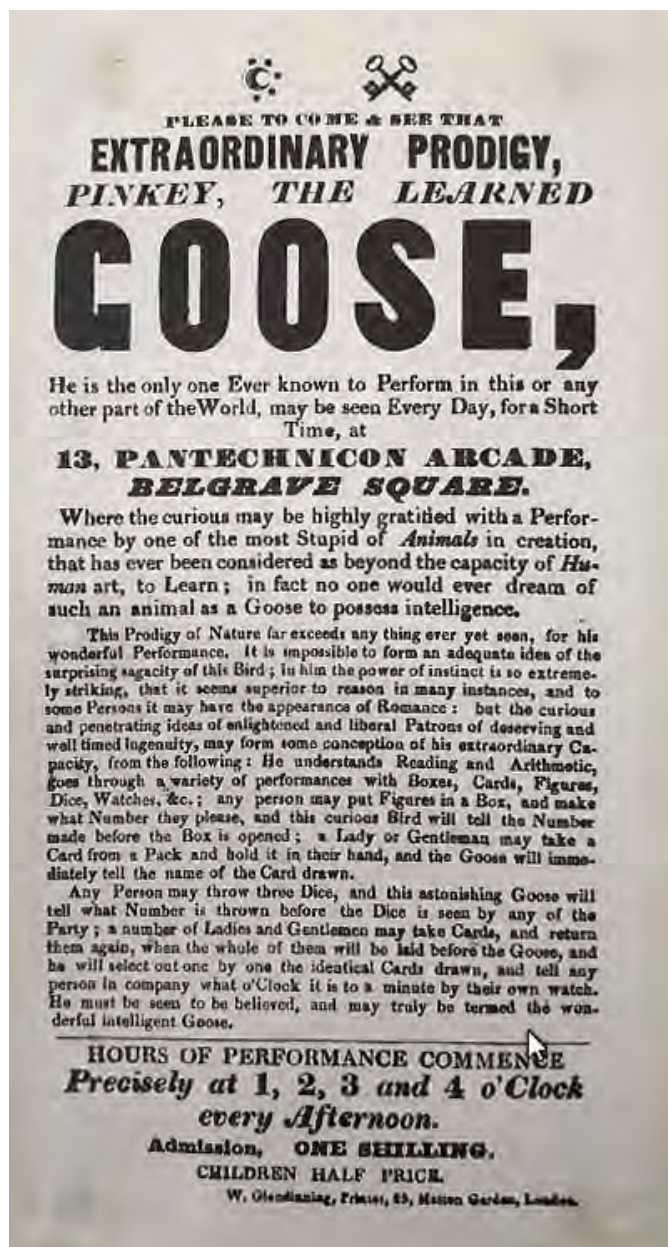
we have in Belgravia, storing an e-scooter seems much easier than a bike.

Our Council is now being forced to rethink how they approach urban travel, as organisations like TfL deliver some bold and transformative improvements. There is still a lot to be done, however. As restrictions ease, we can anticipate an influx of new riders as people search out alternative travel options. Better infrastructure, including more parking spaces will be needed for both private and hire bikes.

Alongside this two-wheel enthusiasm should be a reminder for newcomers, as well as for all the others, that rules such as no cycling on pavements, no jumping of red traffic lights and the use of lights at night exist for a reason and shouldn't tar the image of cycling for the rest of us.

There is one new aspect for travelling round Westminster though. A consultation was held at the end of last year about having a 20mph speed limit for roads and it has been approved by Westminster (see page 13). ■

A new perspective on the Pantechnicon



Last April we published a great deal about the history of the Pantechnicon. We can now add to the story. One of our readers, Christian Leigh, is an independent town planning and heritage consultant who has worked for over 20 years on projects throughout Belgravia, providing advice for local property owners including the Grosvenor Estate, and he has been able to add to our knowledge.

He was undertaking research in Westminster Archives and in one of the files he saw an old flyer for the display of “Pinkey, The Learned Goose”. The goose is described as an “extraordinary prodigy”. Performing animals were very popular at that time, being shown by prestidigitators in theatres, shows and

other public attractions. They were met with a mixture of wonder, hope and suspicion but, no doubt, drew the crowds. It is likely the owners were keen to attract attention for new customers of what was already a distinctive building by providing the latest quirky attraction.

We do not have a photograph of the goose, but we have a copy of the flyer which describes his reading and arithmetic, performances with boxes, cards, figures and some other amazing things. As you will see from the flyer, there were four performances every afternoon and only one shilling was charged with children at half price. Given Pinkey’s amazing talents, we are a little surprised that no mention may have been



made of a ventriloquist. Perhaps we are being a little cynical!

Christian also found a flyer advertising a Diorama with two “views of the stupendous Falls of Niagara”. The flyer also shows us that the Diorama was to be opened on Thursday, December 27th 1832, some five years before Victoria became Queen. The flyer goes on to tell us that every day following, the Diorama would be available to view at 12 o’clock. Cost admittance was once again one shilling. This was another marketing tool for the new building – the flyer emphasising that “visitors will find the building well aired, and every attention paid to their comforts”. The Diorama also sounds like a good show, but probably not so amazing as the extraordinary Pinkey!

Having done a little research as to values, one shilling is worth about £5.50 in today’s money.

It is interesting to note that there was another use for the Pantechnicon, which no one has mentioned to us before, or is old enough to remember. ■

Editor’s Note: *We are very grateful to Christian Leigh for sharing his research with us. We have asked for more. We would be pleased to hear from any readers with information or stories about Belgravia or people who have lived or live here.*

20mph speed limit for Westminster



As indicated in Andrew Geddes’ article on page 11, there is a new speed limit now in Westminster.

WCC say, “Slow down, save lives: Last week saw the introduction of 20mph speed limits across the whole of Westminster as part of our ongoing efforts to make our streets not only safer, but greener and cleaner. Signage is going up across the borough to get the message across to all drivers.

“Leader of Westminster City Council, Cllr Rachel Robathan, said: “The speed limits are not only an important safety measure, but are one step along a path that shows how we are talking to residents about our determination to make Westminster a greener and cleaner city by 2040.”

The speed limit is being introduced following consultation with residents and businesses last year, with over two-thirds of respondents in support of the proposed scheme.

Do remember this when driving in Westminster now. ■

Walden Chemyst

BY MARY REGNIER-LEIGH



During the past few months, we have all needed local shops more than ever and we are delighted to talk about one of them. I met Lata Patel, who is the proprietor of Walden Chemyst. The business was established in 1846 and it must be one of the oldest continuing businesses in the area.

Lata and her daughter-in-law, Shilpa, are responsible for the day-to-day management with their staff. Lata and her family came to Belgravia some 39 years ago. At first they lived over the shop, but later had to move because of the high rent and the desire to bring the children up in a more rural atmosphere. Despite having moved to Buckinghamshire, Lata commutes, which she has been doing for 25 years. She has a son and daughter and is incredibly proud of both of them. Her daughter is a doctor and engaged in cancer research, and her son is a pharmacist as well and has a shop in Chelsea. It is good to know that they keep medical affairs in the family. And, of course, Shilpa, Lata's daughter-in-law, is a pharmacist as well.



Despite the lockdown and the problems of the last few months, the pharmacy has been open throughout. All the necessary protections are in place to ensure safety of customers and staff. Lata and Shilpa know their customers very well and are able to provide a very personal service. The shop itself is very well stocked with many of the things that pharmacies sell and many other things as well. I could not have failed to see the real sponges on sale.

We talked about Belgravia and what changes had taken place since Lata came. The wine merchant and the vet are two of the older shops, having been here for many years, but she says that many of the village shops have gone now. There is no butcher, fishmonger, or the kind of baker we used to have. There was a newsagent but that has gone too. The coming of Waitrose affected the viability of the individual shops substantially. The increasing rents and high business rates have also affected the kind of local businesses which can afford to be here. A combination of these factors and changing demographics too have had a real impact on Elizabeth Street. Lata remembers that there were many families living locally, but they are substantially reduced now. There were flat lettings with much longer periods and people who came stayed long enough to be part of the community.

Lata and Shilpa are an important part of our community, together with their wonderfully stocked pharmacy. So many of us support our local shops and we must continue to do so to ensure they have a future despite increasing rents, enormous business rates and the current problems of fighting the coronavirus.

We take this opportunity of thanking Lata and Shilpa and their staff for their service to the community. ■

Walden Chemist opening hours

9am-6pm Monday to Friday

9am-1pm Saturday

Telephone 020 7730 0080

65 Elizabeth Street





News from Rachael Robathan

Leader of Westminster Council

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 CALL RACHEL 020 7641 3411

Rachael continues to hold her Community meetings – now monthly. The matters covered are of great importance to us all in Westminster and, as our Chairman says in his message, WCC has really taken a proactive role in ensuring the difficulties of coping with Covid 19 are dealt with efficiently and with imagination. At these meetings (by electronic means) we have been able to raise matters of concern to the community and it has enabled WCC to use our experience to guide the necessary policies and actions.

WCC is continuing to support businesses while trying to facilitate safe movement of pedestrians and help hospitality businesses to make more use of outside space. In order to ensure the safety of the community, WCC has taken a firmer line with businesses to prevent them acting in a way detrimental to residential amenity. Rachael confirmed their support for limiting the extension of outdoor licensing to 11pm (as mentioned in Nickie's article, page 8) so that the Government adopts that time in the proposed legislation. Rachael also tells us that they are trying to mitigate the proposed extension to permitted construction hours.

The approach by WCC has been to get the city moving again and welcomes any feedback you may have. The initial schemes rolled out continue to be reviewed in the light of experience. You are invited to let Kevin Goad (kgoad@westminster.gov.uk) know if you have any comments on any of these

initial schemes, a list of which can be found on the WCC website.

There is a serious concern about the future of the cultural sector, the value of which cannot be underestimated. Rachael tells us that WCC are working to deliver a weekend of outdoor pop-up performances on 3rd and 4th October.

You will be aware of the government's instruction to local authorities to try and get rough sleepers off the streets. WCC has made huge efforts in this direction with the outstanding work of their officers, helping to move over 200 rough sleepers from temporary hotel accommodation provided during the peak of the lockdown to more sustainable housing. There are still rough sleepers and WCC continues to provide outreach services with the intention of helping this situation. WCC meets regularly with the Police and remains concerned about increases in begging, especially aggressive begging.

Finally, Rachael reminds us that the Government has pledged to make the UK carbon-net neutral by 2050. It is WCC's ambition to reach the target by 2040.

Rachael has ensured that WCC keeps us all informed and we congratulate and thank her, all the councillors and the officers of WCC for an outstanding performance and service at this difficult time. ■

Helicopters



and Drones

At one of our recent community Zoom meetings with Nickie Aitken MP, the issue of helicopter noise was raised. Most of us have heard helicopters overhead, some very close and often we notice them particularly in the late evening and at night.

One of the community leaders asked why drones could not be used and Nickie undertook to get in touch with Dame Cressida Dick, Commissioner for the Metropolitan Police. The Commissioner responded with some very useful information. The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) have invested significantly in research to develop drone capability. They include keeping a visual containment on an address, covering the rear of the premises during firearm incidents, or calls where a negotiator might need to be clearly heard by a person in crisis. Since December of last year, drones completed 126 tasks in London. Previously, a greater number of these would have been completed by helicopters.

However, helicopters still offer greater geographical scope, manoeuvrability and speed than the drones. Drones need to be within the line sight and a certain distance of the controller at all times, and they cannot be moved round buildings. This means that a drone can only be used when surveying a fixed location which is not likely to be mobile. The MPS drones are subject to Civil Aviation Authority regulation, and must demonstrate they can operate safely in the complex air

space around London, applying for bespoke exemptions when required.

Helicopters are robust enough to carry more powerful cameras which provide advantage in terms of image quality and can also be used less overtly. In addition, helicopters have two highly trained police officers on board, as well as the pilot, who can provide commentary to commanders on the ground. This is especially crucial in fast paced events.

Helicopters are invaluable in saving lives, preventing and detecting crime, and managing complex incidents safely. The Commissioner went on to tell Nickie that the MPS will continue to invest in drone technology and use it instead of helicopters where appropriate. The speed of this change will be dictated by the pace of technological developments relating to drones.

I think we have a better understanding now of the use of helicopters and how very important they are to all kinds of incidents that the MPS are called upon to deal with. We can also appreciate that many tasks that would have required helicopters in the past can now be safely passed to drones.

Our thanks to Nickie for raising the subject with the Commissioner and the Commissioner for giving us such detailed information in response. We may still hear the helicopters, but at least understand how important they are to the MPS. We can watch out for the drones too. ■

Changing Bollards



Yes, we *are* really talking about changing bollards! Last month we reported on the changes in Elizabeth Street, and referred to the changing bollards. If you remember, the first set to appear were white with an orange portion at the top and bottom. Grosvenor then pasted over the orange with the top label saying, “Elizabeth Street”.

However, it appeared WCC were not happy with the change. They have therefore been changed again. Now the bollards are white with a portion at the top in black and a similar portion in black at the bottom. You can see the photo of Polaine with the new bollards amongst the planters.

We wonder if they’ll change again by next month? ■

Planning, Development and Licensing

Licensing Applications

As a matter of course, TBS gets notifications of Licensing Applications. Apart from the Belgrave Square Gardens application, which we saw off, there is generally nothing for us to consider. This week, however, there were two applications, both from restaurants to extend their licensing hours. One is in a Mews, the other is to use an open space surrounded by flats and other residences.

Whilst we are sympathetic with the problems of businesses trying to re-establish themselves, we have to consider the noise generated and the affect it has on residents. We believe that, where residents are going to be disturbed during unsociably late hours, residents come first. Those of you who have already suffered from noise from restaurants will understand the dreadful disturbance caused, often accompanied by anti-social behaviour, especially when the restaurant is closing. We have, therefore, objected to the applications.

Cundy Street

You will be aware of Grosvenor’s plans for the Cundy Street site. The new development has a number of very tall buildings including five that are over the previously prescribed maximum for Westminster, the tallest of which will be 42 m. On looking at the comprehensive planning applications (there are two covering the development) the enormity of the proposal is even more apparent. We therefore have submitted a comprehensive objection. If you would like to see it, you may either email us and

ask for a copy or see it on Westminster's planning website. When searching for the details if you type in Cundy Street the application details will show up. If you go to the document's label, our objection appears there called "the Belgravia Society".

55-91 Knightsbridge



Works have been continuing with a reduced number of staff on site to allow for social distancing. The main roof is currently being constructed and brickwork, window installations and fit-out works are taking place elsewhere around the

site. The last tower crane remaining on site was removed in May, and the hoist on the southern side of the site, Duplex Ride, will be removed in the coming months. The restoration of the Knightsbridge façade is nearly complete, and the scaffolding will shortly be dismantled.

33-39 Knightsbridge



The contractors on site, Keltbray, will shortly complete the excavation phase with the

ground floor slab due to be finished over the coming weeks. Keltbray will then depart the site by the end of August, and a new contractor, Bysteel, will take over the site in September and commence work on the superstructure above ground. Vehicle management arrangements will continue as before, with vehicles using the pitlane on Knightsbridge to make deliveries and collections from the site.

7 Holbein Place



An artist's impression of the proposals as viewed from Sloane Square.

This is the office building in Holbein Place. You will recognise it from the photograph and if you have walked from Sloane Square into Belgravia, you will almost certainly have passed it. The building has been empty since the end of 2019 and Grosvenor are consulting on proposals to refurbish and carry out some minor extensions. The building is actually in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, being on the boundary of Westminster. You will see from the photographs the main changes are to the front. There will be the slightly enhanced top floor balconies as well as window enlargement and improvements.

Newson's Yard

We last reported the position in November 2019. Grosvenor tell us that they have now received full planning permission to go ahead with their redevelopment. It is likely



On site sessions: Monday 27th July
30 minute sessions between 8.30am-5.30pm
to take place at 59 Pimlico Road (maintaining
government Covid-19 guidelines)

Online webinars: Wednesday 29th July
10-11am or 5-6pm (details to be circulated
once you register with Grosvenor)

Please do register for either the on site
session or online webinar by emailing:
NY@grosvenor.com or call 020 7312 6259.

to start as soon as August. They are hosting
events so that you can have the opportunity
of meeting the contractor, Knight Harwood
will be carrying out the work. They will
provide detail planned works. We are told
that you will have the opportunity of knowing
the timings of key works and programme as
well as the measures being taken to keep
disruption to an absolute minimum.
There will be two types of sessions for
you to attend as follows:

Eccleston Yards

There is always something happening in
Eccleston Yards. The last time we were
there, most of the businesses were open
again and there were quite a few people
enjoying the sunshine. The big change is
the replacement of the wall painting.
We show the new one below. Grosvenor
held a competition, and this is the winner.
It certainly captures the moment.





Councillors' Surgeries and Contact Details

Knightsbridge & Belgravia Ward

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Surgeries by telephone only for the time being. Please telephone 020 7641 3411.

Warwick Ward

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Tel no for Cllrs Flight and Wilkinson	020 7641 3411

Surgeries by telephone only until further notice. For the time being, please use telephone number 020 7641 5377.

Churchill Ward

Cllr Murad Gassanly (Con)	mgassanly@westminster.gov.uk
Tel no	020 7641 5377

If you require help and/or support with a problem, email Councillor Gassanly or call at the above telephone number. Councillor Gassanly's monthly drop-in advice surgeries (City of Westminster Housing South Area Advice Centre, 137 Lupus Street, London SW1V 3HE) are currently on hold. Call or email for information.

Cllr Andrea Mann (Lab)	amann@westminster.gov.uk
Cllr Shamim Talukder (Lab)	stalukder@westminster.gov.uk
Tel no	020 7641 4299

Surgeries, usually held on the second Thursday of the month, 7-8pm, are currently on hold. Please call or email for updates.

Postal address for all Councillors:	Westminster City Hall 64 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6QP
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